



# 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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**20th Sunday Year A OT / 19th & 20th August 2023**

### Message from the Parish Priest

*"Let all the nations praise you!"*

This is the response to the psalm, as nations of the world let us give thanks to God for all that he does for and with us.

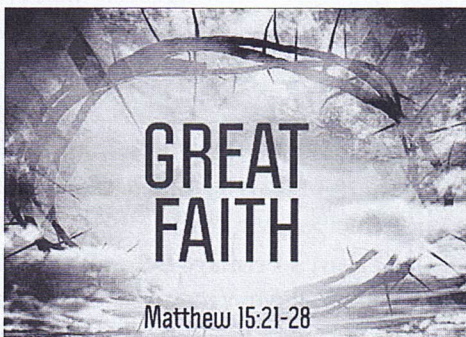
Today's Gospel reminds us that we may wish for things and hope for them but if we have no faith then we are less likely to see or experience the response.

One Saturday morning per month we will be having the 9.30am morning mass in the Marion Chapel, each month will be dedicated to a different title for Mary, for example Queen of Apostles.

Please note that Fr John and myself will be at a zone meeting on Tuesday morning, so no mass at Red Cliffs.

We are also in the process of obtaining quotes to up grade the toilets at Sacred Heart Church more information to follow.

*God Bless you all,  
Fr Matthew.*



### 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 or happy to help out if you require something different or special.



### Baptisms

We welcome into our Parish Community **Levi Gray, Gia Cupello, Alli Murphy, Louis Piscioneri and Leonardo Coppola** whose baptism occurs this weekend.

### 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.



**TAP&GO**

### Parish Contact Details

**Administration Officer** Ms Carmel Russo  
**Office Hours** Tuesday – Friday 9am – 4pm  
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Po Box 10037 Mildura Vic 3502  
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0417 862 082 (After Hours)  
**Email:** sunraysia@ballarat.catholic.org.au

### Finances

	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
Last week's collections			
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1664.60	\$166.55	\$119.70
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$2190.25	\$222.50	\$310.75
Loose Plate	\$ 784.40	\$ 41.40	\$ 8.20
Trading Table—Soup Kitchen	\$ 151.00		\$ 130.00
Next week's Counting Team	Team 8—L Welsh		

### 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**



This 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.



### **Mystery and Mission – The Art of Celebration Conference: September 28-30, 2023**

“Mystery and Mission – The Art of Celebration” is a national liturgy and music conference for the Catholic church in Australia and beyond! This conference is being convened by the Australian Pastoral Musicians Network together with the National Liturgical Council and the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. Featuring five keynote presentations, 50 wide-ranging breakout workshop options, facilitated discussions, conference Mass, daily prayer and ritual experiences, optional conference dinner, along with broad networking opportunities and resource displays, this “not-to-be-missed” event invites all involved in liturgy and liturgical music in parishes, schools and other Catholic agencies to participate in the premier liturgy-focused gathering in Australia. The conference will be held from September 28-30, 2023 at the Hilton, Brisbane. Scan or click the QR code for more information.

### **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.

### **For Sale**

1 x timber 12 seater dining room table with 12 chairs.  
Please contact Di Eagle on 5024 5326

### **Social Justice Statement 2023-2024**

The Australian bishops' have launched the 2023-2024 Social Justice Statement, “Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples”. Copies of the statement and resources are available from the diocesan website:

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/social-justice/social-justice-statement/>.

Social Justice Sunday will be celebrated on August 27.

### **Our Stories, Our Lives, Our Mission**

‘Our Stories, Our Lives, Our Mission’ is a new book by Catholic Religious Australia and St Pauls Publications on building religious literacy and is a valuable resource in light of Vocations Awareness Week, August 6-13. More information is available from the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### 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

### **Crumbs from the Master's Table**

*THE WOMAN OF GREAT FAITH*

Matthew 15:21-28

### 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: 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 Irymple	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
Next Weekend Roster: 26th & 27th August 2023				
	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
Sat 6pm Mildura	R Tongue	A Greville, M Cirillo, M McDonald		T Fainga'anuku Group
Sun 8.30am Irymple	G Schmidt			M Smith
Sun 9am Mildura	T Fainga'anuku	N Fatai, B Castillo, R O'Callaghan	L & C Welsh	M Guthrie, J O'Bryan, B Lewis, B Prescott
Sun 10am Red Cliffs	M Duck	P Hill	Baptism Family	T Lewis & Tongan Choir
Sun 10.30am Merbein	N Baby	J Dannatt	N Baby & Isabel	K East
Sun 5pm Mildura	G Johnston	P Cox, J Boord, G Johnston		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**  
 Fr Frank Smith CSsR,  
 Nicola Rodi

**Anniversaries**

**Mildura:**  
**Sunday 9am:**  
 Dennis Ryan

**Sunday 5pm:**  
 All Souls, Peter, Maria, Joseph & Lucia Tran, Hugh Bowring

**Merbein:**  
 Domenico Pezzaniti

**Red Cliffs:**  
 Giuseppe & Maria D'Anna, Domenico & Caterina D'Anna, Giuseppe D'Anna, Cecilia & Domenica D'Anna, Vincenza 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.*



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**Mass Time Table this Week**

Tuesday	9.30am	Red Cliffs No Mass
	4pm	Expo/Benediction
	6pm	Mildura
Wednesday	10.30am	Funeral Mildura
	2pm	Anoint Mass
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**

**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

Then Jesus said to her,  
 "Woman, you have great faith!  
 Your request is granted."  
 And her daughter was  
 healed at that moment.  
 Matthew 15:28

## First Reading

Isaiah 56:1.6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. (R.)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

## Second Reading

Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

## Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

*A pagan woman approaches a Jewish man and she begs Jesus to heal her daughter.*

Jesus gives a dismissive answer to the woman: 'It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the house dogs.' The children are obviously the Jewish people.

This remarkable *pagan* woman stands her ground and engages in a verbal joust with Jesus! She argues: 'Yes, Lord, but even the house dogs get the crumbs that fall from their master's table.'

Jesus recognises *her* faith and the daughter was healed. This story was put in the Gospels to show how Jesus extended his saving mission to non-Jews in Pagan territory.

That is Good News for billions of non-Jewish people over the course of history since then and into the future. That is why we are truly 'Catholic', which, as you know, is the Greek for 'world-wide'.

We could pause for a moment to celebrate this Canaanite woman as the first 'Catholic'!

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Next Weeks Readings: / 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 27th August 2023

**First Reading:** Isaiah 22:19-23

**Psalm:** Ps 137:1-3, 6, 8

**Response:** Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands

**Second Reading:** St Paul to the Romans 11:33-36

**Gospel:** Matthew 16:13-20