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 **OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART**
20 Box Street, Merbein

 **SACRED HEART**
261 Eleventh Street, Mildura

 **ST JOSEPH'S**
8726 Calder Highway, Red Cliffs

 **OUR LADY OF LOURDES**
47 Werrimull South Road, Werrimull



Sts Anne and Joachim

CATHOLIC PARISH OF SUNRAYSLIA

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Sunday 15th September 2024 | Edition 36/2024

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

MASS TIMES

Monday - Sts Cornelius & Cyprian
9:30am Mildura

Tuesday - St Hildegard
~~9:30am Red Cliffs~~
11am Funeral Mass, Mildura
1pm Princes Court
6pm Mildura

Wednesday
9:30am Mildura

Thursday
~~9:30am Merbein~~
~~9:30am Mildura~~
10:30am Funeral (NW Funerals Chapel)
5:30pm Red Cliffs

Friday - Korean Martyrs
6pm Mildura

Saturday - St Matthew
9:30am Mildura
6pm Mildura

Sunday - 25th in Ordinary Time
8:30am Irymple
9am Mildura
10am Red Cliffs
10:30am Merbein
5pm Mildura

RECONCILIATION (MILDURA)
Tuesday 4:30pm – 5:15pm
Friday 5pm – 5:45pm
Saturday 10am – 11am

ADORATION & BENEDICTION
Tuesday 4pm – 5:15pm, Mildura

CHILDREN'S CATECHESIS
Saturday 10am, Mildura

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION
Saturday 11:30am, Mildura



LET US PRAY

FOR THE SICK:

Mick Joslyn, Mary Grivec,
David Adolph, Catherine Bell,
Mary Mazza, Clive Simpson,
James & Karlee Bowring,
Don Marciano,
Teresa Camarotto,
Rodrico Rodriguez

Please obtain permission if you are submitting another's name. Intentions are printed for one month only, but can be renewed each month.

RECENT DEATHS:

Derek Bogemann, Dien Brown,
Christine Skiadis

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mildura Saturday 6pm:
Angelo & Luigi Resta,
Luigi & Domenico DeAngelis,
Stefano Batistta

Mildura Sunday 5pm:
John & Margaret Donnellon,
Dennis Donnellon, Aileen Bennett

Merbein:

Maureen Aston, Anne Burke,
Edmund Betlinski
Merv Farnsworth
Joan Marshall, Claude Rayner

Red Cliffs:

Giuseppe & Maria D'Anna,
Domenico & Caterina D'Anna,
Cecilia & Domenica D'Anna,
Giuseppe D'Anna,
Vincenza Tassone

If you have booked a memorial Mass please speak to the priest prior to the Mass.

FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRIEST

Please note that Fr Matt's absence this week has impacted the weekday Mass schedule. Monday happens to be the thirteenth anniversary of my ordination, so I am celebrating a 9:30am Mass that day.

In today's Gospel Jesus asks an unexpected question: "Who do people say that I am?" The Apostles repeat speculative gossip that isn't so different from what we hear today. In the modern imagination, who is Jesus? A wise guru? A social activist? A religious reformer? Only faithful Christians will say that he is the Son of God – and God Himself.

Then Jesus gets personal: "But who do you say that I am?" It is a good question to ask ourselves in our prayer. People in love are always asking this question, checking in with their lover. Who is Jesus to me?

On one occasion Jesus appeared to St Catherine of Siena and asked her two questions in one: "Do you know who you are and who I am?" The questions are interrelated. Hence St Paul declares, "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me."

Jesus appeared to St Thomas Aquinas towards the end of his life and said: "You have written well of me Thomas. What reward shall I give you?" Thomas replied: "Lord, all I want is you." I'm not there yet, but what an attitude to aspire toward!

Godspeed,

Fr John

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 25th September: Baptism Preparation
6.30pm Meeting, Monaghan Centre

Friday 27th September: Grand Final public holiday
NB: 6pm Mass is replaced by 9:30am Mass

Sunday 29th September: Sisters of Mercy Farewell
9am Mass followed by Presentation and Lunch

Sunday 6th October: Parish Council
12pm Meeting, Monaghan Centre

50th ANNIVERSARY

Join us as we celebrate 50 years of Catholic Education at St Paul's Primary School, Mildura.

When: Friday 11th October 2024

Where: St Paul's Primary School, Fourteenth St.

Who: Anyone who has been involved in St Paul's!



Time	Event
12.15pm	Mass- Whole school celebration in the hall (please book ticket)
1.30 pm	Celebration Cake Ceremony / Time Capsule
2pm - 3.25pm	Afternoon Tea (please book ticket)
2.25pm - 3.25pm	Guests and visitors- welcome to wander through the school- Displays
6.30pm onwards	Reunion Dinner - In the School Multipurpose Hall (Cost \$40 per head) Entrée, Main and Dessert (Anniversary Cake- Tea & Coffee provided)
Saturday 12th October 2024	
9.30am- 11.30am	Open Tours for guests and visitors

Please book if you are attending Mass, Afternoon Tea and/or Dinner on <https://www.trybooking.com/CUIHQ> or QR code



50 YEAR REUNION

Did you start Year 7 at St Joseph's College in 1974? (Yes, that's now 50 years ago!!)

Would you like to come to an informal catch up on 5 October 2024? (Venue to be advised.)

Please register your interest with Anne by 20th September. Phone or text 0437 797 228.



PLANNED GIVING

Our new Planned Giving cycle has begun.

Please dispose of old envelopes. Your new envelope colour is now green.

Could the parishioner with new envelope number **74** please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.



GRATEFUL
AND
GENEROUS



ANOINTING MASSES

Thu 19 Sep: 9.30am, OLSH, Merbein

Tue 24 Sep: 1pm, Bupa Mildura

Wed 25 Sep: 2pm, Sacred Heart, Mildura

SCHOOL-AGE SACRAMENTS



First Communion (Gr. 4 and above)

First Communion Masses: Friday 25th Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th October.
All churches.

First Reconciliation (Gr. 2 and above)



Parent meeting: 16th October 7pm, Sacred Heart Church.

Celebration date: Wednesday 27th November 6pm or 7pm, at Sacred Heart Church.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our parish community:

- ✂ **Blair Doyle**
- ✂ **Harper Rosebottam**
- ✂ **Henry West**
- ✂ **Billie Lando**

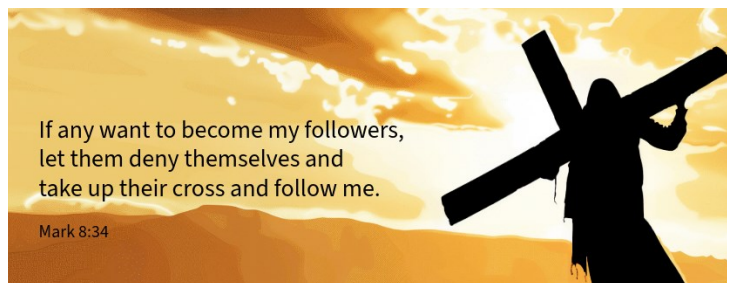


who are baptised this weekend.



WEDDINGS

We congratulate **Afterie Rolland and Jayqelyn Jeffery** who were married at Sacred Heart Church on Saturday.



If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

Mark 8:34

JOIN US AS WE FAREWELL THE

Sisters of Mercy

Sunday 29th September 2024

The Catholic Community of Sunraysia will acknowledge and celebrate 119 of dedicated service, leadership, and education.

9am Mass, Sacred Heart Church

10am Dedication of Mercy Garden

10:30 Light Luncheon, Monaghan Centre

RSVP: sunraysia@ballarat.catholic.org.au or 5021 2872

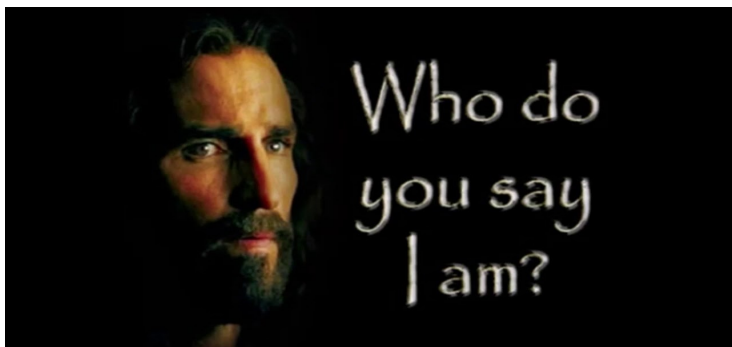


OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY FESTA



Fr Angelo Cagna will conduct missions in preparation for the Festa from Monday 7th to Saturday 12th October with Solemn Mass of Our Lady of the Rosary on Sunday 13th October at 10am. At the conclusion of Mass there will be a procession with the statue, rosary and hymns ending with a special blessing for all.

From 12 noon there will be music, food stalls with Zeppole, BBQ, spaghetti, Italian biscuits and cakes, drinks and a jumping castle with various entertainment for all the family. All welcome.



CATH FRY 26/6/44 – 19/9/13

A beautiful gentle kind modest lady who devoted her life to her family, faith, friends, flowers, animals and birds. Lord let us live our lives as Cath lived hers. Cath loved without condition; she talked without intention; Cath listened without judgement and gave without reason. Cath cared without expectation and remembered without regret. Lord help us to live that way.

WORKING BEE RED CLIFFS CHURCH



A working bee will be held at the St Joseph's Red Cliffs for a general tidy up of church grounds on Saturday 21st September from 8am. Many hands will make for light work.

SUNRAYSLA PIETY SHOPS

Mildura's "pop-up" piety table will operate this **weekend** and Red Cliffs piety operates every Sunday after 10am Mass. For sale 2025 Columban Calendars \$9 each and also available a light range of Holy Communion gift ideas.

STEWARDSHIP

Priest Support (Presbytery) Cash (1 st Collection); Tap & Go	\$1,843.35
Mission, Admin & Maintenance Envelopes, EFT, DD and CC	\$2,554.60
Mission, Admin & Maintenance Cash (2 nd Collection Loose Plate)	\$781.05
Retired Priests Fund	\$545.00

This week's Counting Team:
No. 5 – H Kay

Next week's Counting Team:
No. 6 – W Carmichael

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:5-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I offered my back to those who struck me.

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 114:1-6,8-9

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.

1. I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him. (R.)
2. They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me! (R.)
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me. (R.)
4. He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living. (R.)

SECOND READING

James 2:14-18

A reading from the letter of St James

If good works do not go with it, faith is quite dead

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the

brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Galatians 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

PARISH TEAM

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

Response: The Lord upholds my life.

Second Reading: James 3:16-4:3

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Parish Priest: Fr Matthew Thomas

Assistant Priest: Fr John Corrigan

Deacon: Rev Cay Trinh

Visiting Priest: Fr Shaiju Mathew

Parish Secretary: Carmel Russo

Child Safety Officer: Vince Pileggi

WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH. Sts Anne and Joachim Catholic Parish of Sunraysia adheres to Victoria's eleven Child Safe Standards. Our policies are on display in each church and on our website.