



Sunraysia Catholic Communities

Irymple, Merbein, Mildura, Red Cliffs and Werrimull

Parish Priest Fr Matthew Thomas
 Assistant Priest Fr John Corrigan

Edition: 27/2023
 Visiting Priest: Fr Shaiju Mathew

13th Sunday in OT Year A / 1st & 2nd July 2023

Message from the Parish Priest

The Bishop has given permission for the formalisation of the New Parish to commence. The Feast Day of Sts Anne and Joachim is on Wednesday 26th July. To commemorate the Feast we will have mass at 11am followed by a lunch in the Monaghan Centre.

‘Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord’, is today’s psalm response. How do I sing or show God’s goodness in my life? Who are the people and places that re-ignite the flame of faith and reminder of God’s presence in my life? How do I show this to others?

Please note that the office will be closed on Wednesday this week as Mark from Diocesan Administration and Finance Office will be here to assist with transition to one parish.

Mass Changes for this week: Fr Shaiju is away so Fr John and myself will be covering weekdays in Robinvale and Ouyen. I have a funeral in Robinvale on Thursday so no masses here in Sunraysia, as Fr John is away also.

*God Bless
 Fr Matthew*



“Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me.”

Matthew 10:40

Parish Contact Details

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Parish Council 2023-2026

I would just like to thank those people who nominated for the role of a parish councillor and am grateful for those who have accepted the role and for everyone who voted.

The new Parish Council Members are:

Merbein	Elvira Iamarino
	Nancy Prevedello
Mildura	Clem Carlucci
	Rebecca Tam
Red Cliffs	Di Eagle
	Grace Brizzi
Irymple	George Schmidt
Werrimull	TBC

Ex-officio members will be:

Fr Matthew Thomas (Parish Priest)
 Fr John Corrigan (Assistant Priest)
 Mrs Carmel Russo (Meeting Secretary / Minutes)
 Mr Vince Pileggi (Child Safeguarding Officer)
 Education Rep TBC
 Finance Committee Rep TBC

Baptisms

We welcome into our Parish Communities **Francesco Mammone and Aston Roberts** whose baptism occurs this weekend.



Tap & Go Presbytery — 1st Collection

The Sacred Heart Parish has purchased 4 new Tap & Go units with set amounts of \$5, \$10, \$20 & \$50 for the Presbytery — 1st Collection. A unit will be placed at each Church entrance for Sacred Heart Church and a unit will be available at each main entrance of Irymple, Merbein & Red Cliffs churches.



Finances

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1246.00	\$136.65	\$ 69.75
2nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$2311.85	\$1700.00	\$381.50
Loose Plate	\$ 568.85	\$ 81.45	\$132.40
Next week's Counting Team	Team 1—G Lavery		

WINTER APPEAL 2023

St. Vincent de Paul Society

If you have taken a Vinnies Winter appeal envelope home, they need to be returned to the parish Office as soon as possible. **WINTER APPEAL** With your support, this appeal will help us to continue to serve the community.



Werrimull Mass Bus Trip

The next Werrimull Bus trip will be held on Sunday 30th July. To make a booking, please contact the Parish Office on 5021 872.



Sacramental Dates for 2023

Celebrations and parent meeting dates for the following Sacraments will take place later this year:



First Holy Communion (Grade 4 and above)
Friday 20th, Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd
October

Parent meeting: 6th September 7pm, SH Church

Penance (Grade 2 and above)
Wednesday 22nd November at 7pm

Parent meeting: 4th October 7pm, SH Church **RECONCILIATION**



Annual Collection for the Pope

Will be held this weekend as a leaving collection. This annual collection for the Holy Father is taken up throughout the world on a weekend near the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul. This will support the Pope's pastoral care for people around the world.

Diocesan e-News

Read about news and events of the diocese in the latest edition of e-News

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/>

Around the Table Lunch Group

Is a local parish group who now gathers every second & fourth Saturday of each month at the Mildura RSL in the Wirraway Bistro. Bookings a must. For further information contact Althea on 0488 474 948.

All welcome.

Victorian container deposit scheme fundraising opportunities

Fundraising opportunities will be available through the Victorian container deposit scheme (starting in November 2023) which will see 10 cents refunded from each eligible container that is returned to a refund collection point. Charities and community groups have the opportunity to benefit through fundraising by collecting containers, registering to receive donations or refunds from others, initiating a collection drive and apply to run a refund collection point. More information available from the CSSV website <https://css.org.au/opportunities-for-fundraising-through-new-victorian-container-deposit-scheme/>



Trading Stalls & Cuppa—Mildura & Red Cliffs

On Sunday 9th June—Cuppa and Trading stall will be held after the 9am Mass Mildura and 10am Mass Red Cliffs. Proceeds from Mildura and Red Cliffs will go towards the Bishop's

Appeal.

Donations of produce, preserves, seedlings, baked goods etc would be greatly appreciated and can be left on the day.



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Weekly Prayer and Spiritual Opportunities

Sacred Heart Church Mildura

Exposition and Benediction Tuesday 4pm

Charismatic Group Tuesday after 6pm Mass

Reconciliation Saturday 10am-10.30am

Monaghan Centre

Christian Meditation Saturday 11.30am

Scripture Reflection Thurs 2pm -3pm.

Children's Catechesis Sat 10am -11am

Parish Schools Contact

Sacred Heart Primary School Mildura
Principal Mr Mark Gibson 5023 1204

St Paul's Primary School Mildura
Principal Mr Vince Muscatello 5023 4567

St Joseph's Primary School Red Cliffs
Principal Mrs Naomi Kennedy 5024 1654

Our Lady of Sacred Heart Merbein
Principal Mrs Narelle Gallagher 5025 2258

St Joseph's Secondary College Mildura
Principal Mrs Marg Blythman 5018 8000

Sunraysia Catholic Communities adheres to the Child Safe Standards of Victoria. Our policies are on display in each Church, and on our website. Parish Safeguarding Officers:

Mildura

Mr Peter Issanchon

Red Cliffs

Mrs Bernadette Gardner

Merbein

Mr Kevin Aston

This Weekend Roster: 1st & 2nd July 2023				
	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
Sat 6pm Mildura	Sr Helen	R Tongue, Volunteers please	Baptism Family	M Guthrie All welcome
Sun 8.30am Irymple	D Knight			M Smith
Sun 9am Mildura	L Welsh	N Fatai, B Castillo, M Modica	Baptism Family	Italian Choir M Sullivan
Sun 10am Red Cliffs	T Gardiner	C Tassone	C Cavallaro	T Lewis & Tongan Choir
Sun 10.30am Merbein	N Prevedello	Karen McCarthy	P Sylvia J Rogers	K East
Sun 5pm Mildura	B Bunting	S Hermans, J Jose, M Irvin		M Sullivan, J Macri, J Ljubic
Next Weekend Roster: 8th & 9th July 2023				
	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
Sat 6pm Mildura	G Huxtable	M Cirillo, P Kerr, M McDonald		M Sullivan, J Macri, J Ljubic
Sun 8.30am Irymple	M Hill			M Smith
Sun 9am Mildura	R Op't Hoog	R & R Op't Hoog, R Byra	M Gobbo	M Guthrie, B Lewis, B Prescott
Sun 10am Red Cliffs	A Higham	G Brizzi	F Dominelli	T Lewis & Tongan Choir
Sun 10.30am Merbein	B Wells	K Wagner	N Baby & Isabel	K East
Sun 5pm Mildura	B Dolence	V & C Carlucci, T Cirillo		M Hammond M Bowring

Please Pray for the Sick
Barry Crosbie, Kerry-Anne Crosbie,
Christian Mira, Dolly Ridings
Nada Zudetich
Catherine Bell
Natalina D'Anna
Morgan Dias-Jones

If you want a sick person prayed for, ask their permission. Names will be included for the duration of one month after which family or friends can request more time.

Recent Deaths
 Nicola Tardio, Nancy Petrucci

Anniversaries

Mildura:
Sat 6pm:
 Margita Koroknai, Soledad Maghuyop

Sun 8.30am
 Rosa Cappola (1st anniversary)

Sun 5pm:

Merbein:
 Moya Petty, Maria Manno, Noel Keens and Bill Gourlay

Red Cliffs:
 Renato Baniel Inocencio (40 day mass)

Please note that if you have booked a memorial mass you are reminded to speak to the priest prior to the mass to let him know you are there.



Mass Time Table this Week

Monday	2pm	Funeral Mildura
Tuesday	9.30am	Red Cliffs
	4pm	Expo/Benediction
	6pm	Mildura
Wednesday	10am	Funeral Mildura
Thursday	9.30am	No Mass
	9.30am	No Mass
	10.30am	Funeral Robinvale
Friday	5.30pm	No Mass
	6pm	Mildura
Saturday	9.30am	Mildura
	6pm	Mildura
Sunday	8.30am	Irymple
	9am	Mildura
	10am	Red Cliffs
	10.30am	Merbein
	5pm	Mildura

What's Happening

July 2023

July

Tue 4: Jacaranda Village Aged Care Service 2pm

Mon 10: Knight of the Southern Cross monthly meeting 7pm, Clubrooms

Thu 13: Anointing Mass, Red Cliffs 5.30pm

Tue 18: Princes Court Aged Care Service 1pm

Wed 19: Oasis Aged Care Service 1pm

Thu 20: Anointing Mass, Merbein 9.30am

Tue 25: BUPA Aged Care Service 1pm

Wed 26: Anointing Mass, Mildura—cancelled for this month

Wed 26: Mass celebrating the Feast of St Anne & St Joachim 11am. Sacred Heart Church Mildura, luncheon to follow.

Wed 26: Baptism Preparation evening, Monaghan Centre 7pm

Next Weeks Readings: / 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9th July 2023

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

Psalm: Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14

Second Reading: St Paul to the Romans 8:9, 11-13

Response: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

First Reading

2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. (R.)
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss.
(R.)
3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. (R.)

Second Reading

Rom 6:3-4. 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel

Mt 10:37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

In the early Church, Christianity ripped families apart. Good Jewish families would have been appalled to see their sons and daughters go off to follow a crucified blasphemer. Good reason to keep apart in the synagogue, avoiding damnable pollution. This sectarianism contrasted with the Christians who fearlessly went out into the world.

St John Paul II personified what it is to be Catholic. But, he pressed a prayer into a crack in the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem and as an old man shuffled across the floor of a Mosque in Syria.

Of course, there was no compromise of belief and faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, denied by both Jews and Muslims. But his actions were not those of one with the siege mentality of the member of a cult. Rather, he was able to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit to take these steps recognising what was good amongst the *adherents* of those faiths.

We could pause for a moment to implore the Holy Spirit to break us out from any constricting cult-like tendencies so that we can go out into the world powerfully proclaiming the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. © Fr Michael Tate; mtate@bigpond.com

