



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: 33/2023

Visiting Priest: Fr Kevin Maloney

19th Sunday Year A OT / 12th & 13th August 2023

Message from the Assistant Priest

Fr Matthew is on a well-earned break, and in his absence, we welcome Fr Kevin Maloney, who is Vicar General and Director of Pastoral Planning. Fr Kevin will celebrate Saturday's Mass at Sacred Heart Church in honour of St Mary of the Cross and in thanksgiving for the work in our parish of the Knights of the Southern Cross.

Sunday morning's Mass at Sacred Heart is an occasion to celebrate our Indian community, which commemorates the 76th anniversary of India's independence on 15th August. That day is also the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which is one of two holy days of obligation for Catholics in Australia — the other being Christmas. The ongoing COVID pandemic frees us from the obligation to attend Mass, but the feast is still very significant. Christmas and the Assumption are 'bookends' to a remarkable doctrine: "*God became man so that we might become God.*" (St Athanasius.) The Assumption celebrates not just Our Lady's glory, but the glory which awaits all of us.

The Gospel of this Sunday relates Jesus' startling approach on water. The Lord will often approach us in proverbial storms: the unwelcome criticism of a neighbour who tells home truths; the agonies of a failed relationship; in physical pain and illness. All of these can be occasions of God's approach. Let's pray that we can recognise the Lord when he comes.

Fr John.

New Planned Giving Envelopes

With our current Planned Giving year coming to its final weeks envelopes in your current pack will end Sunday 27th August 2023. New envelopes will be available for collection from each of our Catholic Churches from weekend 26th & 27th August, as the new Planned Giving year will commence on the 3rd September. A statement and letter from our Parish Priest will also be included. Should there be any discrepancies please contact the Parish Office on 50212872.

Sacred Heart Church Piety Stall

The Sacred Heart Church Piety Stall will be available on Saturday 19th August before and after the 6pm. All welcome to come look and see what is available.



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



TAP & GO

Tap & Go Presbytery

The parish has 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 the main entrance of Irymple, Merbein & Red Cliffs churches.

Parish Contact Details

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Finances

	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
Last week's collections			
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1591.85	\$121.55	\$396.40
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$963.00	\$490.00	\$279.00
Loose Plate	\$ 575.45	\$ 55.00	\$106.30
	\$		
Next week's Counting Team	Team 7 – J Farrelly		

Sacramental Dates for 2023

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



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (Gr 4 and above)
Friday 20th, Saturday 21st
& Sunday 22nd October

Parent meeting: 6th September 7pm,
Sacred Heart Church

PENANCE (Gr 2 and above)

Wednesday 22nd November at 7pm

Parent meeting: 4th October 7pm, SH Church



RECONCILIATION

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 Family Group

The Sacred Heart Family Group are having a Baked Potato Lunch on Sunday 13th August at noon at Lyn and Colin Welsh's home 16 Westside BVD Mildura.

Please let Lyn or Colin know if attending 0350231356.

Please bring a sweet to share. All welcome to join us.

SOLEMNITY OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS

This Saturday, 12th August at 6pm we will celebrate the Feast Day of St Mary MacKillop at Sacred Heart Church.

Proudly supported by our Catholic Schools and the Knights of the Southern Cross. All welcome.



Mother Mary's Assumption & Indian Independence Day Celebration 2023

This Sunday, 13th August
with Holy Mass at 9am
at Sacred Heart Church

All welcome.

Organised by the
Kerala Community



Sunday 20th August 2023

Festival of St Rocco

St Michael's Church, Buronga

10am Mass followed by Procession.

Complimentary lunch with live
entertainment from Paul Costa.

All welcome.



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Although divine power is manifested in dramatic ways, it is also present in what is unassuming. Traces of God can be seen in the delicacy of a violet, in a cool summer breeze, in the blush of innocence, in the fiery eyes of justice. Every one of us lives in the midst of God, breathes the breath of God's life, and is constantly touched by the exquisite artistry of God's creativity. Life itself is a mountain experience of God. As wonderful as life may be, it can also be very frightening at times. There are misunderstandings and rancour, jealousy and vindictiveness, greed and a hunger for power. Our personal lives can come unravelled and we can feel that we are genuinely 'at sea'. Every human being is tossed about by the exigencies of life. It is at times like these that we need faith in Jesus. Even though we do not recognise him, he is there in the midst of our chaos. Having the power of God, he is the definitive champion of all chaos, and so he is able to allay our fears and calm the sea. A true experience of God, whether it be within the ordinariness of life or one of life's tribulations, is both transformative and effusive. It is a reality that cannot be contained; it must be proclaimed. Disciples must be ready to do what they can in order that the good news of God's revelation be made known to others. © Dianne Bergant CSA

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

Sts Anne and Joachim Catholic Parish of Sunraysia adheres to the Child Safe Standards of Victoria.

Our policies are on display in each church, and on our website.

Parish Safeguarding Officer: **Vince Pileggi**.

This Weekend Roster: 12th & 13th August 2023				
	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
Sat 6pm Mildura	Feast St Mary MacKillop—KSC	M McDonald, P Kerr, A Greville	Feast St Mary MacKillop-KSC	M Guthrie
Sun 8.30am Irymple	D Knight			M Smith
Sun 9am Mildura	Indian Feast Day	J Rocca, V Mammone, Elvira Mazza	Indian Feast Day	Indian Community Celebration
Sun 10am Red Cliffs	M Bell	T Gardiner	M Bell	T Lewis & Tongan Choir
Sun 10.30am Merbein	F Cox	Vicki McCarthy	Pelasio Family	K East
Sun 5pm Mildura	B Bunting	S Hermans, J Jose, T Cirillo		S Fatai, K Mapapalangi
Next Weekend Roster: 19th & 20th August 2023				
	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
Sat 6pm Mildura	G Huxtable	A Naray, R Tongue, Volunteer please	Baptism Family	C Barbary Sacred Heart School
Sun 8.30am	M Hill			M Smith
Sun 9am Mildura	R Op't Hoog	P O'Donnell, J Cresp, T Fainga' anuku	Baptism Family	Tongan Community M Guthrie
Sun 10am Red Cliffs	J Cameron	A Higham	G Brizzi	T Lewis & Tongan Choir
Sun 10.30am Merbein	K Aston	N Prevedello	R Antony & Family	K East
Sun 5pm Mildura	B Dolence	C Carlucci, V Carlucci, M Bowring	Baptism Family	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

Anniversaries



Mildura:
Sunday 9am:
 Philip Demaria (30 day Mass)

Sunday 5pm:
 All Souls, Peter, Maria, Joseph & Lucia Tran, Elizabeth Pollifrone, Maria Dimasi

Thursday 6pm:
 Rosa Roccisano (10 year anniversary)

Merbein:
 Frank & Maureen Aston, Alice Wagner, Annunziata Monteleone, David McCarthy, Giuseppe Capagregco and Kathleen Nicolaou.

Red Cliffs:

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
	6pm	Mildura
Thursday	9.30am	No Mass Merbein
	9.30am	Mildura
	1.30pm	Regis Ontario Service
	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**

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 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
Tue 15 Aug: Solemnity of the Assumption of the B.V.M.
Thu 17 Aug: Regis Ontario Aged Care Service 1.30pm
Wed 23 Aug: Anointing Mass Sacred Heart Church 2pm
Wed 23 Aug: Parish Council Meeting, Monaghan Centre 6pm
Wed 23 Aug: Baptism Preparation Evening, Monaghan Centre 7pm
Tue 29 Aug: Parish Finance Committee meeting, Parish Office 7.15am

Focus on Me,
 not the storm.
 Matthew 14:22-33

First Reading

1 Kings 19:9.11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)



Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'



Next Weeks Readings: / 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 20th August 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Psalm: Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

Response: O God, let all the nations praise you!

Second Reading: St Paul to the Romans 15:21-28 Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28