



# Sunraysia Catholic Communities

Irymple, Merbein, Mildura, Red Cliffs and Werrimull

Parish Priest Fr Matthew Thomas  
 Assistant Priest Fr John Corrigan

Edition: 25/2023  
 Visiting Priest: Fr Shaiju Mathew

11th Sunday in OT Year A / 17th & 18th June 2023

### Message from the Parish Priest

This weekend the gospel reading reminds us of the calling of the disciples. We are called by God to come and follow. We need leaders within the church and community who are willing to be leaders and who are willing to offer themselves in service to others. The disciples were called by Jesus to assist him in ministry to others and to leave what they knew as familiar to venture into something that was unknown.

We hear that the sheep without a shepherd can be lost and go in different directions and those with a shepherd can be kept on the path to God. We can all benefit from being sheep with a shepherd to watch over us and also on the other hand be the shepherd and leading and protecting others in our ministries.

This weekend we have elections in Merbein and next week we will have elections in Mildura for the new parish council. I ask that you complete the form provided and place them in the box provided.

I will be in Anglesea this week on the Year 12 retreat.

God Bless  
*Fr Matthew*

### WINTER APPEAL 2023

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The Vinnies 2023 Fundraising Winter Appeal plays a vital role in enabling the good works of the Society. Envelopes for your kind donations will be available from this weekend at each of the Parish Churches concluding 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June.

With your support, this appeal will help us to continue to serve the community.



*“We are his people: the sheep of his flock.”*

### Found

Corded Rosary beads found just outside of Sacred Heart Church. Please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872



### Baptisms

We welcome into our Parish Communities **Raf Caminiti** whose baptism occurs this weekend.

### Tap & Go Presbytery — 1st Collection

The Sacred Heart Parish has purchased 4 new Tap & Go units with set amounts of \$5, \$10, \$20 & \$50 for the Presbytery — 1st Collection. A unit will be placed at each Church entrance for Sacred Heart Church and a unit will be available at each main entrance of Irymple, Merbein & Red Cliffs churches.



### Parish Contact Details

**Administration Officer** Mrs Carmel Russo  
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 0417 862 082 (After Hours)  
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### Finances

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1427.85	\$ 140.20	\$ 183.90
2nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$585.00	\$185.00	\$111.70
Loose Plate	\$ 568.05	\$ 71.00	\$47.00
Next week's Counting Team	Team 10		

### **Around the Table Lunch Group**

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

### **Sacred Heart Family Group**

Are lunching at the Merbein Club on Sunday 18th June at noon. Please let Jim or Kit know your intentions on 50214901. All welcome.



### **Sacred Heart Church Reader Roster**

A new Readers Roster is due. Volunteers are needed for all Masses. For any changes please contact the Parish Office by 18th June 2023. You can collect the new roster at the Parish Office or have it emailed by 25th June.

### **Feast of St Anthony**



The Italian Community will be celebrating the Feast of St Anthony with Mass on Sunday 25th June at 9am. All are invited to stay for a light luncheon.

Raffle tickets will be sold & drawn on the day only.

### **Sacramental Dates for 2023**

**Parent meeting & celebration dates for the following Sacraments will take place on:**

**Friday 20th, Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd October**

First Holy Communion (Grade 4 and above)

Parent meeting 6th September 7pm, SH Church



**RECONCILIATION**

**Celebration Wednesday 22nd November 7pm**

Penance (Grade 2 and above)

Parent meeting 4th October 7pm, SH Church

### ***Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Resources: July 2, 2023***

“A new life in Christ....” Every year, on the first Sunday in July, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia’s First Peoples in the Catholic Church.

### ***Mystery and Mission: The Art of Liturgical Celebration - September 28-30, 2023***

The Australian Pastoral Musicians Network & National Liturgical Council are hosting a joint national liturgy and liturgical music conference at the Hilton Brisbane from September 28-30, 2023, “Mystery and Mission: The Art of Liturgical Celebration”. There will be 6 keynote speaker presentations, 50 workshop options, networking and discussion, prayer and liturgy. For more information and to register go to: <https://www.mysteryandmission.com.au/register> Watch the conference promo video at <https://youtu.be/rpFbN0NgR2s>

### ***CTC Teaching Meditation and Prayer***

Catholic Theological College is running the online unit Teaching Meditation and Prayer over two Saturdays in June and two Saturdays in October. This unit offers an ideal opportunity to develop skills to teach meditation and prayer in a variety of contexts. The emphasis will be on silent meditation and establishing places of silence in a contemporary context. It can be undertaken as part of an undergraduate or postgraduate award (including the Graduate Certificate in Teaching Meditation), as a single unit, or for personal enrichment (no assessment/credit)

<https://ctc.edu.au/study/timetable/gctm-timetable/>

### **Weekly Prayer and Spiritual Opportunities**

#### **Sacred Heart Church Mildura**

**Exposition and Benediction** Tuesday 4pm

**Charismatic Group** Tuesday after 6pm Mass

**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 : 17th & 18th June 2023				
	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
Sat 6pm Mildura	G Huxtable	M Cirillo, P Kerr, Volunteer please	Volunteer	M Sullivan J Macri
Sun 8.30am Irymple	D Knight		Volunteer	M Smith
Sun 9am Mildura	R Op't Hoog	J Rocca, V Mammone, E Mazza	M Gobbo	Tongan Community M Guthrie
Sun 10am Red Cliffs	M Duck	B Pitt	F Dominelli	T Lewis & Tongan Choir
Sun 10.30am Merbein	N Baby	J Dannatt	N Baby & Isabel	K East
Sun 5pm	B Dolence	T Cirillo, B Bunting, B Dolence	Baptism	Soane Fatai K Mapapalangi

Next Weekend Roster: 24th & 25th June 2023				
	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
Sat 6pm Mildura	R Tongue	A-M Greville, K Quinlan, M McDonald	Volunteer	M Hammond M Bowring
Sun 8.30am Irymple	G Schmidt		Volunteer	M Smith
Sun 9am Mildura	T Fainga'anuku	P O'Donnell, J Cresp T Fainga'anuku	M Gobbo	Filipino Choir
Sun 10am Red Cliffs	D Eagle	C Russo	Baptism Family	T Lewis Tongan Choir
Sun 10.30am Merbein	K Wagner	N Prevedello	K McCarthy V McCarthy	K East
Sun 5pm Mildura	M Bowring	K Groves, M Rodi, J Hall	Volunteer	S Fatai K M

**Please Pray for the Sick**  
**Christian Mira, Dolly Ridings**  
**Nada Zudetich**  
**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**

Lorraine Olden 

**Anniversaries**

**Mildura:**

Sat 6pm: Chris Bogeman

Sunday 5pm: Bianca Bachetti

Irymple 8.30am: Janette Piscioneri

**Merbein:**

Jack Hammence, Paul McCarthy, Alvena Mary, Franciska Klarich, Edith Holmes

**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
	4pm	Expo/Benediction
	6pm	Mildura
Wednesday	9.30am	Mildura
Thursday	9.30am	No Mass Mildura
	10.30am	Funeral Merbein
	5.30pm	Red Cliffs
Friday	9.30am	SHPS Feast Day
	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** **June 2023**

**Sun 25:** Feast of St Anthony

**Tue 27:** Sacred Heart Parish Finance meeting, Parish Office 7.15am

**Wed 28:** Anointing Mass Mildura 2pm

**Wed 28:** Baptism Preparation Evening, Monaghan Centre 7pm

**Prayer for Refugee Week (18th—24th June)**

*Lord, no one is a stranger to you  
and no one is ever far from your loving care.  
In your kindness watch over refugees and asylum seekers,  
those separated from their loved ones, those who are lost,  
and those who have been exiled from their homes.  
Bring them safely to the place where they long to be,  
and help us always to show your kindness to strangers and  
those in need.*

Australian Catholic Social Justice Council

## First Reading

Ex 19:2-6

A reading from the book of Exodus

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 99:2-3. 5. R. v.3

(R.) We are his people:  
the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.  
He made us, we belong to him,  
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. (R.)
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,  
eternal his merciful love.  
He is faithful from age to age. (R.)

## Second Reading

Rom 5:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

## Gospel Acclamation

Mk 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The kingdom of God is near;  
repent and believe the Good News!  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

Mt 9:36 – 10:8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'



Next Weeks Readings: / 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time 25th June 2023

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 20:10-13

**Psalm:** Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14

**Second Reading:** Romans 5:12-15

**Response:** Lord, in your great love, answer me.

**Gospel:** Matthew 10:26-33