



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

'The Lord is near to all who call him.' is today's psalm response. We often think that vocalizing everything that's the only way that God will hear us, I challenge that to often its in the stillness in our hearts that he hears our true prayers. The Lord is always near to us often as a shield around us to provide a safe zone for us to experience life and to share his love with others.

The Gospel talks to us about the workers in the vineyard, people coming at all different times but all being paid the same. We would say that this is unjust but looking at this in means of faith if we believe and follow God all our lives or if we come to experience God at our death bed we are all loved and cherish for eternity.

On Wednesday we celebrate St Vincent De Paul, mass will be at 2pm with the anointing mass. This would be a great time for all of us to come together and celebrate the work of SVDP.

'Let Justice and Peace Flow' is the theme of Earthcare how lucky are we that we live by the river and are able to use the Murray as an example. Having justice flow allows us to see that with the flow at times it flows fast and other times its slow and still. Life is no different some circumstances things happen very fast and change occurs quickly and other times it's the opposite.

God Bless

Fr Matthew.



Baptisms



We welcome into our Parish Community

Emily & Lucy Alexander and Stevie & Lucia Zappia whose baptism occurs this weekend.

Weddings



We congratulate the following couples who were married this weekend.

Anthony Violi & Claudia Bozzi and Nathaniel Langdon & Georgia Chase

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.



Catholicism 10-part TV documentary, by Bishop Robert Barron. Screened at St Joseph's Church Red Cliffs every Wednesday afternoon at 5.30pm. One hour viewing, followed by informal discussion. All welcome.
This week: "Peter, Paul & the Missionary Adventure."

Parish Contact Details

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Finances

| Last week's collections | Mildura | Merbein | Red Cliffs |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery) | \$2149.50 | | |
| 2nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC) | \$2299.00 | \$162.50 | \$310.25 |
| Loose Plate | \$ 858.35 | \$49.40 | \$ 96.45 |
| Special Collection; BCSF | \$1618.00 | | |
| Next week's Counting Team | Team 3—P McDonald | | |

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**

PENANCE (Gr 2 and above)
Wednesday 22nd November at 7pm
Parent meeting: 11th October 7pm,
Sacred Heart Church



Please note the change of date for the Parent Meeting.

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.

FREE TO CHOOSE WHETHER
TO MIGRATE OR TO STAY

109TH WORLD DAY OF
MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

SUNDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2023



Migrant & Refugee Sunday

September 24, 2023

The theme of Pope Francis' Message for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees is,

"Freedom to choose whether to migrate or stay." The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO) have created online resources which are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/109th-world-day-of-migrants-refugees-sunday-september-24-2023/>

Team Leaders of Money Counting

Could all team leaders come to the Parish Office from Wednesday 27th September to go over new procedures and the updated recording sheet.

WEEKLY PRAYER & SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

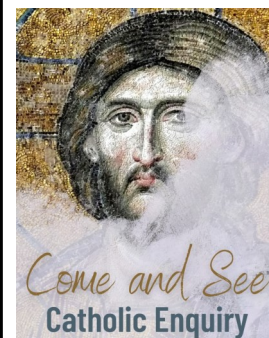
Sacred Heart Church Mildura

Exposition and Benediction: Tuesday 4pm
Charismatic Group: Tuesday after 6pm Mass
Reconciliation: Saturday after 9:30am Mass
Monaghan Centre
Christian Meditation: Saturday 11.30am
Scripture Reflection: Thursday 2pm – 3pm
Children's Catechesis: Saturday 10am – 11am



Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary St Joseph's Church Red Cliffs

Will be held on Sunday 8th October 2022 with a Solemn Mass at 10am, followed by the procession with the traditional feast of stalls and entertainment. Drawing of raffle 4.30pm. All welcome.



CATHOLIC ENQUIRY FOR PEOPLE INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC

Thursdays, 7pm to 8pm
Starts 5th October 2023

Obligation free. For details, see pamphlets in Sacred Heart church foyer.



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

A six-week course of Catechesis and Prayer for Catholics of all ages

Tuesdays, 6:45pm to 8pm
Starts 17th October 2023

For details, see pamphlets in Sacred Heart church foyer.



"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard."

Matthew 20:1

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: 23rd & 24th September 2023

| | Readers | Eucharistic Ministers | Offertory | Music |
|----------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Sat 6pm Mildura | A Naray | A Greville, M Cirillo, M McDonald | | M Guthrie Filipino Choir |
| Sun 8.30am Irymple | D Knight | | | M Smith |
| Sun 9am Mildura | L Welsh | K Mapapalangi, R O'Callaghan, J Rocca | L Welsh | T Fainga'anuku J O'Bryan, B Lewis |
| Sun 10am Red Cliffs | P Hunt | V Pileggi | Baptism Families | T Lewis & Tongan Choir |
| Sun 10.30am Merbein | E Piscioneri | K Aston | E & S Iamarino | K East |
| Sun 5pm Mildura | B Bunting | J Jose, T Cirillo, C Carlucci | | S Fatai |

Next Weekend Roster: 30th September & 1st October 2023

| | Readers | Eucharistic Ministers | Offertory | Music |
|----------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Sat 6pm Mildura | G Huxtable | A Naray, P Kerr, Volunteer please | | S Fatai K Mapapalangi |
| Sun 8.30am Irymple | M Hill | | | M Smith |
| Sun 9am Mildura | R Op't Hoog | P O'Donnell, E Mazza, V Mammone | Baptism Family | Italian Choir, M Sullivan |
| Sun 10am Red Cliffs | J Lewis | C Russo | Lewis Family | T Lewis & Tongan Choir |
| Sun 10.30am Merbein | F Cox | Vicki McCarthy | N Baby, Isabel & Maria | K East |
| Sun 5pm Mildura | B Dolence | V Carlucci, G Johnston, M Bowring | Baptism Family | M Hammond, J Macri, J Ljubic |

Please Pray for the Sick

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

Anniversaries

Mildura:

Saturday 6pm:
Leon Odal, Carmelo Taverna

Sunday 9am:

Domenico Maruzzo (1 year anniversary)

Sunday 5pm:

Maree O'Callaghan, Peter Nguyen, Leo Timpano, Vincenzo mammone, Libero Bachetti, Teresa Panuccio, Pietro Brizzi

Merbein:

Ida Pearson, Koke Matheson, Mary Tierney, Margaret Cook, Peg McCarthy, Teresa Panuccio, Vince Manno

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.

MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

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| Tuesday | 9.30am | Red Cliffs |
| | 1pm | BUPA Aged Care |
| | 4pm | Expo/Benediction |
| | 6pm | Mildura |
| Wednesday | 9.30am | Mildura |
| | 2pm | Mildura Anointing |
| 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

September 2023

Tue 26 Sep: Parish Finance – 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

Season of Creation: September 1 - October 4, 2023

Every year from September 1 - October 4, Catholic Earthcare Australia (Caritas and the Australian Bishops Conference) joins with Christian communities globally to celebrate the Season of Creation, to celebrate the gift of our common home. The theme for 2023 is "Let Justice and Peace Flow" drawing on the river imagery of in Amos 5:24. It challenges us to act for ecological justice, creating change and speaking out with communities most impacted by rising sea levels, biodiversity loss and other consequences of climate change. Resources for the Season of Creation are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/catholic-earthcare-ballarat-diocese/season-of-creation-2023/>

First Reading

Isaiah 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on
him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
the Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. (R.)
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

Second Reading

Philippians 1:20-24. 27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.



Gospel Acclamation

See Acts of the Apostles 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

Advent—The Sign

Experience Advent and Christmas as never before with The Sign and allow its pages to unfold a deeper understanding of the profound love and grace that these seasons celebrate. The Parish has ordered 50 copies. To reserve your copy please contact the Office on 5021 2872.



Next Weeks Readings: / 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st October 2023

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Psalm: Ps 24:4-9

Second Reading: St Paul to the Philippians 2:1-11

Response: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32