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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**
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Sts Anne and Joachim

CATHOLIC PARISH OF SUNRAYSIA

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Sunday 1st September 2024 | Edition 35/2024

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

MASS TIMES

Monday

No Masses

Tuesday - St Gregory the Great

9.30am Red Cliffs

10:30am Jacaranda Aged Care

6pm Mildura

Wednesday

9:30am Mildura

Thursday

9.30am Merbein

9:30am Mildura

5:30pm Red Cliffs

Friday - Spring Ember Day

6pm Mildura

Saturday - St Bartholomew

9:30am Mildura

6pm Mildura

Sunday - 23rd 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:

Vittorio Carlucci,
Carmela Alicastro,
David Adolph, Catherine Bell
James & Karlee Bowring
Dien Brown, Clive Simpson
Teresa Camarotto
Don Marciano, Mary Mazza
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.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mildura Sunday 9am:

Carmelo Lando
Giuseppe Varapodio (Italy)
Maria Circosta

Mildura Sunday 5pm:

Michele & Gabriele Vanni
Pasquale Di Giammichele
Claire & Kevin Schorback

Tuesday 6pm:

Tom Cavallaro (1 yr mass)

Merbein:

Michel Matotek
John Barling

Red Cliffs:

Maria Circosta

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

FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

This weekend we celebrate Fathers' Day and we give thanks for our fathers and those men in our lives which take on this role.

Today we also acknowledge the priests who have been our spiritual fathers.

If we are able, let's find some time to reflect and give thanks for those special men in our lives.

We are having a special collection today for the support of our sick and retired priests. This will be done either after communion or as a leaving collection.

Today, Sunday 1st is Fr John's birthday, we wish him well and pray for many more to come.

The First Communion program has now begun and I ask that you please pray for all our young people who have started this important part of their faith journey.

God Bless,

Fr Matthew

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

The righteous man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him.

PROVERBS 20:7

EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 4th – Bereavement Team
1pm Meeting, Parish Office

Monday 9th – Knights of the Southern Cross
7.30pm Meeting, KSC Clubrooms

Wednesday 25th – Baptism Preparation
6.30pm Meeting, Monaghan Centre

Sunday 29th – Farewell to the Sisters of Mercy
9am Mass followed by Presentation and Brunch

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/CIJHQ> 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 begins this weekend. Envelopes and receipts are now available to collect.

If you are able to collect on behalf of other family and friends please do so as this will save us postage.

If you would like to join our planned giving program or need to change any details regarding your current contributions, change of contact details, residential addresses, etc please contact the Parish Office asap so our database can be updated.



GRATEFUL
AND
GENEROUS

ANOINTING MASSES



Tue 3 Sep: 10.30am, Jacaranda Red Cliffs

Thu 12 Sep: 5.30pm, St J.'s, Red Cliffs

Tue 17 Sep: 1pm, Princes Crt, Mildura

Thu 19 Sep: 9.30am, OLSH, Merbein

Tue 24 Sep: 1pm, Bupa Mildura



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:

✠ **Grayson Speir**
who is baptised this weekend.



WEDDINGS

We congratulate **Vincent Dichiera and Nicole Alicastro** who were married at Sacred Heart Church this weekend.

Join us as we farewell the

Sisters of Mercy

and celebrate 119 years of their service and accomplishment in the Sunraysia region.

Save the date. Details to follow.

Sunday 29 September 2024

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FAREWELL THE SISTERS OF MERCY

Later this year, Sr Patricia Fitzgibbon will move to a Mercy community in Melbourne. With this occurring we in Sunraysia will no longer have the presence of residential Sisters of Mercy. To acknowledge and celebrate 119 years of dedicated service, leadership, and education that they have shared, we will be celebrating them all with mass at 9am and lunch to follow. Please contact the office to RSVP for lunch numbers.



BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

The Collection for Retired Priests is this weekend.

Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Seventeen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat and Warrnambool and elsewhere, and others live in supported accommodation.

A credit card facility is available, and contributions over \$2 are tax-deductible.

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US.

Spring EMBER DAY

Friday 6th September is designated as Spring Ember Day for the Catholic Church in Australia. It is a day of prayer and penance focused on the environment and good stewardship of the earth's resources. **The Bishops recommend all Catholics fast and abstain from meat this Friday.** The faithful who do this are engaging in a prophetic action encouraging restraint in our consumption of natural resources and expressing solidarity with those who suffer through the inequitable distribution of the world's goods. Your sacrifice also has supernatural value, and can be offered for the millions in our world who go hungry every day.

DIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION REFLECTION



The Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission invite **all members of the diocese** to a Reflection Day, in celebration of the launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement 2024-2025 on Saturday, September 7, 2024 from 10.00am - 2.30pm at Ss Michael and John's Horsham Parish Centre. Facilitator for the day is writer and educator, Michael McGirr. Registrations are essential through trybooking. Scan the QR code to register.

STEWARDSHIP

Priest Support (Presbytery) Cash (1 st Collection); Tap & Go	\$2,073.55
Mission, Admin & Maintenance Envelopes, EFT, DD and CC	\$5,633.75
Mission, Admin & Maintenance Cash (2 nd Collection Loose Plate)	\$ 819.05

This week's Counting Team:
No. 3 – P McDonald

Next week's Counting Team:
No. 4 – M Roper

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-8

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

You may add nothing – keep the commands of the Lord.

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. (R.)
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

SECOND READING

James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

A reading from the letter of St James

Be doers of the word.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

James 1:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

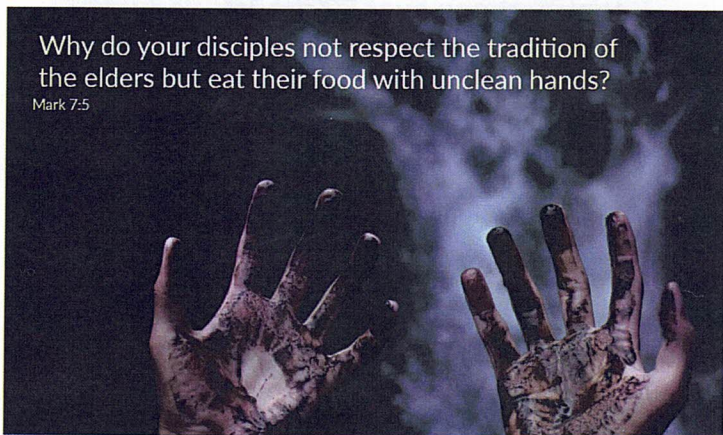
You forget God's commandments and hold to human tradition

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:7-10. R. v. 1

Response: Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading: James 2:1-5

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

PARISH TEAM

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.