



Sts Anne and Joachim

CATHOLIC PARISH OF 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

We have a number of changes for this week.

Fr John is on Retreat from Sunday afternoon until Saturday Morning, please keep him in your prayers through this week.

Carmel and Margaret are both away on Annual Leave this week so the office will be closed. Please email or ring and leave a messages and I will get back to you ASAP.

We have the Council of Priests meeting in Ballarat on Tuesday so I will be away on Monday and return Wednesday. With this occurring Wednesday Mass will be at 2pm.

Next weekend we will have Fr Bill Lowry with us. He will celebrate some of the masses over the weekend, so we look forward to welcoming him back to the region.

*God Bless,
Fr Matthew.*



Parish Contact Details

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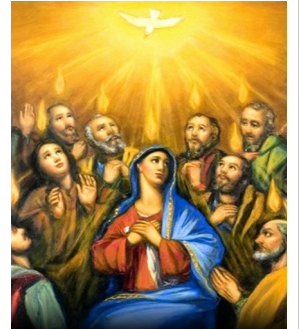
These Units are located at all church entrances, this enables us to support our Priests.



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
 Session 4—14 November 2023
 Unwrapping God's Gifts



Please Note

The Parish Office will be closed from Tuesday 14th November and will reopen on Tuesday 21st November 2023.

Should you need to speak with a priest please contact 5021 2872 and leave a message or email: sunraysia@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Hamper Appeal

Over November we are seeking assistance in creating hampers to assist people in need in the parish. We are working with the Parish Office, Presbytery, Soup Kitchen and St Vinnies.

18th and 19th November (Next Weekend)

We will be collecting the following items:
 Pasta, Pasta Sauces, Tomato Sauce, BBQ Sauce, Two Minute Noodles.



These items can be left in the baskets in the foyer of the churches.

Finances – last weekend's Collections

1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$2493.40
2nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$1199.00
Loose Plate	\$ 978.65
This Week's Counting Team	Team 9– G Macri
Next week's Counting Team	Team 10—H Kay

Reconciliation for 2023

Celebrations for the Reconciliation will take place:

Wednesday 22nd November, 7pm,
Sacred Heart Church, Mildura

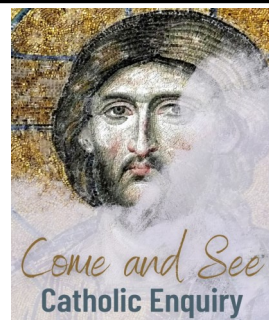


COME AND SEE

FOR PEOPLE INTERESTED
IN BECOMING CATHOLIC

Thursdays, 7pm to 8pm
at Sacred Heart Church

Obligation free. For details,
see pamphlets in foyer.



2024 Rosters for Readers, Eucharistic Minister, Counters

New Rosters for Mildura and Red Cliffs churches for 2024 will be compiled shortly. If you would like to make any changes for your ministry or if you would like to be a part of any of the above ministries please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.

Planned Giving Envelope Number 111

It would be greatly appreciated if the Parish Family of envelope Planned Giving number 111 contact the Parish Office at their earliest convenience.

Piety Stalls

Calendars 2024, Christmas Cards and gift ideas are now available.

Mildura Portable Piety stall will be opened the weekend 25th & 26th November and 1st & 3rd weekend of December. Volunteers are needed to help with the stall. Credit card facilities are now available.

The Red Cliffs Church piety stall is opened Sunday's both before and after the 10am Mass.

Trading Stalls & Cuppa Mildura & Red Cliffs

This Sunday — Cuppa and Trading stall will be held after the 9 am Mass—Mildura and 10am Mass Red Cliffs. Proceeds from the stalls this month will go to The Shared Table.

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



World Day of Prayer 2024

Sacred Heart Church will be hosting the World Day of Prayer on Friday 1st March 2024.

Palestine is the country that we are praying for. We are wanting to know if we have any parishioners that come from Palestine. Lyn Welsh would like to make contact with you to chat about Palestine and to also talk about food, national dress and the culture in general. Please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.

"At midnight there was a cry,
"The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him!"



Ordination to the Diaconate

Seminararian Cay Trinh will be ordained Deacon for the Diocese of Ballarat on Saturday, December 16, 2023 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 10.00am. Please pray for Cay Trinh. All welcome to attend.

Knox Public Lecture 2023

Presented by Dr Susan Connelly RSJ, "Truth and Peace: Timeless Twins" on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 7.30pm, live videostream via zoom. To book scan the QR code or go to <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1141646>

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: 11th & 12th November 2023				
	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
Sat 6pm Mildura	R Tongue	M McDonald Volunteers 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	M Gobbo	M Sullivan J Macri
Sun 10am Red Cliffs	D Eagle	D Eagle	F Dominelli	T Lewis & Tongan Choir
Sun 10.30am Merbein	B Wells	K Wagner	N Baby, Isabel & Maria	K East
Sun 5pm Mildura	B Dolence	M Bowring, P Cox, G Johnston		T Fainga'anuku Group

Next Weekend Roster: 18th & 19th November 2023				
	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
Sat 6pm Mildura	A Naray	M Cirillo, A Greville, R Tongue		C Barbary Sacred Heart School
Sun 8.30am Irymple	G Schmidt			M Smith
Sun 9am Mildura	T Fainga'anuku	N Fatai, B Castillo, J Cresp	Baptism Family	Tongan Community M Guthrie
Sun 10am Red Cliffs	T Gardiner	A Higham	Lewis Family	T Lewis & Tongan Choir
Sun 10.30am Merbein	N Gallagher	K Aston	F Cox Val McCarthy	K East
Sun 5pm Mildura	Greg Johston	J Boord, T Finn, B Dolence		S Fatai K Mapapalangi

Please Pray for the Sick
 Vincent Tripodi
 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
 Agapito Tac-an (Anita Naray's father)

Anniversaries

Mildura:
 Saturday 6pm: Marion Sharman
 Sunday 8.30am: Maria Alligritti
 Sunday 9am: Glenn McPhail (First Ann.)
 Friday 6pm:
 Margaret Bowring Rogers
 St Vincent de Paul deceased members
 Saturday 4.15pm Natalina Chisari (First Ann.)

Merbein:
 Cosmo Dichiera, James McAllister, Charles Mangan, Pasqualina Grande and Daniel Byrne's

Red Cliffs:
 Cecilia & Domenico D'Anna, Vincenza Tassone, Francesco & Maria-Antonia 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.



MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK		
Tuesday	9.30am	No Mass Red Cliffs
	6pm	No Mass Mildura
Wednesday	2pm	Mildura
Thursday	9.30am	Merbein Anointing
	9.30am	No Mass 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 **November 2023**

Sat 11 Nov: Marian Mass, Our Lady Gate of Heaven, 9.30am
Sun 12 Nov: Trading Table—Sacred Heart Church after 9am Mass
Sun 12 Nov: Trading Table—Red Cliffs Church after 10am Mass
Mon 13 Nov: Knights of the Southern Cross meeting 7.30pm-Clubrooms
Thu 16 Nov: Anointing Mass, Merbein church 9.30am
Fri 17 Nov: St Vincent de Paul deceased members Mass 6pm
Tue 21 Nov: Princes Court Aged Care Service 1pm
Wed 22 Nov: Oasis Aged Care Service 1pm
Wed 22 Nov: Anointing Mass, Mildura Church 2pm
Wed 22 Nov: Sacrament of Reconciliation Grade 2 students 7pm
Wed 22 Nov: Baptism Preparation evening, Monaghan Centre 7pm
Tue 28 Nov: Parish Finance Meeting, 7.15am, Parish Office
Tue 28 Nov: BUPA Aged Care Service 1pm

First Reading

Wisdom 6:12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes
herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave
you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are
worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-8. 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. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Israel was often portrayed as a bride in Jewish scriptures. So, the question was: 'When would the Bridegroom – the Anointed One of God, the Christ – appear?' Jesus' warning is to the attendants of the bride: 'Be alert, be vigilant, be prepared.' *Some* (the five foolish attendants) did miss the moment: the earthly ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.

But his warning is also for the Catholic Church which is the new Bride of Christ. We are the attendants to the Bride and the imperative applies to us also: Be alert, be vigilant. Be prepared for the eruption, the intervention of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, into *our* history, into *our* moment of time.

For example, is Christ coming to meet us in the modern movements which demand to hold authority accountable, or which press for just recognition of women? We can foolishly remain in the dark or we can wisely try to throw light on these questions. Only then we will be able to discern whether indeed it is the Lord who is approaching.

We could pause to pray that we be ready when the Bridegroom responds to the ancient prayer: 'Come, Lord Jesus!' © Fr Michael Tate; mtate@bigpond.com

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

Next Weeks Readings: / 33rd Sunday in OT

19th November 2023

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Psalm: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Response: Ps 127:1-5

Second Reading: St Paul to the Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30