

Sunraysia Catholic Communities

Irymple, Merbein, Mildura, Red Cliffs and Werrimull

Parish Priest Fr Matthew Thomas

Edition: 07/2023

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

Message from the Parish Priest

In this weekends readings we are reminded about the Law of the Lord, the oaths made and promises given. We live in a country which has Laws and these are to be followed to provide equality, justice and fairness for all. If we chose to break these laws then there is a consequence that follows. In living out the law set out, sometimes it is challenging and hard and other times gives us structure and security. For ourselves which laws do we find easy to follow and which ones are hard? In the hard ones this can be an opportunity for personal growth and awareness.

Please note: The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday 14th February

God Bless *Fr Matthew*

Ash Wednesday is fast approaching, here are the mass times:

Wednesday 22nd February

- 9.30am St Joseph's Red Cliffs with the Primary School
- 10am Combines Mass St Paul's and Sacred Heart Primary School (SH Mildura)
- 2pm Sacred Heart Mildura anointing included
- 5pm St Joseph's Ouyen
- 6pm Sacred Heart Mildura
- 7pm Our Lady's Robinvale

Thursday 23rd February 9.30am Our Lady's Merbein



Anointing Masses - February 2023

- Merbein** Thursday 16th February 9.30am
- Mildura** Wednesday 22nd February 2pm



Weddings

We congratulate **Stephen Russo & Minami Yokokawa** who were married 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

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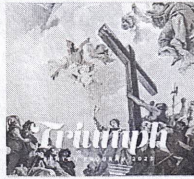
Finances

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1st Collection <small>(supporting Priests & Presbytery)</small>	\$1212.90	\$149.95	\$225.40
2nd Collection <small>(includes all EFT, DD & CC)</small>	\$2540.25	\$232.00	\$209.00
Loose Plate	\$ 556.00	\$ 73.15	\$ 78.55
Special Collections	\$	\$	
Next weeks Counting Team	Team 1— G Lavery		

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 12th February 2023

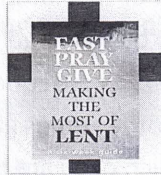
Lenten Program 2023

Triumph: 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.



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 available from next weekend
- Giving of your time—visit a family member or friend



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



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 20th, Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd October



Penance (Grade 2 and above)

Parent meeting 4th October 7pm, SH Church
Celebration Wednesday 22nd November 7pm



Sacred Heart Family Group

Will begin the new year on Sunday 12th February at Café 1909, Riverside Restaurant with lunch as 12 noon.
Please book with Denise or Gerry on 5021 1918. All welcome and looking forward to seeing you.

World Day of Prayer 2023—Taiwan

Mildura

Will be held on Friday 3rd March at the Salvation Army, 14th St, Mildura at 10am followed by morning tea. All welcome.



Red Cliffs

The World Day of Prayer in Red Cliffs will go ahead for 2023.
Further details in next week's bulletin.

Catechesium

The Sisters of Charity are running Catechesium classes here at Sacred Heart Church, Monaghan Centre every Saturday from 10am—11am. If you are aged 3-13 years old and would like to attend please come along and see what it is all about. All welcome.

LLL & L Group Red Cliffs

The first Lenten Group meeting will be held at Di Eagles place. All welcome.
Please contact Janine Cameron for further details on 0438 730 976.

Trading Stalls

Mildura & Red Cliffs 12th February 2023



This Sunday, a Cuppa and Trading stalls will be held in Mildura after the 9am Mass & Red Cliffs after the 10am Mass.

Seeking donations of produce: fruit, vegetables, plants, seedlings, **conserves:** jams, chutneys, relish, **baked goods:** cakes, biscuits, slices, bread etc. If these can be brought in on the day of the stall it would be appreciated

Proceeds from the Mildura Trading Stall goes to The Shared Table and proceeds from the Red Cliffs Trading Stall this month will go to The Shared Table.



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

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 : 12th February 2023

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
Sat 6pm Mildura	A Naray	V Pileggi, M Cirillo, R Tongue		M Guthrie, M Bowring
Sun 8.30am Irymple	D Knight			M Smith
Sun 9am Mildura	T Fainganuku	K Mapapalangi, R O'Callaghan, J Rocca	L Belej	Filipino Choir M Issanchon
Sun 10am Red Cliffs	T Gardiner	B Pitt	M Bell	T Lewis
Sun 10.30am Merbein	B Collins	K Wagner	F Cox, Val McCarthy	K East
Sun 5pm Mildura	B Bunting	B Dolence, G Johnston, B Bunting		S Faita K Mapapalangi

Next Weekend Roster: 19th February 2023

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
Sat 6pm Mildura	K Quinlan	A Greville, A Naray, K Quinlan		Filipino Choir M Issanchon
Sun 8.30am Irymple	M Hill			M Smith
Sun 9am Mildura	J O'Brien	P O'Donnell, E Mazza, Volunteer please	L & C Welsh	Tongan Choir M Guthrie
Sun 10am Red Cliffs	A Higham	C Russo	G Brizzi	T Lewis
Sun 10.30am Merbein	E Piscioneri	K Aston	E & S Iamarino	K East
Sun 5pm Mildura	B Dolence	J Hall, M Rodi, K Groves		M Hammond, J Macri, J Ljubic

Please Pray for the Sick



Vince Addamo,
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

Raymond D'Antoine (Johnson)

Anniversaries

Rosa & Grace Lamattina 50th anniversary
18th Feb 6pm

Mildura:

Saturday 6pm: Teresa Cavallo (1 yr)

Sunday 9am:

Sunday 5pm:



Merbein:

Rita Bowring, Rosa Longeri
Maurice Wilson,
Christopher Matotek,

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

Tuesday	9.30am	Red Cliffs
	6pm	Mildura
Wednesday	9.30am	Mildura
Thursday	9.30am	Mildura
	Anoint	9.30am Merbein
	1.30pm	Regis Ontar.
	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

February 2023

Sun 12: Trading Table after 9am Mass Mildura & 10am Mass Red Cliffs.

Mon 13: KSC meeting KSC clubrooms 7.30pm

Wed 15: Parent Meeting-Sacrament of Penance 7pm

Thu 16: Regis Ontario Service 1.30pm

Thu 16: St Anthony Committee meeting KSC clubrooms 7.30pm

Sun 19: OLSH Parish Council meeting after 10.30am Mass

Wed 22: Baptism Information meeting 7pm-Monaghan Centre

Sun 26: St Joseph's Red Cliffs Parish Council meeting after 10am Mass.

Tue 28: Finance Meeting 7.15am Parish Office

Tue 28: Sacred Heart Parish Council meeting after 6pm Mass, Monaghan Centre

Next Weeks Readings:

7th Sunday in OT Year A / 19 February 2023

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

Psalm: Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

Second Reading: St Paul to the Corinthians 3:16-23

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

First Reading

Sir 15:15-20

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!
They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. (R.)
2. You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. (R.)
3. Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. (R.)
4. Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Cor 2:6-10

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

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel Acclamation

See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 5:17-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'