



Sts Anne and Joachim
CATHOLIC PARISH OF SUNRAYSIA

IRYMPLE, MERBEIN, MILDURA, RED CLIFFS AND WERRIMULL

Parish Priest: Fr Matthew Thomas

Assistant Priest: Fr John Corrigan

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1st Sunday of Advent Year B / 3rd December 2023

Message from our Parish Priest

This weekend we commence Advent, a great time of the year to prepare for Christmas. The next four weeks as we light the candles of the wreath we celebrate Hope, Love, Peace and Joy.

The first candle is the candle of Hope, we need to have hope in our lives and our world, without this we can become lost and disengaged with others and life's situations and events.

We also have reconciliation on Wednesday 6th December at 7pm.

On Sunday 10th December we will be farewelling Sr Rosemary. There will be morning tea after 9am mass in Mildura, this will be a nice way say thankyou and farewell to Sr Rosemary.

This weekend the parish council will meet at St Joseph's Church Red Cliffs.

Can I take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed to the very generous donations, for the hampers.

God Bless,
Fr Matthew.

Ordination to the Diaconate

Seminarian Cay Trinh will be ordained Deacon for the Diocese of Ballarat on Saturday, December 16, 2023 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 10am. Please pray for Cay Trinh.

Parish Contact Details

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Presbytery Tap & Go Units

These Units are located at all church entrances, this enables us to support our Priests.



First Advent Candle—Hope

The first candle symbolizes a shining light in anticipation of the coming of Christ. It is usually a purple candle and can be called the Prophecy Candle. It represents God's forgiveness of man's sins.



Purple is traditionally the most important of the Advent candle colours. It is the colour of liturgical garments used for vestments and is associated with prayer, contemplations, repentance and hope.

Celebrating Advent

During the Season of Advent as we prepare for Christmas, join us in prayer and reflection in **Monaghan Room** each **Thursday at 2 pm.**

Dec 7, Dec 14, Dec 21

For further details contact:
Sr Helen 0438 734 524.



Farewell Sr Rosemary

Sr Rosemary Graham is leaving our Sunraysia Community in a couple of weeks.

At the morning tea after 9am Mass on Sunday 10th Dec we will say goodbye and give thanks for her many years of pastoral ministry in our midst.

Baptisms

We welcome into our Parish Faith Communities **Emmanuel Kailahi, Kamelia Corral and Rosalia Ramirez** whose baptism occurs this weekend.



Finances – last weekend's Collections

1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$2174.75
2nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$1466.00
Loose Plate	\$ 744.15
This Week's Counting Team	Team 2—R Tongue
Next week's Counting Team	Team 3—P McDonald



St Vinnies Giving Tree

Sunday 10th December will be the final day for toy donations to be left at the Giving Tree for Sacred Heart Conference, St Vincent de Paul Society. Any donations after that time may be left at the Parish Office or at the Assistance Centre, 109 Pine Ave. Monday to Friday between 11am and 1pm.

International Day of People with Disabilities December 3, 2024

Mass to celebrate the International Day of People with Disabilities will be held at St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane. Watch the video of the Mass announcement presented by Bishop Tim Norton (Bishop Delegate of Disabilities) and representatives from Larche' and Centacare, Brisbane <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LcrHdd7w9wE>

Trading Stalls & Cuppa Mildura & Red Cliffs



This Sunday — Cuppa and Trading stall will be held after the 9 am Mass—Mildura and 10am Mass Red Cliffs. Proceeds from the stalls this month will go to St Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Donations of produce, preserves, seedlings, baked goods etc would be greatly appreciated and can be left on the day.

Carols by Candlelight—Sunraysia

Sunday 3 December 5.30pm—Henshilwood Oval, Irymple
Saturday 9 December from 7.30pm—Nowingi Place, Mildura
Friday 15 December from 8.15pm—Barclay Square, Red Cliffs
Saturday 16 December time TBC—The Garden of Hope, Cabarita

TV—Sacred Heart Church

The TV currently in use at the Sacred Heart Church has been kindly loaned by the Knights of the Southern Cross. We thank Knights for providing the use of the TV during the past couple of weeks as we arrange a more permanent alternative.

WEEKLY PRAYER & SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Sacred Heart Church Mildura

Exposition and Benediction: Tuesday 4pm
Charismatic Group: Tuesday after 6pm Mass
Reconciliation: Saturday after 9:30am Mass

Monaghan Centre

Christian Meditation: Saturday 11.30am
Children's Catechesis: Saturday 10am – 11am

Hamper Appeal

Over November we are seeking assistance in creating hampers to assist people in need in the parish. We are working with the Parish Office, Presbytery, Soup Kitchen and St Vinnies.

Toiletries / Other (Next Weekend)

We will be collecting the following items:
Tooth Paste, Tooth Brushes, Shampoo, Conditioner, Roll on Deodorant, Toilet Paper (6 packs), feminine hygiene products.

These items can be left in the baskets in the foyer of the churches.



CHRISTMAS SEASON

Advent Reconciliation Service

Wednesday 6th Dec 7pm Mildura

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Sun 24 Dec)

Sat 23 Dec: 6pm Mildura Mass

Sun 24 Dec: 9am Mildura Mass

Please note other Sunday Masses are cancelled in lieu of Christmas Eve Mass.

Christmas Eve (Sun 24 Dec)

6pm Mildura

6pm Werrimull

8pm Red Cliffs

8pm Merbein

10pm Mildura

Midnight Mildura

Christmas Day (Monday 25 Dec)

8.30am Irymple

9am Mildura

Charles Dickens A CHRISTMAS CAROL

DON'T LET ADVENT PASS YOU BY!

Sign up to an audio Advent calendar and receive a 10 min segment each day dramatizing Scrooge's tale of redemption:

www.adventwithscrooge.com



PARISH SCHOOLS CONTACT

Sacred Heart Primary School, Mildura

Principal: Mr Mark Gibson. Ph: 5023 1204

St Paul's Primary School, Mildura

Principal: Mr Vince Muscatello. Ph: 5023 4567

St Joseph's Primary School, Red Cliffs

Principal: Mrs Naomi Kennedy. Ph: 5024 1654

Our Lady of Sacred Heart, Merbein

Principal: Mrs Narelle Gallagher. Ph: 5025 2258

St Joseph's Secondary College, Mildura

Principal: Mrs Marg Blythman. Ph: 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: 2nd & 3rd December 2023				
	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
Sat 6pm Mildura	C Carmichael	M Cirillo, A Greville, P Kerr	Baptism Family	M Hammond, J Macri
Sun 8.30am	M Duck			M Smith
Sun 9am Mildura	R Op't Hoog	J Rocca, V Mammone, E Mazza	Baptism Family	Italian Choir M Sullivan
Sun 10am Red Cliffs	P Hunt	Volunteer Please	S Orr	T Lewis Tongan Choir
Sun 10.30am Merbein	K Wagner	K Aston	C Knight, F Sabo	K East
Sun 5pm Mildura	Fynn Carlin	J Hall, M Rodi, M Irvin		S Fatai K Mapapalangi

Please Pray for the Sick
 Vincent Tripodi
 Tess Kerr
 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
 Maria Primarano

Anniversaries
 Cecilia Gutierrez (15 yr anniversary)

Mildura:
 Saturday 6pm:
 Filomena Garreffa (1st yr anniversary)
 Sunday 9am:
 Tony Modica
 Tuesday 6pm:
 Knights of the Southern Cross deceased members Mass

Merbein:
 Laurie Smith, Frank Callahan, Angela and Giuseppe Gentile, Ilario Cavallo, Joe Piscioneri and Joe Hunyadi

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.



Next Weekend Roster: 9th & 10th December 2023				
	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
Sat 6pm Mildura	Volunteer please	M McDonald, A Naray, Volunteer please		M Sullivan Singing Group
Sun 8.30am Irymple	W Schmidt			M Smith
Sun 9am Mildura	T Fainga'anuku	P O'Donnell, J Cresp, T Fainga'anuku	M Gobbo	M Hammond, B Lewis, J O'Bryan, B Prescott
Sun 10am Red Cliffs	J Lewis	N Kennedy	Russo Family	T Lewis & Tongan Choir
Sun 10.30am Merbein	F Cox	Vicki McCarthy	Pelasio Family	K East
Sun 5pm Mildura	M Bowring	S Hermans, J Jose, T Cirillo		St Paul's School Graduation Mass

MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK		
Tuesday	9.30am	Red Cliffs
	6pm	Mildura KSC Mass
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 December 2023

Sat 2 Dec: Marian Mass—Pillar of Faith 9.30am, Sacred Heart

Sun 3 Dec: Parish Council Meeting, Red Cliffs

Tue 5 Dec: Finance Meeting, Mildura

Tue 5 Dec: Regis Tenth Aged Care Service 1.30pm

Wed 6 Dec: Bereavement Team Meeting, Parish Office 10am

Thu 7 Dec: Chaffey Aged Care Service, 10.30am

Sun 10 Dec: Trading Table, Mildura after 9am Mass

Sun 10 Dec: Farewell Sr Rosemary—morning tea after 9am mass

Sun 10 Dec: Trading Table, Red Cliffs after 10am Mass

Tue 12 Dec: Princes Court Aged Care Service 1pm

Wed 13 Dec: Jacaranda Village Aged Care Service 2pm

Wed 13 Dec: Anointing Mass, Mildura 2pm

Thu 14 Dec: Anointing Mass, Merbein 9.30am

Thu 14 Dec: Anointing Mass, Red Cliffs 5.30pm

Tue 19 Dec: BUPA Aged Care Service 1pm

Wed 20 Dec: Oasis Aged Care Service 2pm

First Reading

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways
and harden our hearts against fearing you?
Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance.
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and
come down
– at your Presence the mountains would melt.
No ear has heard,
no eye has seen
any god but you act like this
for those who trust him.
You guide those who act with integrity
and keep your ways in mind.
You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.
We were all like men unclean,
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.
We have all withered like leaves
and our sins blew us away like the wind.
No one invoked your name
or roused himself to catch hold of you.
For you hid your face from us
and gave us up to the power of our sins.
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;
we the clay, you the potter,
we are all the work of your hand.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4

(R.) Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face
and we shall be saved.

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. (R.)
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)
3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
(R.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you
have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him
that you have been enriched in so many ways, es-
pecially in your teachers and preachers; the wit-
ness to Christ has indeed been strong among you
so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the
Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus
Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady
and without blame until the last day, the day of our
Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has
joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is
faithful.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 13:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay
awake, because you never know when the time will
come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has
gone from home, and left his servants in charge,
each with his own task; and he has told the door-
keeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you
do not know when the master of the house is com-
ing, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he
comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep.
And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'



Next Weeks Readings: / 2nd Sunday of Advent Year B 10th December 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11

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

Response: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8