

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

Visiting Priest: Fr Bill Lowry

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Message from our Parish Priest

We welcome Fr Bill Lowry with us this weekend and hope that he enjoys his visit with us as he catches up with old friends and celebrates masses over the weekend.

On Tuesday at the Council of Priests Meeting in Ballarat, Bishop Paul announced that Fr Kevin Maloney who has been Vicar General for the Diocese has concluded his term and Fr Marcello Colesanti will replace him.

Next year 2024 the Diocese will celebrate their 150th Anniversary, Bishop Paul will visit each regional over the year and celebrate weekend masses with as many communities as he can. He will be with us on the weekend of the 20th and 21st July. More details will follow as we get closer to the date.

Next Thursday please note that due to SJC final school mass there will be no masses at 9.30am at either Merbein or Mildura.

Next weekend is Christ The King, this is a great time to acknowledge and celebrate the many nationalities within the parish.

We are one faith, from many nations.

*God Bless,
Fr Matthew.*

Parish Contact Details

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Presbytery Tap & Go Units

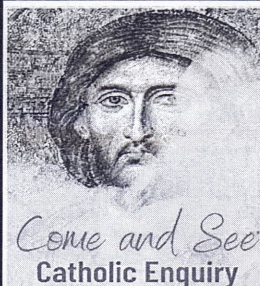
These Units are located at all church entrances, this enables us to support our Priests.



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 5—21 November 2023
Encountering God's Spirit



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.

Ordination to the Diaconate

Seminarian Cay Trinh will be ordained Deacon for the Diocese of Ballarat on Saturday, December 16, 2023 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 10.00am. Please pray for Cay Trinh. All welcome to attend.

Baptisms

We welcome into our Parish Faith Communities **Thomas Langdon, Hudson Pullman & Leni Haaja** whose baptism occurs this weekend.



Weddings

We congratulate
Anthony Costa & Colomba Ficarra
who were married on Friday.

Finances – last weekend's Collections

1st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1680.90
2nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$994.00
Loose Plate	\$722.10
This Week's Counting Team	Team 10—H Kay
Next week's Counting Team	Team 1—G Lavery

St Vinnies Giving Tree

The St Vincent de Paul Giving Tree will be set up outside the Monaghan Centre next Saturday until 10th December. The members of the Sacred Heart Conference will gratefully accept gifts for children up to 12 years. We appreciate your support as we try to help parents make Christmas Day a happy time for their children.

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.

Reconciliation for 2023

Please pray for all the children who will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on **Wednesday 22nd November, 7pm** at Sacred Heart Church, Mildura



World Day of Prayer 2024

Sacred Heart Church will be hosting the World Day of Prayer on Friday 1st March 2024.

Palestine is the country that we are praying for. We are wanting to know if we have any parishioners that come from Palestine. Lyn Welsh would like to make contact with you to chat about Palestine and to also talk about food, national dress and the culture in general. Please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.

Hamper Appeal

Over November we are seeking assistance in creating hampers to assist people in need in the parish. We are working with the Parish Office, Presbytery, Soup Kitchen and St Vinnies.

25th and 26th November (Next Weekend)

We will be collecting the following items:

Tinned foods: Fruit, Tomatoes, Baked Beans, Spaghetti, Vegies, Soups.



These items can be left in the baskets in the foyer of the churches.

Fr Green Scholarship

The Fr Green Scholarship is for any baptised member of our Parish in Year 6 who is going into a Catholic secondary school in 2023. The scholarship winner receives around \$250 towards the costs of Year 7.

The Scholarship is provided to the student with the highest overall scores on the end-of-year standardised testing. Eligible students attending St Joseph's Primary School are automatically assessed for this scholarship however baptised Red Cliffs students attending other schools can apply by contacting Naomi Kennedy at St Joseph's Primary.

Phone 03 5024 1654

Piety Stalls

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

Mildura Portable Piety stall will be opened the weekend 25th & 26th November and 1st & 3rd weekend of December.

Volunteers are needed to help with the stall. 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

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

This Weekend Roster: 18th & 19th November 2023				
	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
Sat 6pm Mildura	A Naray	M Cirillo, A Greville, R Tongue		C Barbary Sacred Heart School
Sun 8.30am Irymple	G Schmidt			M Smith
Sun 9am Mildura	T Fainga'anuku	N Fatai, B Castillo, J Cresp	Baptism Family	Tongan Community M Guthrie
Sun 10am Red Cliffs	T Gardiner	A Higham	Lewis Family	T Lewis & Tongan Choir
Sun 10.30am Merbein	N Gallagher	K Aston	F Cox Val McCarthy	K East
Sun 5pm Mildura	Greg Johnston	J Boord, T Finn, B Dolence		S Fatai K Mapapalangi
Next Weekend Roster: 25th & 26th November 2023				
	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
Sat 6pm Mildura	G Huxtable	K Quinlan, A Naray M McDonald,		M Guthrie M Bowring
Sun 8.30am Irymple	G McCracken			M Smith
Sun 9am Mildura	L Walsh	K Mapapalangi, R O'Callaghan, L Belej		M Sullivan Singing Group
Sun 10am Red Cliffs	A Higham	P Hill	Baptism Family	T Lewis Tongan Choir
Sun 10.30am Merbein	M Bowring	K McCarthy	J and A O'Connor	K East
Sun 5pm Mildura	J Thomas	C Carlucci, B Bunting, K Groves		S Fatai Khadeja M

Please Pray for the Sick

Vincent Tripodi
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

Anniversaries

Mildura:
Saturday 4.15pm Natalina Chisari (First Ann.)
Saturday 6pm: Helen and Bill Love,
Domenico De Luca

Sunday 9am:
Sunday 5pm: Giovanna Di Gorgi,
Illario Vallelonga

Merbein:
Bill Foreman, Brian Burke, Maria Piscioneri,
Bill Farrell


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 SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Tuesday	9.30am	Red Cliffs
	6pm	Mildura
Wednesday	2pm	Mildura (Anointing Mass)
Thursday	9am	SJC Final Year Mass
	9.30am	Merbein No Mass
	9.30am	Mildura No Mass
	5.30pm	Red Cliffs
Friday	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

November 2023

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 7pm

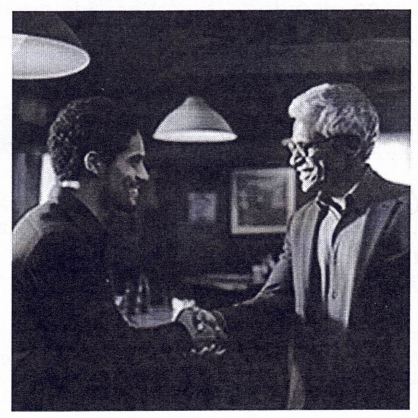
Wed 22 Nov: Baptism Preparation evening, Monaghan Centre 7pm

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

Tue 28 Nov: BUPA Aged Care Service 1pm

Matthew 25:14-30

The rich man, his servants and the talents.



First Reading Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs

A perfect wife – who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. (R.)
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Thess 5:1-6

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

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation John 15:4. 5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

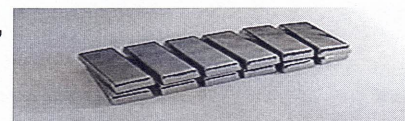
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made."

His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."



Next Weeks Readings: / 33rd Sunday in OT

26th November 2023

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Psalm: The Lord is My Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want

Response:

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46