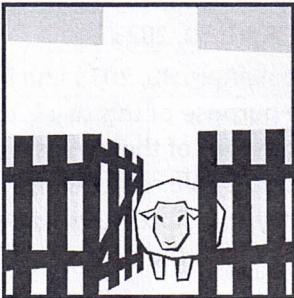


Sunraysia Catholic Communities

Irymple, Merbein, Mildura, Red Cliffs and Werrimull

Parish Priest Fr Matthew Thomas
Assistant Priest Fr John Corrigan

Edition: 18/2023
Visiting Priest: Fr Shaiju Mathew



4th Sunday of Easter Year A / 30th April 2023

Message from the Parish Priest

This weekend we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, this is a great time to pray for and with Priests and Religious. Its also a vocation awareness time as well. Have you ever thought about a vocation to the priesthood or religious life yourself or do you know some who would be thinking about a vocation and give them the support or formally ask them to consider it?

This weekend we will have all of our Confirmation candidates at mass where they will receive the Creed.

Last week Mrs. Gwen Hill who was the sacristan at Mildura died. We thank Gwen for her service to the community for well over 25 years as she opened and closed the church, set up for masses, weddings, funerals. There will be a memorial service for her on Fri 12th May 6pm all welcome to attend.

God Bless *Fr Matthew*

Anointing Mass - May 2023

Red Cliffs Thursday 11th May 5.30pm

Merbein Thursday 18th May 9.30am

Mildura Wednesday 24th May 2pm

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

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Refreshments to follow in the Monaghan Centre. All welcome.

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Mass Count for May

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over the 4 weekends in May

6th & 7th, 13th & 14th, 20th & 21st & 27th & 28

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.



Parish Contact Details

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Finances

| Last week's collections | Mildura | Merbein | Red Cliffs |
|---|-------------------|----------|------------|
| 1st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery) | \$1997.80 | \$184.15 | \$184.55 |
| 2nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC) | \$1958.00 | \$212.00 | \$698.6 |
| Loose Plate | \$ 679.70 | \$ 81.85 | \$100.45 |
| Special Collections Project Compassion-Caritas—to date | \$4484.85 | | |
| Next weeks Counting Team | Team 2 - R Tongue | | |



Flores de Mayo

The Filipino Community of Sunraysia will be celebrating their annual Flores de Mayo (Flowers of May) with Mass on Sunday,

May 21st at 9am. All welcome.

Morning tea will be provided after Mass.

Any young girls and boys who would like to participate as angels in the procession are all most welcome. (Girls please dress in white, boys white shirt & black pants).

Please contact Anita 0418 537 959 for more information.



This weekend the children who are to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will be presented with the Nicene Creed

Confirmation weekend dates

Celebration of Confirmation will be held on Friday 26th, Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th May.

FEAST OF

ST PETER CHANEL

The Tongan community would like to thank you all for helping celebrate the Feast of Peter Chanel last Sunday and we thank the

Tongan Community who have kindly donated to the Sacred Heart Parish \$3,000.00



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single life, the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

Vocations Prayer

Holy Spirit, stir within us the passion to promote vocations to the single and married life, consecrated life, societies of apostolic life, diocesan priesthood and permanent diaconate.

Inspire us daily to respond to Your call with boundless compassion, abundant generosity, and radical availability.

Help us to remember our own baptismal call to rouse us to invite the next generation to hear and respond to Your call.

Inspire parents, families and lay ecclesial ministers to begin a conversation with young Catholics to consider how they will live lives of holiness and sacred service.

Nudge inquirers and motivate discerners to learn more about vowed and associate commitment in apostolic life, cloistered life, evangelical life, lay ecclesial ministers, missionary life, monastic life and societies of apostolic life.

Ignite our Church with the confident humility that there is an urgent need for all the baptised to live their vocation in solidarity with those who are poor, neglected, and marginalized. Amen.

THE HARVEST IS ABUNDANT BUT THE LABORERS ARE FEW; SO ASK THE MASTER OF THE HARVEST TO SEND OUT LABORERS FOR HIS HARVEST.

LK 10:2



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.

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 : 29th & 30th April 2023 | | | | |
|--|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| | Readers | Eucharistic Ministers | Offertory | Music |
| Sat 6pm Mildura | K Quinlan | K Quinlan, M Cirillo, R Tongue | Volunteer | M Guthre, J Ljubic, M Bowring, |
| Sun 8.30am Irymple | W Schmidt | | | M Smith |
| Sun 9am Mildura | P Issanchon | M Modica, L Welsh, C Howell | M Gobbo | M Sullivan, J Macri, B Lewis, B Prescott |
| Sun 10am Red Cliffs | A Higham | D Eagle | N Orr | T Lewis & Tongan Choir |
| Sun 10.30am Merbein | N Baby Lay Led | J Dannatt | Nimmy Baby & Isabel | K East |
| Sun 5pm Mildura | B Bunting | G Johnston, P Cox, J Boord | Volunteer | Youth Mass M Issanchon, Khadeja |
| Next Weekend Roster: 6th & 7th May 2023 | | | | |
| | Readers | Eucharistic Ministers | Offertory | Music |
| Sat 6pm Mildura | G Huxtable | M Cirillo, A Naray, P Kerr | Baptism | M Guthrie All welcome |
| Sun 8.30am Irymple | D Knight | | | M Smith |
| Sun 9am Mildura | R Op't Hoog | L Belej, E Garreffa R O'Callaghan | Baptism | Italian Choir M Sullivan |
| Sun 10am Red Cliffs | P Hunt | T Gardiner | Russo Family | T Lewis & Tongan Choir |
| Sun 10.30am Merbein | K Wagner | Val McCarthy | Pelasio Family | K East |
| Sun 5pm Mildura | B Dolence | C Carlucci, T Finn, B Dolence | Baptism | T Fainga' Anuka, Group |

Please Pray for the Sick



**Natalina D'Anna
Denis Pasut
Morgan Dias-Jones
Teresa Camarotto,
James Bowring, Rosemary Byrne,
Catherine Bell, 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.

Recent Deaths

Gwen Hill



Anniversaries

Mildura:

Sunday 8.30am:

Rosa & Grace Lamattina

Sunday 9am:

Franc Gadanec (1yr anniversary), Mary Gadanec, Karen Belej

Sunday 5pm:

Vincenzo Pileggi

Friday 6pm:

Inez Sullivan

Merbein:

Harry Jay, Jack McDonald and Frank Chandler

Red Cliffs:

Giuseppe & Domenico Mammone

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

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| Tuesday | 9.30am | Red Cliffs |
| | 10am | Funeral Mildura |
| | 6pm | Mildura |
| Wednesday | 9.30am | Mildura |
| | Thursday | 9.30am |
| 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

May 2023

Tue 2: Jacaranda Aged Care Service 2pm

Mon 8: KSC monthly meeting 7.30pm

Fri 5: Memorial Mass Inez Sullivan

Tue 9: Princes Court Aged Care Service 1pm

Thu 11: Anointing Mass Red Cliffs 5.30pm

Fri 12: Memorial Mass Gwen Hill

Sun 14: Red Cliffs Cuppa & Trading Table after 10am Mass

Wed 17: Oasis Aged Care Service 1pm

Thu 18: Anointing Mass Merbein 9.30am

Thu 18: St Anthony Committee meeting 7.30pm KSC Clubrooms

Sun 21: Red Cliffs Parish Council meeting after 10am Mass

Sun 21: OLSH Parish Council meeting after 10.30am Mass

Tue 23: Sacred Heart Finance Meeting 7.15am

Tue 23: BUPA Aged Care Service 1pm

Tue 23: Sacred Heart Parish Council meeting after 6pm Mass, Monaghan Centre

Wed 24: Anointing Mass Mildura 2pm

Wed 24: Baptism Preparation evening 7pm Monaghan Centre

First Reading

Acts 2:14. 36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22:1-6. 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.)



Second Reading

1 Pt 2:20-25

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 10:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,
I am the gate of the sheepfold.
All others who have come
are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of them.
I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe:
he will go freely in and out
and be sure of finding pasture.
The thief comes
only to steal and kill and destroy.
I have come
so that they may have life
and have it to the full.'

Next Weeks Readings:

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A / 7th May 2023

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

Psalm: Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

Response: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading: Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:1-12