



Sunraysia Catholic Communities

Irymple, Merbein, Mildura, Red Cliffs and Werrimull

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Pentecost Year A / 28th May 2023

MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

Recognising Mary as Mother of the Church (*Mater Ecclesiae*) dates back to St Ambrose, Archbishop of Milan in the 4th century. However, this title was lost to posterity until its 1944 rediscovery by Jesuit theologian Hugo Rahner.



Fr Rahner's Mariology greatly influenced Pope St Paul VI, who was himself Archbishop of Milan prior to becoming pope. During his speech concluding the third session of the Second Vatican Council on 21st November 1964, Pope Paul made a solemn decree: "We declare Mary Most Holy Mother of the Church, that is, of all the Christian people. This title will help us to honour Mary, loving Queen of the world, source of unity as our Mother, and tender hope of our salvation."

A mosaic depicting Our Lady, *Mater Ecclesiae* is considered the last stone in the construction of St Peter's Square in Rome. In 1980, at an annual Holy Week gathering of university students, a student expressed his surprise to the pope that although there are 162 statues of saints in St Peter's Square, he couldn't find an image of Our Lady. The pope replied, "Then we should finish the square!" The mosaic was subsequently installed and blessed in 1981.

In 1990, Pope John Paul II built a new monastery in the Vatican Gardens, dedicated to Mary, Mother of the Church. When he retired, Pope Benedict XVI moved into the *Mater Ecclesiae* monastery, where he remained until his death on New Year's Eve, 2022.

In 2018, Pope Francis decreed that the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church be celebrated on the Monday after Pentecost – that is, this Monday coming! *Holy Mary, Mother of the Church: pray for the Church, and pray for us.*

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Message from the Parish Priest

This weekend we celebrate Pentecost, the Holy Spirit being sent down upon the disciples to commence their ministry of spreading the good news of Jesus through all different communities.

We are very lucky to have 84 of our younger parishioners who celebrate Confirmation this weekend. We pray that they are filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit; wisdom, understanding, knowledge, right judgement, love, courage and wonder and awe. We thank their families and sponsors in assisting them in their preparation. Just a reminder that nominations forms for the new parish council need to be in the office by Monday 5th June.

Thanks to the Knights of the Southern Cross for preparing lunch last weekend and for those who were able to attend the celebration for our Lady of the Sacred Heart, it was a lovely lunch.

God Bless

Fr Matthew



Weddings

We congratulate **Christopher Panuccio and Winnie Huang** 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.



Finances

| Last week's collections | Mildura | Merbein | Red Cliffs |
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| 1st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery) | \$1660.60 | \$296.20 | \$294.55 |
| 2nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC) | \$2013.00 | \$235.00 | \$282.75 |
| Loose Plate | \$ 594.60 | \$198.15 | \$126.90 |
| Next weeks Counting Team | Team 6—W Carmichael | | |



Flores de Mayo

The Filipino Community of Sunraysia would like to take this opportunity to kindly thank all who helped organise, setup and celebrate their

Annual Flores de Mayo (Flowers of May) last Sunday. It was a wonderful gathering. We also thank the Filipino Community for kindly donating \$1415 to the Church.

Mass Count for May

The final Annual Diocesan Mass Count for 2023 will take place this weekend: 27th & 28th May.

Week of Christian Unity May 21-28

The theme for the 2023 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is "Do good; seek justice." (Isaiah 1:17).

Prayer for the Week of Christian Unity

God of justice and truth, we seek your guidance to embody the prophet's call to do good and to seek justice.

May we grow with the courage and compassion of Christ, and walk in the way of peace and reconciliation.

May God's Spirit enliven and embolden us to stand in

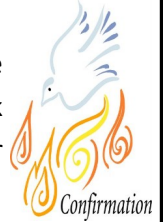
solidarity with others until all are treated with dignity and worth.

May our holy living be a foretaste of the mercy and blessing of the reign of God. Amen



Confirmation

We congratulate all of the children who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend, and we thank their parents and all who have assisted them in their preparation for the reception of this sacrament.



Thank you too to all who have assisted with the ceremonies this weekend.

"Save Calvary" Petition

On Wednesday 10 May 2023, the ACT Government announced that it would compulsorily acquire Calvary Public Hospital in Canberra. The Hospital is an apostolic work of the Little Company of Mary and has served residents of the ACT and nearby NSW towns since 1979.

There has been considerable commentary on the ACT Government's action, as well as sustained media interest.

Archbishop Prowse has called for the decision to be revisited and has established a taskforce, led by Father Tony Percy, to challenge the ACT Government's plan. He has supported a petition 'Save Calvary' (<https://www.savecalvary.com.au/>).

As the forced takeover of one Catholic apostolic work that receives government funding presents an unknown risk to other Catholic apostolic works which also receive government funding, Archbishop Prowse has asked that bishops support the 'Save Calvary' petition and, as they consider appropriate, promote the petition in the dioceses, particularly in parishes.

Further information can be found at:

Statement from Archbishop Christopher Prowse: <https://cgcatholic.org.au/2023/05/archbishop-prowse-calvary-hospital/>

Statement from Martin Bowles, National CEO of Calvary Care: <https://www.calvarycare.org.au/blog/media-releases/calvary-committed-to-serving-the-territory-martin-bowles/>

Archbishop Fisher calls for support for petition: <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/archbishop-urges-support-for-petition-to-reverse-calvary-hospital-takeover/>

Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Please note that we will be changing the day from Friday evening to Tuesday evening commencing Tuesday 6th June 4pm.

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

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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

| This weekend Roster : 27th & 28th May 2023 | | | | |
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| | Readers | Eucharistic Ministers | Offertory | Music |
| Sat 6pm Mildura | Confirmation | M Cirillo, M McDonald, P Kerr | Confirmation | Confirmation |
| Sun 8.30am Irymple | G McCracken | | | M Smith |
| Sun 9am Mildura | Confirmation | R Byra, E Mazza, V Mammone | Confirmation | Confirmation |
| Sun 10am Red Cliffs | Confirmation | P Hunt | Confirmation | T Lewis & Tongan Choir |
| Sun 10.30am Merbein | E Piscioneri | K Aston | Confirmation | K East |
| Sun 5pm Mildura | Confirmation | C Carlucci, J Jose, T Cirillo | Confirmation | Confirmation |
| Next Weekend Roster: 3rd & 4th June 2023 | | | | |
| | Readers | Eucharistic Ministers | Offertory | Music |
| Sat 6pm Mildura | R Tongue | A Greville, K Quinlan, M McDonald | Baptism | M Guthrie, B Prescott, M Bowring |
| Sun 8.30am Irymple | M Duck | | | M Smith |
| Sun 9am Mildura | L Welsh | J Rocca, B Castillo, T Fainga'anuku | Baptism | Italian Choir, M Sullivan |
| Sun 10am Red Cliffs | M Bell | N Kennedy | Cameron Family | T Lewis & Tongan Choir |
| Sun 10.30am Merbein | F Cox | Vicki McCarthy | Vicki & Val McCarthy | K East |
| Sun 5pm Mildura | B Bunting | G Johnston, V Carlucci, M Bowring | | S Fatai, K Mapapalangi |

Please Pray for the Sick

**Catherine Bell
Natalina D'Anna
Denis Pasut
Morgan Dias-Jones**

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
Renato Baniel Inocencia (Philippines)

Anniversaries



Mildura:
Saturday 6pm:
Caterina & Alessandro Piscioneri,
Vincenzo & Teresa Piscioneri, Vincenzo
& Maria Roccisano
Sunday 9am:
George Lipic, Angelo Grande
Tue 6pm:
Pietro Chiera (Melbourne) 30 day Mass—
brother of Elena DeLuca.
Thu 9.30am:
Michaelangelo Vanni (30 day Mass)
Fri 6pm:
Francesca Tassone (1 year Mass)

Merbein:
Mathew Gadzinski, Maureen Divola,
Giuseppe Chiera, Mary Klaric, Maureen
Maynard and Sue Fordham.

Red Cliffs:
Giuseppe & Domenic 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 |
| | 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 |



What's Happening

May / June 2023

May
Sun 28: Red Cliffs Parish Council meeting after 10am Mass
Tue 30: BUPA Aged Care Service 1pm

June
Tue 6: Regis Tenth Aged Care Service 1.30pm
Thu 8: Anointing Mass Red Cliffs 5.30pm
Mon 12: Knights of the Southern Cross meeting 7.30pm clubrooms
Thu 15: Anointing Mass Merbein 9.30am
Thu 15: Chaffey Aged Care Service 10.30am
Thu 15: Regis Ontario Aged Care Service 1.30pm
Wed 28: Anointing Mass Mildura 2pm
Wed 28: Baptism Preparation Evening, Monaghan Centre 7pm

Sacred Heart Church Reader Roster
The Readers Roster is due for an update. Volunteers are needed for all Masses. For any changes please contact the Parish Office by 18th June 2023. New rosters will be available for collection or emailed by 25th June.

First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. (R.)
2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)



Second Reading

1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

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

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven:
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Peace be with you

As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

JESUS, JOHN 20:21

Next Weeks Readings: The Most Holy Trinity / 4th June 2023

First Reading: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

Psalm: Daniel 3:52-56

Second Reading: St Paul to the Corinthians 13:11-13

Response: You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.

Gospel: John 3:16-18