

# Sunraysia Catholic Communities

Irymple, Merbein, Mildura, Red Cliffs and Werrimull

Parish Priest Fr Matthew Thomas

Edition: 04/2023

Assistant Priest Fr Shaiju Mathew Visiting Priest Fr Anthony Nagothu (Robinvale)

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 22nd January 2023

*'The Lord is my light and my salvation' is the response to the psalm. What does this mean and how does it relate to my life? In moments and times of darkness and depression or challenge we can turn to God to give us light on the situation. It is surprising the Work God does for us through the influence of others, and through the development of our awareness of the situation at hand.*

*This coming Thursday we have Australia Day, this week we will be having masses at Mildura at 9.30am and Red Cliffs at 5.30pm (there will be no mass at Merbein). This is a day to recognize the country in which we live by the diversity of cultures and customs and traditions and practises. We are fortunate to live in a great country which allows us to be free.*

*The coming week our schools resume for 2023 with some of the students and staff returning either Friday or early the next week. We wish them all the best for the 2023 school year and hope it is full of exciting learning and teaching, building strong friendships and future leaders.*

### Message from the Parish Priest

God Bless *Fr Matthew*

#### Tap & Go—Presbytery 1st Collection

The Sacred Heart Parish has purchased a Tap & Go unit to trial at the Sacred Heart Church for the Presbytery— 1st Collection during the next few months. Should the trial be successful units will then be installed at all churches for 1st Collection.

The unit is currently located on the bench near the Baptismal font.

#### Baptism

We welcome to our Sunraysia Parish Community — **Ronan Carlin, Deniro Rix and Elias Breewel** whose baptism occurs this weekend.



#### Sacred Heart Parish Office Hours

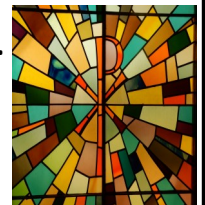
January 2023

Please take note of the Office hours for January.

From: 3rd January till 25th January  
**9am - 12noon only.**

**Thursday 26th January  
Office closed Public Holiday.**

The return to normal office hours will commence from Friday 27th January.



#### Parish Contact Details

**Administration Officer** Mrs Carmel Russo  
**Office Hours** Tuesday— Friday 9am—4pm  
257 Eleventh Street Mildura  
Po Box 10037 Mildura Vic 3502  
**Phone** 03 50212872  
0417 862 082 (**After Hours**)  
**Email:** mildura@ballarat.catholic.org.au

#### Finances

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1371.55	\$126.30	\$189.40
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$1369.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 34.00
<b>Loose Plate</b>	\$515.50	\$ 56.50	\$ 49.15
<b>Special Collections</b> Trading Table	\$	\$	\$100.00
<b>Next weeks Counting Team</b>	Team 8 — L Welsh		

### WERRIMULL MASS BUS TRIP

Our first Werrimull Bus trip for 2023 will be held on Sunday 29th January.

To make a booking, please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.



Currently we have 5 people booked in to travel on the bus, should there be no further bookings alternative arrangements will be made to travel to Werrimull.

### Lenten Program 2023

We are now taking orders for those who wish to participate or organise a group for the 2023 Lenten Program.



For further information or to place an order please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.

Lenten Program: Would you like to join a group? To be held on Thursday mornings at 10am, during lent. Contact Janet Hill 0438 234 765 for further details.

### Advance Notice

**Ash Wednesday:** 22 February

**Rite of Election 2023:** Saturday, 25 February, 2023 at 12.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat. Lunch will follow in the Hall.

**Mass of the Oils 2023:** Monday, 3 April, 2023 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 6.30pm. Supper will follow in the Hall.

### Weekly Prayer and Spiritual Opportunities

#### Sacred Heart Church Mildura

**Charismatic Group** Tuesday after 6pm Mass

**Exposition and Benediction** Friday 4pm

**Reconciliation** Saturday 10am-10.30am

#### Monaghan Centre

**Christian Meditation** Saturday 11.30am

**Scripture Reflection** Thurs 3pm

**Children's Catechesis** Sat 10am -11am

### Sacramental Dates for 2023

**Parent meeting & celebration dates for the following Sacraments will take place on:**

#### Penance (Grade 3 and above)

Parent meeting 15th February 7pm, SH Church.

Celebration 5th April, 7pm SH Church



RECONCILIATION



#### Confirmation (Grade 3 and above)

Parent meeting 22nd March 7pm, SH Church

Friday 26th, Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th May.

#### First Eucharist (Grade 4 and above)

Parent meeting 6th September 7pm, SH Church

Friday 21st, Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd October



#### Penance (Grade 2 and above)

Parent meeting 4th October 7pm, SH Church

Celebration Wednesday 22nd November 7pm



RECONCILIATION



Aid to the Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia:

ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church.

Aid to the Church in Need is asking for support to aid sisters in Kenya in building a new mother house and formation centre for their local community. Hunger, illiteracy, and lack of medical provision, combined with desperately poor roads and a lack of clean drinking water make life incredibly difficult for many people in Kenya. The diocesan congregation of the "Visitation Daughters of the Immaculate Heart" were established in order to help this needy population - but to continue their work they need your help! The sisters' work includes caring for expectant mothers, acting as midwives, providing counselling, caring for the sick and looking after the elderly and orphans who are frequently abandoned by society.

Your support will help these sisters to continue their mission by providing them with a permanent convent.

To make an offering and learn more visit

<https://aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject> or scan the Qr code.



### Parish Schools Contact

**Sacred Heart Primary School Mildura**

Principal Mr Mark Gibson 5023 1204

**St Paul's Primary School Mildura**

Principal Mr Vince Muscatello 5023 4567

**St Joseph's Primary School Red Cliffs**

Principal Mrs Naomi Kennedy 5024 1654

**Our Lady of Sacred Heart Merbein**

Principal Mrs Narelle Gallagher 5025 2258

**St Joseph's Secondary College Mildura**

Principal Mrs Marg Blythman 5018 8000

Sunraysia Catholic Communities adheres to the Child Safe Standards of Victoria. Our policies are on display in each Church, and on our website. Parish Safeguarding Officers:

Mildura

Mr Peter Issanchon

Red Cliffs

Mrs Bernadette Gardner

Merbein

Mr Kevin Aston

Roster				
<b>22 January 2023</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Offertory</b>	<b>Music</b>
<b>Sat 6pm Mildura</b>	C Carmichael	M McDonald, A Naray, R Tongue	Carlin Family	M Hammond, J Ljubic
<b>Sun 8.30am Irymple</b>	G McCracken			
<b>Sun 9am Mildura</b>	L Welsh	L Belej, E Garreffa, C Howell	Baptism	M Guthrie & singers
<b>Sun 10am Red Cliffs</b>	J Cameron	P Hunt	Lewis Family	Tongan Choir
<b>Sun 10.30am Merbein</b>	M Bowring		J & A O'Connor	K East
<b>Sun 5pm Mildura</b>	G Johnston	C Carlucci, J Jose, T Cirillo		S Fatai
<b>29 January 2023</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Offertory</b>	<b>Music</b>
<b>Sat 6pm Mildura</b>	G Huxtable	V Pileggi, M Cirillo P Kerr		Singing Group M Sullivan
<b>Sun 8.30am Irymple</b>	W Schmidt			M Smith
<b>Sun 9am Mildura</b>	P Issanchon	M Modica, L Welsh, R Byra	M Gobbo	Filipino Choir M Issanchon
<b>Sun 10am Red Cliffs</b>	M Duck Lay Led	N Kennedy	N Orr	T Lewis
<b>Sun 10.30am Merbein</b>	N Gallagher		K McCarthy, K Wagner	K East
<b>Sun 5pm Mildura</b>	M Bowring	G Johnston, V Carlucci, M Bowring		Youth Mass Soane & Khadeja

**Please Pray for the Sick**  
*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.*  
**Teresa Camarotto, James Bowring, Caleb Bowers, Margaret Mottram, Rosemary Byrne, Jenny Boyd, Catherine Bell, Faye Cufari, Marie Adams, Barry Crosbie**

**Recent Deaths**  
**Shirley Gothorp, Joan Rodgers, Maria Panetta**  
**Anniversaries**  
**Pat Rocca Mildura:**  
**Saturday 6pm:** Mile Abramovic, Vincenzo Tuccio (30 day), Maria Longo, Kayleen Branch, Alfonso Tac-an, Fortonata Dando, Graciano Pancho, Paulina Cabug  
**Sunday 9am:** Giuseppe Simonetta, Vincenzo & Maria Simonetta, Mary Natale, Josephine Manna  
**Sunday 5pm:** Melina Rocca (30 day), Mario Simonetta (30 day), Cath Byrne Groves  
**Tuesday 6pm:** Mario Panetta, Giuseppina & Vincenzo Panetta  
**Merbein:** Joe Olden, George Russell, Vince Piscioneri, Martin Rogers, Pat Penfold  
**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 Time Table this Week**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>9.30am Red Cliffs</b>
	<b>Funeral</b>	<b>10am Mildura</b>
	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Mildura</b>
<b>Wednesday (Anointing)</b>	<b>2pm</b>	<b>Mildura</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mildura</b>
	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>9.30am Merbein</b>
	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Red Cliffs</b>
<b>Friday Funeral</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mildura</b>
	<b>4pm</b>	<b>Expo/Bened</b>
	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Mildura</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mildura</b>
	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Mildura</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Irymple</b>
	<b>9am</b>	<b>Mildura</b>
	<b>Lay Led</b>	<b>10am Red Cliffs</b>
		<b>10.30am Merbein</b>
		<b>11am Werrimull</b>
		<b>5pm Mildura</b>

**Upcoming Events January 2023**

**Anointing Masses**  
Mildura Wed 25 Jan 2pm

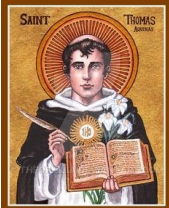
**Australia Day Masses**  
**Thursday 26 January**  
Mildura 9.30am  
Red Cliffs 5.30pm



**Sunday 29**  
**Mildura 9.45am:** Bus trip to Werrimull departing from the Sacred Heart Primary school 12th Street, main gate. Mass at 11am followed by lunch at the pub.  
**Red Cliffs 10am:** Lay Led Assembly

**Feast Days this coming week**

St Francis de Sales—24 January  
The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle—25 January  
St Thomas Aquinas—28 January



**St Thomas Aquinas**

## First Reading

Is 8:23 – 9:3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase, they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; Before whom shall I shrink? (R.)
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long,  
to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. (R.)
3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! (R.)



### Notices for the Bulletin

All requests for notices for the weekend bulletin need to be in by 12noon each Thursday.

You can either email: [mildura@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:mildura@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or call 5021 2872.

## Second Reading

1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

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

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

## Gospel Acclamation

Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

Mt 4:12-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!  
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,  
Galilee of the nations!  
The people that lived in darkness  
has seen a great light;  
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of  
death  
a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

Next Weeks Readings: 4th Sunday in OT Year A / 29 January 2023

First Reading: 1 Cor 1:4-15

Psalm: 39:2-3,

Second Reading: Is 49:3, 5-6

Gospel: Jn 1:29-34