

Sts Anne and Joachim

CATHOLIC PARISH OF SUNRAYSLIA

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

Our First reading today starts off with the love of the vineyard. Putting this in to perspective we need to have love of our environment and those around us to truly have personal growth in life. We will be challenged by some who make us think and act differently and sometimes we need to stand up for what is wrong so we can make a difference.

To have a full harvest we need to get rid of the weeds which will contaminate the growth of the vines. Sometimes it is a constant pulling of them out before they stop growing and other times a more drastic approach is needed.

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.' This is the last line of the Gospel is a good one to reflect on this week.

We have parent info night for sacrament of Penance on Wednesday at 7pm

God Bless

Fr Matthew.

Werrimull Mass Bus Trip

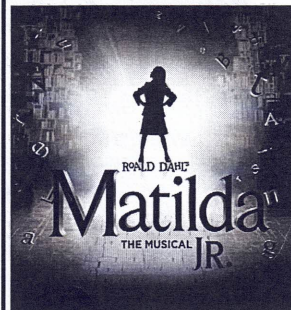
The next Werrimull Bus trip will be held on Sunday 29th October. To make a booking, please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.



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.

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE MUSICAL—Upcoming Event!

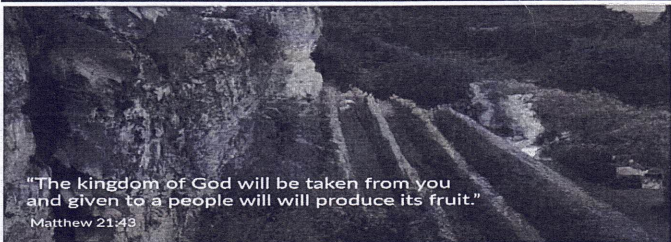


St Joseph's College staff and students proudly present Matilda Jr., The Musical. Mercy Theatre – Riverside Ave, Mildura. Friday Nov. 3rd – 7pm Saturday Nov. 4th 1pm or 7pm Sunday Nov 5th – 1pm

Ticket sales will commence

October 9th through Trybooking. Please log on to the St Joseph's College Website for the link.

Cost - \$20 Adult, \$10 Concession



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.



TAP&GO

Finances – last weekend's Collections

1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$2250.15
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$2794.00
Loose Plate	\$ 945.80
Special Collection: BCSF	\$ 150.00
This Week's Counting Team	Team 4— M Roper
Next week's Counting Team	Team 5— 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**

PENANCE (Gr 2 and above)

Wednesday 22nd November at 6pm

Parent meeting: 11th October 7pm,

Sacred Heart Church

Please note the change of date for the Parent Meeting.



Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

St Joseph's Church Red Cliffs

The Feast Day will be held this 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.

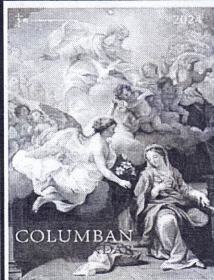


LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

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.



2024 Columban Calendars

Are now available for sale from each church centre from this weekend. Copies are also available from the Parish Office. Cost: \$9.00 each
Ideal Christmas gifts,

Trading Stalls & Cuppa Mildura & Red Cliffs

This Sunday — Cuppa and Trading stall will be held after the 9am Mass for Mildura and next 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.



COME AND SEE

FOR PEOPLE INTERESTED
IN BECOMING CATHOLIC

**Thursdays, 7pm to 8pm
at Sacred Heart Church**

Obligation free. For details,
see pamphlets in foyer.



Thank you

We thank the St Anthony Committee who kindly donated \$3000.00 to the Parish and \$300.00 to The Shared Table.

Next Weeks Readings: / 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 15th October 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

Psalm: Ps 22

Second Reading: St Paul to the Philippians 4:12:14, 19-20

Response: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

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

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: 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	Feasta	Feasta	Feasta	Feasta Italian 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

Next Weekend Roster: 14th & 15th October 2023

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
Sat 6pm Mildura	A Naray	M Cirillo, P Kerr, Volunteer please	Baptism Family	M Sullivan, J Macri
Sun 8.30am Irymple	G McCracken			M Smith
Sun 9am Mildura	L Welsh	L Belej, E Garreffa, T Fainga'anuku	Baptism Family	Tongan Community M Guthrie
Sun 10am Red Cliffs	M Slater	G Brizzi	Volunteer Please	T Lewis & Tongan Choir
Sun 10.30am Merbein	N Baby	J Dannatt	N Baby, Isabel & Maria	K East
Sun 5pm Mildura	J Thomas	B Dolence, S Hermans, B Bunting	Volunteer please	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

Dawn Giddings
Darryll Griffiths (Regina's brother)

Anniversaries

Antonio Callipari,
Anna Andrasek, Bev Le Gasick

Mildura:

Saturday 6pm:

Sunday 9am:

Sunday 5pm:

Peter Nguyen, Annunziata Surace (1 year anniversary)

Friday 6pm:

Thomas Cavallaro (30 day Mass)

Merbein:

Daniel Radcliffe, Vincenzo Taglierini, Margaret O'Connor and Bill Walsh

Red Cliffs:

Natalina Romeo (10 year anniversary), Vince Pileggi



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 (Anointing)
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

October 2023

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: Marian Mass—Mother of Unity, Sacred Heart Church 9.30am

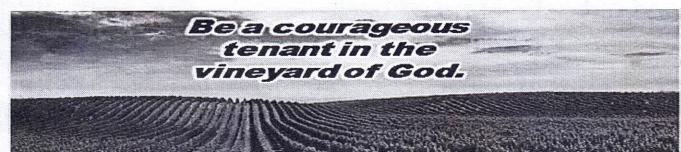
Thu 19: Anointing Mass, Merbein 9.30am

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

Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.

He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower,
he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds
to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.
(R.)
2. Then why have you broken down its walls
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. (R.)
3. 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.)
4. And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.
(R.)

Second Reading

Philippians 4:6-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation

See John 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.
This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'