



Sunraysia Catholic Communities

Irymple, Merbein, Mildura, Red Cliffs and Werrimull

Parish Priest Fr Matthew Thomas

Edition: 13/2023

Assistant Priest Fr Shaiju Mathew

Visiting Priest Fr Anthony Nagothu (Robinvale)

5th Sunday in Lent (A) 26th 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

We welcome Fr Jim McKay who will be with us this weekend.

As you are aware, Fr Anthony Nagothu will be leaving the Ballarat Diocese to work in America after Easter. We wish Fr Anthony well and thank him for his time in Sunraysia. With this occurring Bishop Paul Bird has appointed Fr Shaiju Mathew as the new Administrator for the Parishes of Robinvale and Ouyen. We wish Fr Shaiju well sending prayers and support as he starts his new ministry after Easter. In light of this announcement we will be welcoming Fr John Corrigan who is currently at Warrnambool to the Sunraysia.

Reminder that next weekend is Psalm Sunday and Daylight Savings and you need to turn your clocks back one hour next Saturday evening.

God Bless *Fr Matthew*



Weddings

We congratulate **Matthew West & Emily Symons** who were married this weekend.

Baptism

We welcome to our Sunraysia Parish Community — **Ella Abriani** whose baptism occurs this weekend.



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

Administration Officer Mrs Carmel Russo

Office Hours Tuesday – Friday 9am – 4pm

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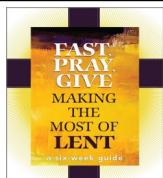
0417 862 082 (After Hours)

Email: mildura@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Finances

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1st Collection <small>(supporting Priests & Presbytery)</small>	\$1648.35	\$ 62.75	\$205.10
2nd Collection <small>(includes all EFT, DD & CC)</small>	\$2206.50	\$180	\$262.75
Loose Plate	\$824.10	\$ 11.35	\$ 42.25
Special Collections <small>Project Compassion-Caritas—to date</small>	\$1820.65		
Next weeks Counting Team	Team 7—J Farrelly		

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.



Celebration of Reconciliation for children registered in Grade 3 and above will be held on Wednesday 5th April 7pm, Sacred Heart Church

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

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 .

Lenten Retreat—Fr Rojan George vc

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

Communion to the Sick & House Bound—All Parishes

We are currently updating our communion to the sick and house bound lists for all Parishes: Mildura, Merbein and Red Cliffs

If you take communion to family members, friends or parishioners and to those who recently became unwell, please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872.

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.

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



Fifth Sunday of Lent 25th & 26th March



Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Tereesa, Priscilla and Thu. Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.



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 and 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 : 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

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.

Recent Deaths

Orio Ghilardi,
Sr Sheila Belleville (Ballarat)



Anniversaries

Mildura:

Saturday 6pm: Harold Green

Sunday 9am:

Sunday 5pm:

Friday 6pm:

Merbein:

Carlo Longeri, Terry Rowe, Domenico Manno, Isabell Russell, Harry Deed and Joy Andrews

Red Cliffs: Eileen McDonald

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.

Next Weekend Roster: 1st & 2nd April 2023				
	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
Sat 6pm Mildura	As per Easter Roster	As per Easter Rosters	As per Easter Rosters	Filipino Choir, M Issanchon
Sun 8.30am Irymple	M Hill			M Smith
Sun 9am Mildura	As per Easter Roster	As per Easter Rosters	As per Easter Rosters	Italian Choir, M Sullivan
Sun 10am Red Cliffs	As per Easter Roster	As per Easter Rosters	As per Easter Rosters	T Lewis / Tongan Choir
Sun 10.30am Merbein	As per Easter Roster	As per Easter Rosters	As per Easter Rosters	K East
Sun 5pm Mildura	As per Easter Roster	As per Easter Rosters	As per Easter Rosters	M Hammond, J Macri

We congratulate Jim

McCracken who is celebrating his 90th Birthday on Monday



Mass Time Table this Week		
Tuesday	9.30am	Red Cliffs
	1pm	BUPA Aged Care
	6pm	Mildura
Wednesday	9.30am	Mildura
Thursday	9.30am	Mildura
	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



March & April 2023

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

Tue 28: BUPA Aged Care Service 1pm

Tue 28: Lent Reconciliation Service 7pm, Sacred Heart Church

Wed 5: Reconciliation Grade 3 and above 7pm, Sacred Heart Church

Mon 10: KSC monthly meeting 7.30pm, KSC Clubrooms

Wed 12: Chaffey Aged Care Service 10.30am

Thu 13: St Anthony Committee Meeting 7.30pm KSC Clubrooms

Thu 13: Anointing Mass—Red Cliffs 5.30pm

Thu 20: Anointing Mass—Merbein 9.30am

Thu 20: Regis Ontario Aged Care Service 1.30pm

Wed 26: Anointing Mass—Mildura 2pm

Wed 26: Baptism Preparation evening, 7pm Monaghan Centre

Next Weeks Readings: Palm Sunday in Lent Year A / 2nd April 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm: Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-34

Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading: St Paul to the Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Matthew 27:11-54

First Reading

Ez 37:12-14

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 129. R. v.7

(R.) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. (R.)
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. (R.)
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.) (R.)
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. (R.)

Second Reading

Rom 8:8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

Gospel Acclamation

See Jn 11:25. 26

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Jn 11:3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the resurrection and the life.

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.
If anyone believes in me, even though he dies
he will live,
and whoever lives and believes in me
will never die.
Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.
I knew indeed that you always hear me,
but I speak
for the sake of all these who stand round me,
so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.