



Sts Anne and Joachim
CATHOLIC PARISH OF SUNRAYSIA

IRYMPLE, MERBEIN, MILDURA, RED CLIFFS AND WERRIMULL

Parish Priest: Fr Matthew Thomas

Assistant Priest: Fr John Corrigan

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Message from our Parish Priest

Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law? Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself.'

If we follow this part of the gospel reading we should be able to live a wholesome life. Having the bases of everything we do and being God centred should make life so much easier for us to live.

On Sunday evening at the 5pm mass will be our youth mass, we will have a pizza tea after mass so please come and join us.

On Friday 3rd November we will be having our memorial mass after mass will be a BBQ tea, if you would like to be included please contact the office 5021 2872.

November memorial mass envelopes are now located in all the churches. Please fill these out and place them on to the collection plate and the priests will celebrate these masses over November.

This coming week we commence our cemetery masses for our deceased loved ones. The times for these are attached and may have replaced the daily mass in a couple of occasions.

God Bless, Fr Matthew.

CHANGE OF RED CLIFFS MASS TIME

This Sunday, 29th October, Mass at St Joseph's Church Red Cliffs moves from 10am to **10.30am**.

Parish Contact Details

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Presbytery Tap & Go Units

These Units are located at all church entrances, this enables us to support our Priests.



All Saints & All Souls Day

Wed 1st Nov — **All Saints** — Sacred Heart Church, 9.30am

Thu 2nd Nov — **All Souls** — Sacred Heart Church, 9.30am

Remembrance Mass

Fri 3rd Nov — Sacred Heart Church, 6pm. BBQ to follow.

Cemetery Masses

Thu 2nd Nov — Red Cliffs Cemetery, 5.30pm

— Merbein Cemetery, 6pm

Tue 7th Nov — Murray Pines Cemetery, 6pm

Wed 8th Nov — Nichols Point Cemetery, 6pm

Diocesan Youth Booklet

The Ballarat Diocese has produced a booklet which outlines opportunities to assist young people on their faith journey. There is information about a variety of youth ministry and young adult activities, as well as details on faith formation, social justice and outreach initiatives. A range of social media networks and online forums offering choices for young people to connect with the wider Catholic community is also included. In addition, there are links to resources to support young people in prayer and spirituality. There is information about reflection days, festivals, immersions and pilgrimage experiences for them to take part in to grow in their faith and qualifications available in theology, ministry formation, training and much more. With the support of Bishop Paul Bird CSsR, the booklet has been distributed to all secondary schools for Year 12 students and senior school leavers. If you have any questions or would like more copies, please contact the Pastoral Ministry Office pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Weddings

We congratulate

Pasquale Cammisotto and

Nicola Blake

who were married this weekend.



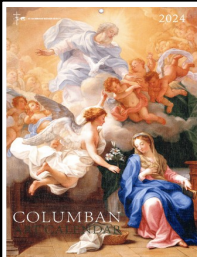
Finances – last weekend's Collections

1st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$3127.35
2nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$1172
Loose Plate	\$1198.75
This Week's Counting Team	Team 7— J Farrelly
Next week's Counting Team	Team 8 —L Welsh

Reconciliation for 2023

Celebrations for the Reconciliation will take place:

Wednesday 22nd November, 7pm,
Sacred Heart Church, Mildura



2024 Columban Calendars

Are now available for sale from each church centre from this weekend.

Copies are also available from the Parish Office. Cost: \$9.00 each
Ideal Christmas gifts.

Advent—The Sign

Experience Advent and Christmas as never before. The Sign and allow its pages to unfold a deep understanding of the profound love and grace that we celebrate. The Parish has ordered 50 copies. To serve your copy please contact the Office



2024 Rosters for Readers, Eucharistic Minister, Counters

New Rosters for Mildura and Red Cliffs churches for 2024 will be compiled shortly. If you would like to make any changes for your ministry or if you would like to be a part of any of the above ministries please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.

Piety Stalls

Christmas Cards, calendars 2024 and gift ideas are now available.

Mildura Portable Piety stall will be opened on the 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th weekend at all Masses. Volunteers are needed to help with the stall. Cash and credit card facilities are now available.

The Red Cliffs Church piety stall is opened Sunday's both before and after the 10am Mass.

WEEKLY PRAYER & SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Sacred Heart Church Mildura

Exposition and Benediction: Tuesday 4pm
Charismatic Group: Tuesday after 6pm Mass
Reconciliation: Saturday after 9:30am Mass

Monaghan Centre

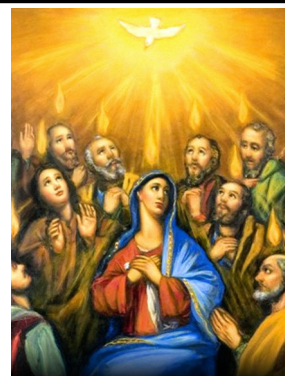
Christian Meditation: Saturday 11.30am
Children's Catechesis: Saturday 10am – 11am

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

A SIX WEEK COURSE OF
PRAYER & CATECHESIS FOR
CATHOLICS OF ALL AGES

Tuesdays, 6:45pm to 8pm
at Sacred Heart Church
Session 3—31st October 2023
The Gift of the Spirit

For details, see pamphlets in foyer.

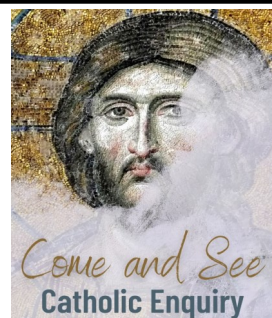


COME AND SEE

FOR PEOPLE INTERESTED
IN BECOMING CATHOLIC

Thursdays, 7pm to 8pm
at Sacred Heart Church

Obligation free. For details,
see pamphlets in foyer.



THE GREATEST
COMMANDMENTS
LOVE GOD | LOVE THY NEIGHBOR
—MATTHEW 22:36-40

St Joseph's College Musical

St Joseph's College staff and students proudly present

Matilda Jr., The Musical.

Mercy Theatre – Riverside Ave,
Mildura.

Friday Nov. 3rd – 7pm

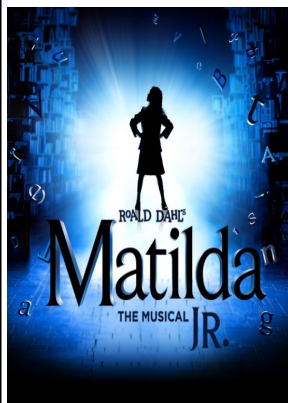
Saturday Nov. 4th 1pm or 7pm

Sunday Nov 5th – 1pm

Ticket on sale from October 9th
through Trybooking. Please log
on to the St Joseph's College
Website for the link.

Cost - \$20 Adult,

\$10 Concession



PARISH SCHOOLS CONTACT

Sacred Heart Primary School, Mildura

Principal: Mr Mark Gibson. Ph: 5023 1204

St Paul's Primary School, Mildura

Principal: Mr Vince Muscatello. Ph: 5023 4567

St Joseph's Primary School, Red Cliffs

Principal: Mrs Naomi Kennedy. Ph: 5024 1654

Our Lady of Sacred Heart, Merbein

Principal: Mrs Narelle Gallagher. Ph: 5025 2258

St Joseph's Secondary College, Mildura

Principal: Mrs Marg Blythman. Ph: 5018 8000

Sts Anne and Joachim Catholic Parish of Sunraysia adheres to the Child Safe Standards of Victoria.

Our policies are on display in each church, and on our website.

Parish Safeguarding Officer: **Vince Pileggi.**

This Weekend Roster: 28th & 29th October 2023				
	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
Sat 6pm Mildura	C Carmichael	M Cirillo, R Tongue, P Kerr		M Guthrie All welcome
Sun 8.30am Irymple	W Schmidt			M Smith
Sun 9am Mildura	T Fainga'anuku	R & R Op't Hoog, E Mazza	L Belej	T Fainga'anuku Group
Sun 10am Red Cliffs	J Cameron	C Cavallaro	Cameron Family	T Lewis & Tongan Choir
Sun 10.30am Merbein	F Sabo	Val McCarthy	R Antony Family	K East
Sun 5pm Mildura	M Bowring	M Irvin, S Hermans, J Jose		Youth Mass
Next Weekend Roster: 4th & 5th November 2023				
	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
Sat 6pm Mildura	K Quinlan	K Quinlan, A Naray, A Greville	Baptism Family	M Hammond, B Prescott, M Bowring
Sun 8.30am Irymple	D Knight			M Smith
Sun 9am Mildura	L Welsh	K Mapapalangi, R O'Callaghan, J Rocca	Baptism Family	Italian Choir M Sullivan
Sun 10am Red Cliffs	M Duck	M Dominelli	C Cavallaro	T Lewis & Tongan Choir
Sun 10.30am Merbein	E Piscioneri	K McCarthy	P Sylvia, J Rogers	K East
Sun 5pm Mildura	B Bunting	T Cirillo, V & C Carlucci		M Guthrie, J Macri, J Ljubic

Please Pray for the Sick
Tess Kerr
Catherine Bell
Natalina D'Anna
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
Peter Gannon (Trish Kelly's brother)

Anniversaries

Mildura:
Saturday 6pm:
Giuseppe Longo (20th Anniversary)
Sunday 8.30am:
Rocco Lamattina
Sunday 5pm:
Clemente Pascale,
Giuseppe Multari (1st anniversary)
Friday 6pm:
Leo Camarotto

Merbein:
Martin McCarthy, Des McCoy, Leroy Liddicoat,
Roy Klaric, Ilario Dichiera and Joyce Fraser

Red Cliffs:
Peter Vines, 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 SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Tuesday	9.30am	Red Cliffs
	4pm	Expo/Benediction
	6pm	Mildura
Wednesday	9.30am	Mildura All Saints
Thursday	9.30am	Merbein No Mass
	9.30am	Mildura All Souls
	5.30pm	Red Cliffs Cemetery
	6pm	Merbein Cemetery
Friday	6pm	Mildura Remembrance Mass
Saturday	9.30am	Mildura
	6pm	Mildura
Sunday	8.30am	Irymple
	9am	Mildura
	10am	Red Cliffs
	10.30am	Merbein
	5pm	Mildura



What's Happening

November 2023

Wed 1 Nov: Bereavement Team meeting-Parish Office 10am

Thu 9 Nov: Anointing Mass, Red Cliffs church 5.30pm

Sun 12 Nov: Trading Table—Sacred Heart Church after 9am Mass

Sun 12 Nov: Trading Table—Red Cliffs Church after 10am Mass

Mon 13 Nov: Knights of the Southern Cross meeting 7.30pm-Clubrooms

Thu 16 Nov: Anointing Mass, Merbein church 9.30am

Tue 21 Nov: Princes Court Aged Care Service 1pm

Wed 22 Nov: Oasis Aged Care Service 1pm

Wed 22 Nov: Anointing Mass, Mildura Church 2pm

Wed 22 Nov: Sacrament of Reconciliation Grade 2 students 6pm

Wed 22 Nov: Baptism Preparation evening, Monaghan Centre 7pm

Sun 26 Nov: Parish Council Meeting, 12 noon, Red Cliffs Church

Tue 28 Nov: Parish Finance Meeting, 7.15am, Parish Office

Tue 28 Nov: BUPA Aged Care Service 1pm



First Reading

Exodus 22:20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans."

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. (R.)
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

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

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:34-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Our religious tradition is founded on love. Actually, life itself is grounded in love. We may not always feel this love, but if we allow ourselves to reflect on life, we will realise this truth. We have been called into being by God's love; and we will only be happy if we live in that love. Thus, when we are directed to love God and love one another, we are not being asked to do something contrary to our nature. Rather, we are being told to live in accord with that nature. We come from God who is love, and so it is in our very nature to love and to be loved.

We may sometimes think that it is easier to love God than to love others. It may actually be just the opposite. Other people are tangible. We can see and hear them, interact with them. Their influence in our lives can permeate our consciousness. That is not the way it is with God. Like Moses on the mountain, we can only see the traces of divinity as God passes by (see Ex 33:23). However, we show that we love God in the way we love our neighbour.

Love, the foundation of the reign of God, is contagious. When we love others, the reign of God spreads throughout the world. The compassion that we show toward others is a form of evangelisation. It proclaims much louder than any words that the reign of God has been established.

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Next Weeks Readings: / 31st Sunday in Ordinary
Time 5th November 2023

First Reading: Malachi 1:14 – 2:2, 8-10

Psalm: Ps 130

Response: In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

Second Reading: St Paul to the Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12