



 **ST FRANCIS XAVIER**
2 Elms Street, Irymple

 **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 SUNRAYSIA

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Sunday 29th September 2024 | Edition 39/2024

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

MASS TIMES

Monday - St Jerome
No Mass

Tuesday - St Thérèse of Lisieux
10.30am Regis Tenth
6pm Mildura

Wednesday - Guardian Angels
9.30am Mildura

Thursday
9.30am Merbein
9:30am Mildura
5:30pm Red Cliffs

Friday - St Francis of Assisi
6pm Mildura

3:30pm Funeral (SF Chapel)

Saturday - St Faustina Kowalska
9:30am Mildura
6pm Mildura

Sunday - 27th 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:

Margaret Murphy

ANNIVERSARIES:

Antonio Callipari

Mildura Saturday 6pm:

Carmelo Taverna
Leon Odal

Mildura Sunday 5pm:

Liberio Bachetti

Merbein:

Rosa Pezzaniti
Bert Halls
Bobby Schottler
Brian Chapman
Domenico Pediglieri

Red Cliffs:

Giuseppe & Domenico Mammone

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

FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

We welcome all our visitors this weekend – especially the numerous Sisters of Mercy who have returned to Sunraysia for an honoured farewell and thanks.

In today's Responsorial Psalm, we declare, *The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.* It is a fitting prayer for this weekend. With hearts filled with joy we make a fond farewell and remembrance.

So many Sisters of Mercy have educated our youth, accompanied us in times of loss and grief, and been a prayer support through our lives. Today as we mark history we honour those present amongst us and we acknowledge those who could not join us but whom we remember fondly.

After Mass this morning we will unveil a plaque in our new Mercy Garden, which commemorates the presence of the Sisters. The garden incorporates six Catherine McAuley roses, a marble slab taken from the old Sacred Heart Church high altar, and a Mercy cross from St Joseph's Convent – linking the past and the present.

The Mercy Mass can be viewed online at tinyurl.com/mercy-farewell Following Mass, the Convent and Historical Centre at St Joseph's College will be open to visitors until midday.

I thank all those who have helped with food and catering this morning. It is greatly appreciated.

God bless,

Fr Matthew

UPCOMING IN OCTOBER

Wednesday 2nd – Bereavement Team
1pm Meeting, Parish office

Sunday 6th – Parish Council
12pm Meeting, Monaghan Centre

Monday 14th – Knights of Southern Cross
7.30pm Meeting, Knights Clubrooms

Wednesday 16th – First Reconciliation
7pm Parents' Meeting, Sacred Heart, Mildura

Wednesday 23rd – Baptism Preparation
6:30pm Meeting, Monaghan Centre, Mildura

Friday 25th, Saturday 26th, & Sunday 27th
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT ALL MASSES



ANOINTING MASSES

Thu 10 Oct: 10.30am, Chaffey, Merbein
Thu 10 Oct: 5.30pm, St Joseph's Red Cliffs
Thu 17 Oct: 9.30am, Our Lady's Merbein
Thu 17 Oct: 1.30pm, Regis Ontario, Mildura

Wed 23 Oct: 2pm, Sacred Heart, Mildura

FIRST RECONCILIATION (Gr. 2)



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

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

YOUTH GROUP

Jesus Youth has organised
programs for Sunday 20th
October from 2pm to 4.30pm.

Kids Program:
5 years old to 12 years old

Teens Program:
13 years old to 18 years old



**Jesus Youth
Australia**

For more information, please contact the Parish
Office or phone/text Binu on 0480 239 318.

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD OF CAY TRINH



Deacon Cay Trinh will be ordained
a priest at 10:30am, Saturday 23rd
November at St Patrick's
Cathedral, Ballarat. A light lunch
will follow in the Hall. People of
the diocese are invited to form the
choir for this Mass (further details
to come).

All are welcome to attend the Mass and lunch, but
for those who cannot get to Ballarat, the Mass will
be livestreamed, and a screening will be held in
the Monaghan Centre.

Cay will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving at
5pm on Sunday 24th November 2024 at St
Patrick's Cathedral. All welcome to attend. A
light supper will follow in the Hall.

PARISH DATABASE UPDATE

During our recent Planned Giving program a
number of letters were returned to sender. If you
have recently changed your residential, postal
address, email and or any other contact details
please contact the Parish Office for these changes
to be made on the Parish Database.

PLANNED GIVING

Could the parishioner with new envelope number
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asap.

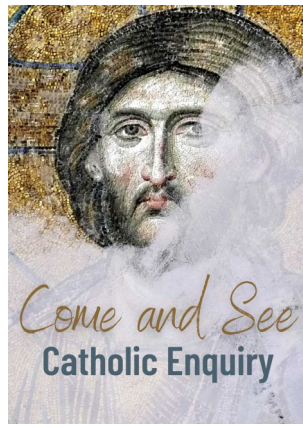


Whoever gives you a cup of water to drink
because you bear the name of Christ will
by no means lose the reward.

Mark 9:41

RCIA PROGRAM

Our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults program commences in October, and will culminate in adult Baptisms and Confirmation at Easter. Please recommend the program to interested parties, and invite them to contact the parish office.



PRAYER FOR WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

God Almighty Father, we are your pilgrim Church journeying towards the Kingdom of heaven.

We live in our homeland, but as if we were foreigners. Every foreign place is our home, yet every native land is foreign to us. Though we live on earth, our true citizenship is in heaven.

Do not let us become possessive of the portion of the world you have given us as a temporary home. Help us to keep walking, together with our migrant brothers and sisters, toward the eternal dwelling you have prepared for us.

Open our eyes and hearts so that every encounter with those in need becomes an encounter with Jesus, your Son and our Lord. Amen.



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY FESTA

Fr Angelo Cagna will conduct missions from Monday 7th to Saturday 12th October, culminating with Solemn Mass of Our Lady of the Rosary at 10am on Sunday 13th October.

At the conclusion of Mass there will be a procession with the statue, rosary and hymns. 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.

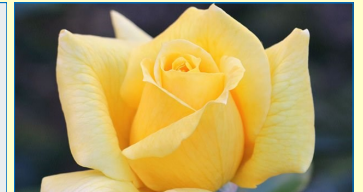


**THIS SUNDAY
WE FAREWELL THE**

Sisters of Mercy

We acknowledge and celebrate 119 years of dedicated service, leadership, and education.

9am Mass, Sacred Heart Church
10am Dedication of Mercy Garden
10:30 Light Luncheon, Monaghan Centre



The Catherine McAuley Rose is a vibrant yellow floribunda which originated in the US in 1993. The rose produces clusters of four or five high centred blooms which have a slightly fragrant scent. The unnamed rose was introduced to Australia in 1993, and time has shown it to flourish in the Australian heat – dry or humid.

In Australia the rose is named in honour of the Irish foundress of the Sisters of Mercy. The radiant colour of the rose is reminiscent of the golden haired, gracious Catherine. The clusters of four or five blooms evoke the devoted groups of sisters sent out to bring comfort to the poor and afflicted. The rose's colour and fragrance is testament to the truth, beauty and goodness of God, which is magnified by the Sisters' spirit of service and works of mercy.

STEWARDSHIP

Priest Support (Presbytery) Cash (1 st Collection); Tap & Go	\$2,157.15
Mission, Admin & Maintenance Envelopes, EFT, DD and CC	\$3,251.50
Mission, Admin & Maintenance Cash (2 nd Collection Loose Plate)	\$830.55
Retired Priests Fund (Cumulative)	\$1,392.00

This week's Counting Team:
No. 7 – B. Collins

Next week's Counting Team:
No. 8 – L. Welsh

FIRST READING

Numbers 11:25-29

A reading from the book of Numbers

Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

RESPONSORIAL

Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. V.9

(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. (R.)
3. So in them your servant finds instructions; great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me. (R.)
4. From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin. (R.)

SECOND READING

James 5:1-6

A reading from the letter of St James

Your wealth is rotting.

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all

rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth:
make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Anyone who is not against us is for us.

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 127. R. v.5

Response: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

Gospel: Mark 10:2-12

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.