



# Sts. Anne and Joachim Catholic Parish, Sunraysia

Irymple, Merbein, Mildura, Red Cliffs and Werrimull

Parish Priest Fr Matthew Thomas  
Assistant Priest Fr John Corrigan

Edition: 28/2023  
Visiting Priest: Fr Shaiju Mathew

14th Sunday in OT Year A / 8th & 9th July 2023

## Message from the Parish Priest

Jesus reminds us in today's Gospel that often we need to simplify all our teachings and messages to find the true meaning. By this I mean that we can sometimes over-complicate things and use really big words and terms for the same thing. For example if a child asks for something to eat they normally want a cheese sandwich, so we don't cook them a four course meal. Jesus taught us to love God and our neighbour, we don't need a rule book to do this we can do it by living our lives and sharing what we have and expect nothing greater from anyone else.

Fr John is away this week so there will be no mass at Mildura on Thursday.

This week school resumes for third term, we wish all of our staff and students all the best for this term.

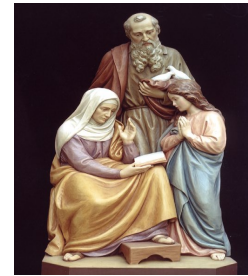
*God Bless  
Fr Matthew*

## Sts Anne and Joachim Parish Launch

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.

For catering purposes we ask that you please contact the parish office to register.



## Parish Council Members 2023-2026

<b>Merbein</b>	Elvira Iamarino Nancy Prevedello
<b>Mildura</b>	Clem Carlucci Rebecca Tam
<b>Red Cliffs</b>	Di Eagle Grace Brizzi
<b>Irymple</b>	George Schmidt
<b>Werrimull</b>	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—rotating basis
Finance Committee Rep	TBC—rotating basis

## 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



## Parish Contact Details

**Administration Officer** Mrs Carmel Russo  
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0417 862 082 (After Hours)  
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## Finances

	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
<b>Last week's collections</b>			
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1561.60	\$111.65	\$ 114.00
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$1973.00	\$631.00	\$920.60
<b>Loose Plate</b>	\$ 508.85	\$ 52.25	\$ 39.60
<b>Special Collections</b> Popes Coll.	\$ 352.30		
<b>Next week's Counting Team</b>	Team 2—R Tongue		

### 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



### **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.



### **In the footsteps of Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage: October 17-28, 2023**

This unique Australian Pilgrimage will take you on a journey to places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry in Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales. The pilgrimage is operated by the Sisters of Saint Joseph and Mary MacKillop Place. It will be led by Sr Anne Bond rsj, a Sister from the Sisters of Saint Joseph, and Mr Garry McLean, the inaugural Director of the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre. The pilgrimage will begin in East Melbourne on October 17 and conclude at Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney on October 28. Along the way pilgrims will visit historic sites and towns including Portland, Penola, Robe and the Mary MacKillop Chapel in North Sydney. Register at <https://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/retreats-spirituality/australian-national-pilgrimage/>

### **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.



### **Trading Stalls & Cuppa—Mildura & Red Cliffs**

This Sunday —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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### **Thank you**

St Anthony committee wish to thank everyone who donated prizes and food and supported them on the day.

A great morning was had by all.



### **Piety Stall—Sacred Heart Church**

A small pop out stall will be opened before and after the 9am Mass at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday 16th July. Please come and check our piety items and if we don't have what you would like, happy to take your name and contact number and we will endeavour to see if we are able to order it in or please contact the Sunraysia Parish Office on 5021 2872 for any enquiries.

### **Family Group**

The Sacred Heart Family Group will lunch at the Mildura RSL on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July at Noon. Please let Helen or Gary know your intentions on 0350235035.

All welcome to join us



### 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 Officer: **Sunraysia, Vince Pileggi**

This 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	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

Next Weekend Roster: 15th & 16th July 2023				
	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
Sat 6pm Mildura	R Tongue	M McDonald, A Greville, R Tongue	Baptism Family	M Sullivan M Bowring
Sun 8.30am	G Schmidt			M Smith
Sun 9am Mildura	T Fainga'anuku	V Mammone, L Welsh, C Howell	Baptism Family	Tongan Community M Guthrie
Sun 10am Red Cliffs	P Hunt	J Cameron	Lewis Family	T Lewis & Tongan Choir
Sun 10.30am Merbein	N Gallagher	K Aston	F Cox & Val McCarthy	K East
Sun 5pm Mildura	G Johnston	P Cox, G Johnston, M Bowring		S Fatai, K Mapapalangi

**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**  
Domenico Deluca

**Anniversaries**

**Mildura:**  
**Sat 6pm:**  
Darryn Hooper, Kelleen Curran, Caterina & Vincenzo Montelepe, Leo & Giuseppe Monteleone, Peppina Timpano Betty Day

**Sun 9am:**  
Vince Circosta (1 yr anniversary)

**Sun 5pm:**

**Merbein:**  
Giovanna Ienco, Joseph Klarich, Immacolata Dichiera, Joan Parker and Jack Olden

**Red Cliffs:**  
Giuseppe Mammone, Cecilia & Domenico D'Anna, Vincenza Tassone, Francesco & Maria-Antonia Tassone

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		
Tuesday	9.30am	Red Cliffs
	4pm	Expo/Benediction
	6pm	Mildura
Wednesday	9.30am	Mildura
Thursday	9.30am	Merbein
	9.30am	Mildura No Mass
	5.30pm	Red Cliffs (Anointing Mass)
Friday	6pm	Mildura
Saturday	9.30am	Mildura
	6pm	Mildura
Sunday	8.30am	Irymple
	9am	Mildura
	10am	Red Cliffs
	10.30am	Merbein
	5pm	Mildura





**July 2023**

**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

**Thu 27:** St Anthony Committee meeting, 7.30pm KSC Clubrooms

**Next Weeks Readings: / 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 16th July 2023**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 55:10-11  
**Psalm:** Ps 64:10-14  
**Second Reading:** Romans 8:18-23

**Response:** The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.  
**Gospel:** Matthew 13:1-23

## First Reading

Zec 9:9-10

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!  
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!  
See now, your king comes to you;  
he is victorious, he is triumphant,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
He will banish chariots from Ephraim  
and horses from Jerusalem;  
the bow of war will be banished.  
He will proclaim peace for the nations.  
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,  
from the River to the ends of the earth.'

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) I will praise your name for ever,  
my king and my God.

1. I will give you glory, O God my King,  
I will bless your name for ever.  
I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever. (R.)
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God. (R.)
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words  
and loving in all his deeds.  
The Lord supports all who fall  
and raises all who are bowed down. (R.)

*'Come to me all you who labour  
and are overburdened,  
and I will give you rest.'*

Matthew 11: 28

## Second Reading

Rom 8:9.11-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

## Gospel Acclamation

See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

Mt 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

In the Jewish story of the creation of Adam, the author has God fashion a figure of a human being out of damp earth, and then breathes into the nostrils of this clay figure. It becomes 'Adam'. In Hebrew, the word for breath, wind or Spirit is the same, so this story tells us that we become human when the Holy Spirit is breathed into our very being.

St Paul tells the early converts in Rome, those recently baptised, and therefore tells us who are baptised: 'The Spirit of God has made his home in you.'

Since your baptism, the Holy Spirit, the Breath of God, dwells in you in a special way. Baptism re-creates us, sharing in the life of the true Adam.

We could pause for a moment to pray:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle *in* them the fire of your love.

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