



Sunraysia Catholic Communities

Irymple, Merbein, Mildura, Red Cliffs and Werrimull

Parish Priest Fr Matthew Thomas

Edition: 12/2023

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

4th Sunday in Lent (A) 19th March 2023

Easter Ceremonies 2023

Lent Reconciliation Service (28th March)

7pm Sacred Heart Mildura

Palm Sunday

1st & 2nd April (Masses at normal times)

Holy Thursday (6th April)

5pm Our Lady's Merbein

6pm St Joseph's Red Cliffs

7pm Sacred Heart Mildura

Good Friday (7th April)

9am Stations of the Cross Mildura

3pm Our Lady's Merbein - (Lay Led)

3pm St Joseph's Red Cliffs

3pm Sacred Heart Mildura

Easter Vigil (8th April)

6pm St Joseph's Red Cliffs

6pm Sacred Heart Mildura

Easter Sunday (9th April)

8.30am St Francis Xavier Irymple

9am Sacred Heart Mildura

10.30am Our Lady's Merbein

11am Our Lady of Lourdes Werrimull

No 5pm Mass Mildura

Message from the Parish Priest

On Friday I celebrated my 17th Anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. I am fortunate to have been and to be working in amazing communities which support me and give me life through my ministry.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want, is our Psalm response today. How do I allow the Shepherd to look after me and provide all that I need? When am I the shepherd to others?

Reminder about the Parent Info Night for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday.

God Bless *Fr Matthew*

Anointing Mass - March 2023

Mildura Wednesday 22nd March 2pm

Baptism

We welcome to our Sunraysia Parish Community — **Maddison Mangan, Grace McCunnie, Cynthia, James & Rohsina Badenoch, Giuliana, Sofia & Valeria Bozzi and Kayden Ireland** whose baptism occurs this weekend.



Tap & Go

Presbytery 1st Collection



TAP&GO

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.

Parish Contact Details

Administration Officer Mrs Carmel Russo

Office Hours Tuesday – Friday 9am – 4pm

257 Eleventh Street Mildura

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Phone 03 50212872

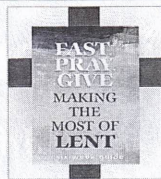
0417 862 082 (After Hours)

Email: mildura@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Finances

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1756.45	\$205.25	\$178.60
2nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$2610.30	\$440.00	\$239.75
Loose Plate	\$ 568.70	\$ 87.60	\$ 55.50
Special Collections	\$1333.30		
Project Compassion-Caritas—to date			
Next weeks Counting Team	Team 6—W Carmichael		

Making the Most of Lent through Prayer, Fasting and Giving



- Join a Lenten group
- Give up something you enjoy and/or love doing.
- Project Compassion envelopes packs are now available
- Giving of your time—visit a family member or friend
- Indian Community Stations of the cross Friday's 6.45pm, Sacred Heart Church.
- Tongan Community Stations of the cross Friday's 7.30pm, Sacred Heart Church.
- Stations of the Cross—Thursday 23rd March after 5.30pm Mass—St Joseph's Church, Red Cliffs

St Joseph's Church Red Cliffs

Will be celebrating the Feast of St Joseph this Sunday 19th March with a cuppa and nibbles after the 10am Mass. All welcome.



Confirmation (Grade 3 and above)

Parent meeting 22nd March 7pm, SH Church
Sacrament celebrated on Friday 26th, Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th May.

Around the Table Lunch Group

Is a local parish group who gather every second Saturday of each month at Mildura RSL in the Wirraway Bistro. Bookings a must. For further information contact Althea Mitting on 0488 474 948. All welcome.

Ritchies Community Benefit Program

The Sacred Heart Parish has registered the Church for the Ritchies Community Benefit Program. We will be supporting the Sacred Heart Soup Kitchen under the banner of Sacred Heart Catholic Church Mildura. For further information please contact the Parish Office 5021 2872 or register online: www.ritchies.com.au/loyalty

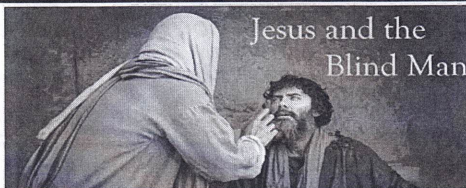
Lenten Retreat—

By His wounds we are Healed *Isaiah 53:4*

at St Michael's Church Buronga

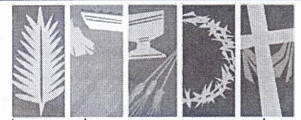
3rd April—5 April 2023 from 6pm –8.30pm

- Holy Mass
- Healing Adoration
- Praise & Worship
- Confession & counselling



Palm Sunday & Holy Week Rosters

Volunteers are needed for Palm Sunday and Holy Week Masses: readers, Eucharistic ministers; altar servers etc.



Please place your names on the roster sheets provided at the back of Merbein & Red Cliffs church and Monaghan centre foyer Mildura .



**Fourth Sunday of Lent
18th & 19th March**



Thu lost his leg after stepping on a land mine in Vietnam. With the support of the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development, Thu can now earn extra income and care for his wife as she recovers from a stroke.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow ***For All Future Generations.***

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

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 2pm –3pm.

Children's Catechesis Sat 10am –11am

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

This weekend Roster : 18th & 19th March 2023				
	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
Sat 6pm Mildura	A Naray	K Quinlan, A Naray, M McDonald	Baptism	Filipino Choir M Issanchon
Sun 8.30am Irymple	W Schmidt			M Smith
Sun 9am Mildura	R Op't Hoog	R & R Op't Hoog, C Howell	Baptism	Tongan Choir M Guthrie
Sun 10am Red Cliffs	M Slater	C Cavallaro	F Dominelli	T Lewis / Tongan Choir
Sun 10.30am Merbein	N Gallagher	N Prevedello	K McCarthy, Val McCarthy	K East
Sun 5pm Mildura	B Bunting	T Finn, B Dolence, J Boord	Baptism	S Fatai, K Mapapalangi

Please Pray for the Sick



Morgan Dias-Jones
Lindsay Willding,
Teresa Camarotto,

James Bowring,
Rosemary Byrne, Jenny Boyd,
Catherine Bell, Faye Cufari,
Marie Adams, Barry Crosbie

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.

Next Weekend Roster: 25th & 26th March 2023				
	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
Sat 6pm Mildura	K Quinlan	V Pileggi, K Quinlan, P Kerr		M Guthrie, All welcome
Sun 8.30am Irymple	D Knight			M Smith
Sun 9am Mildura	T Fainga'anuku	K Mapapalangi, E Mazza, R Byra	M Gobbo	M Sullivan, B Lewis B Prescott, M Bowring
Sun 10am Red Cliffs	M Bell	M Dominelli	Baptism	T Lewis / Tongan Choir
Sun 10.30am Merbein	K Aston	K McCarthy	P Sylvia, J Rogers	K East
Sun 5pm Mildura	B Dolence	S Hermans, B Bunting, K Groves		S Fatai, K Mapapalangi

Recent Deaths

Eunice Williams



Anniversaries

Mildura:

Sunday 9am:

Tony Rogers, Tim Bowring

Sunday 5pm:

Domenico Ficarra, Natale Mammone, Leo Timpano, Ilario Dichiera

Friday 6pm:

Giuseppe Vallelonga

Merbein:

Frank Lowry, Eva Matotek and Vincenzo Bardieri.

Red Cliffs:

Giuseppe & Maria D'Anna, Domenico & Caterina D'Anna, Giuseppe D'Anna, Cecilia & Domenica D'Anna, Vincenza 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 Time Table this Week

Monday	9.30am Mildura (St Joseph)
Tuesday	9.30am No Mass
	6pm Mildura
Wednesday	2pm Mildura
	3.00pm Funeral
Thursday	9.30am No Mass
	9.30am Merbein
	5.30pm Red Cliffs
Friday	4pm Expo/Bened
	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

March 2023

Tue 21: Northern Zone Meeting—Mildura

Wed 22: Anointing Mass, Mildura

Wed 22: Baptism Preparation Evening, Monaghan Centre 7pm

Wed 22: Confirmation Parent Meeting, SH Church 7pm

Tue 28: Sacred Heart Parish Finance meeting 7.15am, Parish Office

Tue 28: BUPA Aged Care Service 1pm

Sacred Heart Tennis Club

Would love to welcome new and existing members to their Open Day in Mid April for seniors (DTBC).

For further information please contact:-

Tess Robinson: 0438 572 907—for seniors

Carole DeMaria: 0448 334 440—for juniors or email:

sacredheartjuniors@gmail.com



**Fourth
SUNDAY
IN
LENT**

First Reading

1 Sm 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

A reading from the first book of Samuel

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22 R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
In the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me

all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Next Weeks Readings:

5th Sunday in Lent Year A / 26th March 2023

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Psalm: Ps 129

Second Reading: St Paul to the Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

Second Reading

Eph 5:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 8:12

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Jn 9:1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.