



Sts. Anne and Joachim Catholic Parish, Sunraysia

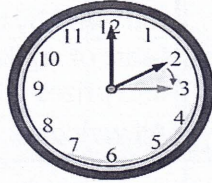
Irymple, Merbein, Mildura, Red Cliffs and Werrimull

Parish Priest: Fr Matthew Thomas
Assistant Priest: Fr John Corrigan

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26th Sunday Year A OT / 1st October 2023

**Reminder to turn
your clocks forward
one hour this
Saturday**



Daylight Savings
Time Begins



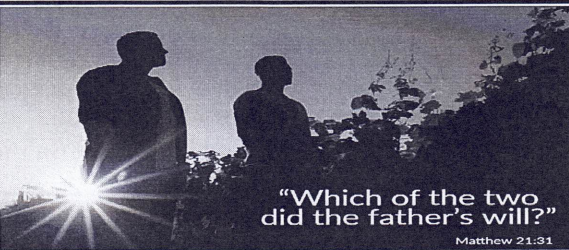
Baptisms

We welcome into our Parish
Faith Communities
**Vincent Cirillo, David Skinner
and Allegra Winton**
whose baptism occurs this

weekend.

Advent—The Sign

Experience Advent and Christmas as
never before with The Sign and al-
low 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.



"Which of the two
did the father's will?"
Matthew 21:31

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.



Message from our Parish Priest

A question for us all, do we say yes to things and not do them or do we say no and then do it anyway after we have had a think about the activity and the impact it may have on others and the community. Today's gospel is about this, if we mean no then say no, but if we mean yes say yes and follow through with it no matter the cost.

This weekend the parish council will meet formally for the first time let's pray that they are supported by all of us in their new role.

This weekend we commence Day Light Savings, moving our clocks forward enables us an extra hour of day light.

School holidays come to an end in Victoria this weekend and we wish all students and staff all the best for term 4.

Please note that we have had a mass change for this week and there will be no mass on Friday evening at 6pm.

God Bless

Fr Matthew.

Finances – last weekend's Collections

1st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1934.10
2nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$2735.75
Loose Plate	\$1187.25
Special Collection BCSF	\$ 510.00
This Week's Counting Team	Team 3— P McDonald
Next week's Counting Team	Team 4— M Roper

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

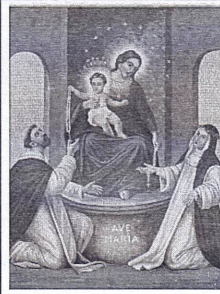
Parent meeting: 11th October 7pm,

Sacred Heart Church

Please note the change of date for the Parent Meeting.



RECONCILIATION



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

Mission week will be held from Monday 2nd October until Saturday 7th with Rosary commencing at 7pm followed by Mass at 7.30pm

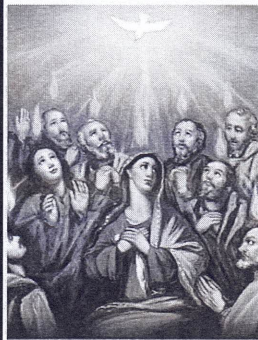
The Feast Day will be held on Sunday 8th October 2023 with a Solemn Mass at 10am, followed by the procession with the traditional feast of stalls and entertainment. Raffle tickets and prizes will be drawn throughout the day. All welcome.

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.

Remember your mercies, O Lord.



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

A SIX WEEK COURSE OF PRAYER & CATECHESIS FOR CATHOLICS OF ALL AGES

**Tuesdays, 6:45pm to 8pm
at Sacred Heart Church
Starts 17 October 2023**

For details, see pamphlets in foyer.

Which one did
his father's will?



Team Leaders of Money Counting

Could all team leaders come to the Parish Office from

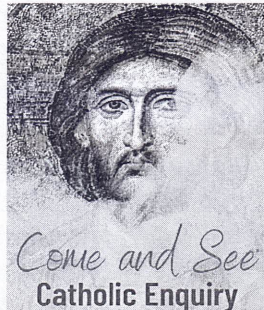
Wednesday 27th September to go over new procedures and the updated recording sheet.

COME AND SEE

FOR PEOPLE INTERESTED
IN BECOMING CATHOLIC

**Thursdays, 7pm to 8pm
at Sacred Heart Church
Starts 5 October 2023**

Obligation free. For details,
see pamphlets in foyer.



Next Sunday — Cuppa and Trading stall will be held after the 9am Mass for Mildura and on Sunday 15th October Red Cliffs will have their Cuppa and Trading stall after the 10am Mass. Proceeds from both stalls this month will go towards Catholic Missions.

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



Trading Stalls & Cuppa Mildura & Red Cliffs

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

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: 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

Next Weekend Roster: 7th & 8th October 2023

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
Sat 6pm Mildura	R Tongue	R Tongue, A Naray, A Greville		M Guthrie, J Macri
Sun 8.30am Irymple	G Schmidt			M Smith
Sun 9am Mildura	T Fainga'anuku	N Fatai, B Castillo, J Cresp	M Gobbo	M Hammond, B Lewis, J O'Bryan, B Prescott
Sun 10am Red Cliffs	M Milani	C Tassone	M Bell	T Lewis & Tongan Choir
Sun 10.30am Merbein	B Wells	Val McCarthy	C Knight, F Sabo	K East
Sun 5pm Mildura	G Johnston	P Cox, J Boord, T Finn		S Fatai K Mapapalangi

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

Fr Don Gunn

Anniversaries

Mildura:

Saturday 6pm:
Perc Lunn

Sunday 9am:
Fr Don Gunn

Sunday 5pm:
Peter Nguyen

Merbein:

Rosa Pezzaniti, Bobby Schottler,
Bert Halls, Domenico Pediglieri,
Alf Sylvia and Mark McKee

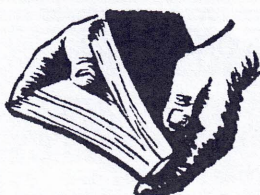
Red Cliffs:

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 SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Tuesday	9.30am	Red Cliffs
	4pm	Expo/Benediction
	6pm	Mildura
Wednesday	9.30am	Mildura
Thursday	9.30am	Merbein
	9.30am	Mildura
	5.30pm	Red Cliffs
Friday	6pm	No Mass
Saturday	9.30am	Mildura
	6pm	Mildura
Sunday	8.30am	Irymple
	9am	Mildura
	10am	Red Cliffs
	10.30am	Merbein
	5pm	Mildura



What's Happening

October 2023

Sun 1: Parish Council Meeting Merbein 12noon

Tue 3: Regis Tenth Aged Care service 1.30pm

Wed 4: Bereavement Team meeting Parish Office 10am.

Mon 9: Knights of the Southern Cross meeting 7.30pm
KSC Clubrooms

Wed 11: Parent meeting for the Sacrament of Penance,
Sacred Heart Church 7pm.

Thu 12: Chaffey Aged Care Service 10.30am

Thu 12: Anointing Mass, Red Cliffs 5.30pm

Sat 14: Marion Mass—Mother of Unity, Sacred Heart
Church 9.30am

Thu 19: Anointing Mass, Merbein 9.30am

Thu 19: Regis Ontario Aged Care Service 1.30pm

Tue 24: Finance Meeting, Parish Office 7.15am

Wed 25: Anointing, Mildura Mass 2pm

Wed 25: Baptism Preparation evening, Monaghan Centre
7pm

First Reading

Ezekiel 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself

to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

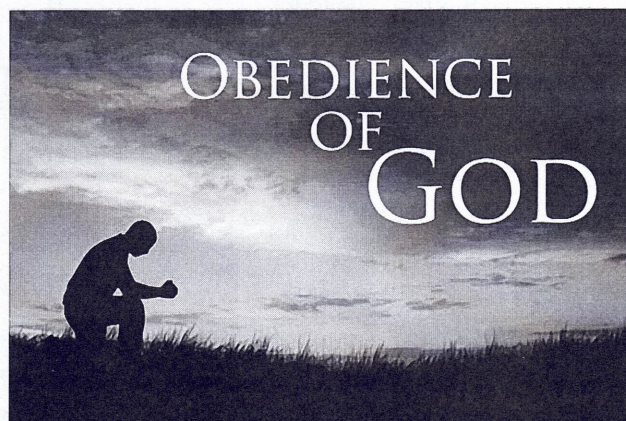
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'



Next Weeks Readings: / 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8th October 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm: Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20

Second Reading: St Paul to the Philippians 4:6-9

Response: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43