



Sts. Anne and Joachim Catholic Parish, Sunraysia

Irymple, Merbein, Mildura, Red Cliffs and Werrimull

Parish Priest Fr Matthew Thomas
Assistant Priest Fr John Corrigan

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Visiting Priest: Fr Shaiju Mathew

17th Sunday in OT Year A / 29th & 30th July 2023

Message from the Parish Priest

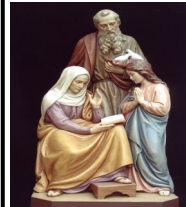
The reading this week give us the example of the dragnet being put out for a haul and the fisherman hoping for pearls but instead they are often full of old things which are broken and need to be replaced and new things which are bright and shining and ready to be used.

In our lives we change with age and different circumstances as we experience life, sometimes the old me needs to become the new me. Our relationship with God is no different, sometimes the old way of praying or living out our faith needs to be re-thought or open to a different way of participating in the liturgy, the community, our family and even ourselves.

This week we celebrate a number of saints one that I would like to bring to your attention is St John Vianney on Friday. He is the patron saint for priests. I ask that on Friday you find time to say a pray for all priests, those who you have a good relationship with or remember fondly or those who challenged you, or you did not have a relationship with.

Next weekend is the Transfiguration of the Lord.

God Bless You All
Fr Matthew



Sts Anne and Joachim Parish Launch

The Feast Day of Sts Anne and Joachim was on Wednesday 26th July. We had a lovely mass and lunch, thanks to all those who were able to attend and to assisted in the Mass.

A special thanks to Margaret who prepared a fantastic lunch for all of us.

Feast Days this coming week



Thurs 3rd August:
St Dominic



Fri 4th August:
St John Vianney

**Found on church grounds a green earring.
Please contact Parish Office 5021 2872.**

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.



Parish Contact Details

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Finances

| | Mildura | Merbein | Red Cliffs |
|---|---------------|----------|------------|
| Last week's collections | | | |
| 1st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery) | \$1537.55 | \$ 95.85 | \$196.95 |
| 2nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC) | \$1852.00 | \$186.00 | \$380.60 |
| Loose Plate | \$ 693.60 | \$ 61.55 | \$ 56.00 |
| | \$ | | |
| Next week's Counting Team | Team 5— H Kay | | |

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



Sacred Heart Family Group

Are having a Baked Potato Lunch on Sunday 13th August at noon at Lyn and Colin Welsh's home.

Please let Lyn or Colin know if attending 0350231356. Please bring a sweet to share. All welcome to join us.



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.

Sacred Heart College Ballarat Reunion

A reunion of SHC Ballarat East class of 1965 plus anyone who attended SHC, will be held on Sunday, October 15, 2023 at GC's Ballarat from 11.00am – 3pm.

To attend email loisknights345@hotmail.com or ph. 0419 902538.

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

Feast Day

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

On Saturday 12th August at 6pm we will celebrate the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop at Sacred Heart Church. Proudly supported by our Catholic Schools and Knights of the Southern Cross. All are most welcome.



Mother Mary's Assumption & Indian Independence Day Celebration 2023

On Sunday 13th August with Holy Mass at 9am at the Sacred Heart Church

All welcome.

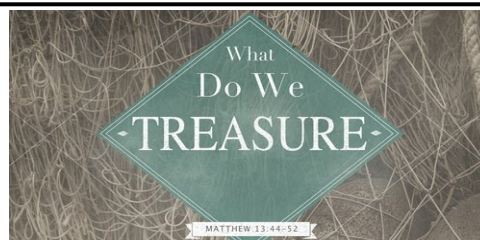
Organised by the Kerala Community



World Youth Day 2023: August 1-6, 2023

More than 3000 Australian pilgrims will attend World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal. We pray for the five people from the Diocese of Ballarat attending:

- Grace Doherty and Anna Whiting (St Mary MacKillop College Swan Hill students);
- Gerry Vytilingam (St Mary MacKillop College Swan Hill staff member);
- John-Paul Walker (Linton & Sebastopol Parishes);
- Laura Bruty (Linton Parish & Australian Catholic University Ballarat Campus).



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: 29th & 30th July 2023 | | | | |
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| | Readers | Eucharistic Ministers | Offertory | Music |
| Sat 6pm Mildura | G Huxtable | M McDonald, A Greville, M Cirillo | | S Fatai |
| Sun 8.30am Irymple | M Duck | | | M Smith |
| Sun 9am Mildura | R Op't Hoog | N Fatai, B Castillo, T Fainga'anuku | L Belej | M Guthrie, J Macri |
| Sun 10am Red Cliffs | Lay Led Liturgy M Milani | Lay Led Liturgy M Dominelli | S Orr | T Lewis & Tongan Choir |
| Sun 10.30am Merbein | F Sabo | Val McCarthy | B Collins, Karen McCarthy | K east |
| Sun 5pm | F Carlin | V Carlucci, B Bunting, K Groves | Youth | Youth Mass |

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

Anniversaries



Mildura:
Sunday 8.30am:
 Thanksgiving Mass

Fri 6pm:
 Domenico Deluca (30 day Mass)

Merbein:
 Margaret Smith, Frank Baric,
 Peter Willcock, Janice Pezzaniti and Leo McCarthy

Red Cliffs:
 Giuseppe & Domenico Mammone

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.

| Next Weekend Roster: 5th & 6th August 2023 | | | | |
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| | Readers | Eucharistic Ministers | Offertory | Music |
| Sat 6pm Mildura | R Tongue | R Tongue, A Naray, Volunteer please | | M Guthrie All Welcome |
| Sun 8.30am | W Schmidt | | | M Smith |
| Sun 9am Mildura | T Fainga'anuku | E Mazza, R Byra, J Cresp | Baptism | Italian Choir M Sullivan |
| Sun 10am Red Cliffs | M Slater | D Eagle | G Brizzi | T Lewis & Tongan Choir |
| Sun 10.30am Merbein | B Collins | K Easton | C Knight F Sabo | K East |
| Sun 5pm Mildura | M Bowring | J Hall, M Rodi, M Irvin | | S Fatai, K Mapapalangi |

Mass Time Table this Week

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| Tuesday | 9.30am | Red Cliffs |
| | 4pm | Expo/Benediction |
| | 6pm | Mildura |
| Wednesday | 9.30am | Mildura |
| Thursday | 9.30am | Merbein |
| | 9.30am | Mildura |
| | 5.30pm | Red Cliffs |
| Friday | 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 **August 2023**

Tue 1 Aug: Regis Tenth Street, Aged Care service 1.30pm
Thu 10 Aug: Chaffey Aged Care Service 10.30am & Anointing Mass
Thu 10 Aug: Anointing Mass St Josephs Church Red Cliffs 5.30pm
Sat 12 Aug: Feast of St Mary MacKillop Sacred Heart Church 6pm
Sun 13 Aug: Trading Stall—Sacred Heart Church 9am
Sun 13 Aug: Indian Independence Feast Day Sacred Heart Church 9am
Sun 13 Aug: Trading Stall—St Joseph's Red Cliffs 10am
Mon 14 Aug: Knights of the Southern Cross monthly meeting 7.30pm KSC Clubrooms
Thu 17 Aug: Regis Ontario Aged Care Service 1.30pm
Tue 22 Aug: Parish Finance Committee meeting, Parish Office 7.15am
Wed 23 Aug: Anointing Mass Sacred Heart Church 2pm
Wed 23 Aug: Baptism Preparation Evening, Monaghan Centre 7pm

Sts Anne & Joachim Parish Council Meeting

First Reading

1 Kings 3:5.7-12

A reading from the first book of the Kings

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97

(R.) Lord, I love your commands.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. (R.)
2. Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. (R.)
3. That is why I love your commands more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. (R.)
4. Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. (R.)

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like...”



-Matthew 13:45

Second Reading

Romans 8:28-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

Gospel Acclamation

See Matthew 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

Matthew 13:44-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

Next Weeks Readings: / 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 6th August 2023

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalm: Ps 96:1-2, 5-6, 9

Second Reading: Peter 1:16-19

Response: The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9