



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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Message from our Parish Priest

This weekend we celebrate Father's Day, we give thanks for our Fathers who are alive or who have died or those special men who are father like figures in our lives.

From Sunday 3rd September through to the mid October the church has a focus on Creation, over the month we will put different reflections and articles on the bulletin.

We join with the Missionary Sisters of Charity who celebrate on Tuesday the feast day of their foundress St Mother Teresa (St Teresa of Calcutta).

Next weekend we will have a special collection for the Retired Priests.

*God Bless you all,
Fr Matthew*

Catholicism 10-part TV documentary

Screened at St Joseph's Church Red Cliffs every Wednesday afternoon commencing 6th September from 5.30pm. One hour viewing; half hour discussion, with refreshments. All welcome.



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New Planned Giving Envelopes

Don't forget to use your new Planned Giving envelopes, if you have any old envelopes around your home please discard them as all parishioners have received a new number. Should there be any discrepancies to your statement please contact the Parish Office on 50212872. If you would like to contribute via Direct Debit or change your contribution or data details please contact the Parish office. The new Planned Giving year will commence from the 3rd September.

"For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory."

Matthew 16:27



Weddings

We congratulate **Michael Gervasi & Laura Spagnolo** and **Cameron Davoli & Emma Turner** who were married 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

Finances

	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
Last week's collections			
1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1466.65	\$143.45	\$173.65
2nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$2079.15	\$207.50	\$262.75
Loose Plate	\$ 558.30	\$ 55.90	\$122.15
Trading Table	\$		\$
Next week's Counting Team	Team 10—H Kay		

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,
Sacred Heart Church



RECONCILIATION

BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

Collection for Sick and Retired Priests – next weekend

Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Seventeen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation.



A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY

Sacred Heart Church Piety Stall Opening Hours

The Sacred Heart Church Piety Stall will now be available on the 3rd Sunday before and after all masses.

All are most welcome to come look and see what is available or we are happy to help out if you require something different or special. For further information please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.



Trading Stalls & Cuppa Mildura & Red Cliffs

Next 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 BCSF—Retired Priests Fund. Donations of produce, preserves, seedlings, baked goods etc would be greatly appreciated and can be left on the day.

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.

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

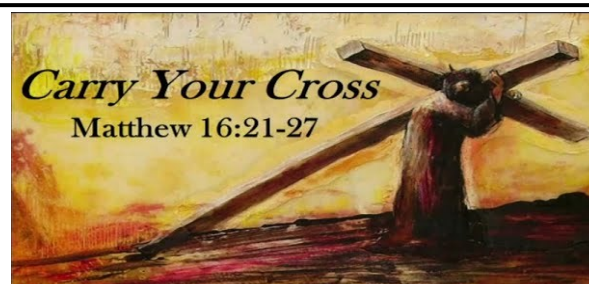
Safeguarding Sunday—September 10, 2023

The Parish of Sts Anne and Joachim and the Diocese of Ballarat are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to build and support safe communities for all people.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023

Migrant & Refugee Sunday – September 24, 2023

The Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office have provided materials for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, which will be held on September 24. Resources are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/109th-world-day-of-migrants-refugees-sunday-september-24-2023/>



Parish Schools Contact

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Principal Mrs Naomi Kennedy 5024 1654

Our Lady of Sacred Heart Merbein

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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: 2nd & 3rd September 2023				
	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
Sat 6pm Mildura	A Naray	R Tongue, P Kerr, Volunteer please		M Guthrie
Sun 8.30am Irymple	G McCracken			M Smith
Sun 9am Mildura	L Welsh	L Belej, E Garreffa, C Howell	M Gobbo	Italian Choir M Sullivan
Sun 10am Red Cliffs	D Eagle	P Hunt	Cameron Family	T Lewis & Tongan Choir
Sun 10.30am Merbein	K Wagner	N Prevedello	Karen McCarthy Val McCarthy	K East
Sun 5pm Mildura	J Thomas	T Finn, B Dolence, M Bowring		S Fatai J Macri, J Ljubic
Next Weekend Roster: 9th & 10th September 2023				
	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
Sat 6pm Mildura	G Huxtable	A Greville, A Naray Volunteer please		M Guthrie All welcome
Sun 8.30am Irymple	M Duck			M Smith
Sun 9am Mildura	R Op't Hoog	M Modica, L Welsh, R Byra	L Belej	M Sulliva, J Macri, B Lewis, B Prescott
Sun 10am Red Cliffs	T Gardiner	N Kennedy	C Cavallaro	T Lewis & Tongan Choir
Sun 10.30am Merbein	K Aston	M Bowring	R Antony Family	K East
Sun 5pm Mildura	F Carlin	B Bunting, K Groves, J Hall	Baptism	S Fatai, K Mapapalangi

Please Pray for the Sick
 Barry Crosbie, Kerry-Anne Crosbie,
 Christian Mira, Dolly Ridings
 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
 Lina Daniele

Anniversaries

Mildura:
Saturday 6pm:
 Pat Farmer (30 year anniversary)
Sunday 9am:
 Harry, Elise, John, Mavis & Roy Nash

Sunday 5pm:
 Helen & John Hrascenec

Merbein:
 John Barling and Mary Dorman(SNR),
 Misko Matotek

Red Cliffs:
 Maria Circosta

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
	10am	Mildura Funeral
	4pm	Expo/Benediction
	6pm	Mildura
Wednesday	9.30am	Mildura
Thursday	9.30am	Merbein
	9.30am	No Mass SJC school mass
	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 **September 2023**

Tue 5 Sep: Jacaranda Aged Care Service 2pm
Wed 6 Sep: First Holy Communion, Parent Information evening, 7pm, Sacred Heart Church
Thu 7 Sep: Anointing Mass, Red Cliffs 5.30pm
Mon 11 Sep: Knights of the Southern Cross monthly meeting 7.30pm, Clubrooms
Tue 12 Sep: Princes Court Aged Care Service 1pm
Wed 20 Sep: Oasis Aged Care Service 1pm
Thu 21 Sep: Anointing Mass, Merbein 9.30am
Tue 26 Sep: Parish Finance meeting 7.15am, Parish Office
Tue 26 Sep: BUPA Aged Care Service 1pm
Wed 27 Sep: Anointing Mass, Mildura 2pm
Wed 27 Sep: Baptism Preparation Evening, Monaghan Centre 7pm

HAPPY Father's Day

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.
I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.
Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'
The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.
I used to say, I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.
Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.
The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)
4. For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation

See Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 16:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

We have to get one terrible thought out of our heads, i.e. that the Heavenly Father of Jesus *wanted* him to suffer a tortured, agonising death. Yet we do say: 'It was necessary that Jesus suffer and die.' What can this mean? I believe this refers to the necessity of divine mission and the necessity of divine love.

First, it was the Father's will that Jesus remain true to the mission to preach and embody the gospel of mercy and forgiveness. It was inevitable that powerful elites would find this intolerable and have Jesus eliminated. Secondly, God so loved the world where death ravages human beings, that God determined to absorb the suffering and pangs of death.

The temptation to avoid that dread-ful necessity lead Jesus to rebuke Peter: 'Get *behind* me, Satan', a terrible variation of the initial call: 'Come, *follow* me.'

We could pause for a moment to very consciously make the sign of the Cross, the consequence of Jesus' mission and love for us.

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Next Weeks Readings: / 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 10th September 2023

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Psalm: Ps 94:1-2, 6-9

Response: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: St Paul to the Romans 13:8-10 Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20