



Sunraysia Catholic Communities

Irymple, Merbein, Mildura, Red Cliffs and Werrimull

Parish Priest Fr Matthew Thomas
Assistant Priest Fr John Corrigan

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Visiting Priest: Fr Shaiju Mathew



Message from Fr John

I was very happy when the bishop appointed me to Sunraysia because — as many Warrnambool parishioners have since reminded me — *“Mildura is sunnier than the Gold Coast!”*

A few important things about me:

- I’m the eldest of nine, and grew up in Ballarat. But my mum is one of thirteen and grew up in Koroit, so most of my family is in the Warrnambool region.
- My first parish appointment was in Hamilton, where I lived and worked with Fr Paddy Mugavin and Fr John McKinnon. I was in the seminary with Fr Jim McKay and Fr James Kerr. They all tell me that they loved living here, and that I’ll love it too.
- I’m a Collingwood supporter. Go Pies!

Message from the Parish Priest

This weekend we welcome Fr John Corrigan to the region, as we welcome Fr John we ask the Lord to bless his ministry with us.

Last Tuesday evening we had a lovely mass and dinner for Fr Shaiju, thanks to everyone who was involved a special thanks go to the Knights of Southern Cross for cooking tea.

This week all students and staff return to our school communities we hope that term 2 is a great learning time for everyone.

ANZAC Day on Tuesday mass will be at 6pm only in Mildura.

God Bless

Fr Matthew



Baptism

We welcome to our Sunraysia Parish Community — **Mason Hensgen, Jack Santos and Mateo Demasi** whose baptism occurs this weekend.

Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday 25th April and Friday 28th April. Could all notices for the Bulletin be in by Thursday 12 noon please.

Weddings

We congratulate **Roger Madafferi & Gabrielle Cucia and Ryan Jenner & Letitia Maher** 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>	\$1806.30	\$172.50	\$192.25
2nd Collection <small>(includes all EFT, DD & CC)</small>	\$2260.00	\$152.00	\$727.60
Loose Plate	\$816.05	\$ 69.00	\$ 84.10
Special Collections <small>Project Compassion-Caritas—to date</small>	\$4005.40		
Next weeks Counting Team	Team 1—G Lavery		



**FEAST OF
ST PETER CHANEL**

The Tongan community will be celebrating the Feast of St Peter Chanel this Sunday, April 23 at 9am. All welcome.

Sacred Heart Family Group



The Sacred Heart Family group will be dining at the Irymple Hotel on Sunday 23rd April at 12 noon. Please let Denise or Gerry know your intentions on 0350211918. All welcome to join us.



Werrimull Mass Bus Trip

The next Werrimull Bus trip will be held on Sunday 30th April. To make a booking, please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.

Currently we have 7 people who have registered.

Confirmation weekend dates

Celebration of Confirmation will be held on Friday 26th, Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th May.



**RCIA 2023
Catechumen
Lynette Rattray**

Easter Vigil 08 April 2023
Reception into the Catholic Church
Chrismation
L to R: Sponsor Prue Graham; Lynette Rattray; Fr Matthew Thomas

St Vincent de Paul Conference at Red Cliffs

The St Vincent de Paul Conference at Red Cliffs is in need of a couple of new members, so it can resume operating. The Conference went into suspension because it was unable to find any person to be the treasurer or the president. One office bearer left town and the other completed his term and is unable to apply for the position until his qualification period has lapsed. The Conference has enough members to resume and has a volunteer for treasurer. The Conference will be happy to have any further volunteers, in particular some person who might think about being President. Anybody interested in helping out at Vinnies can contact Joe Tassone on 0428 541 221 or Russell Reid on 0418 332 320.

Music Rosters

Are now available for all musicians to collect from the Music Cupboard in the Church.

Always looking for more volunteers, if you can help out please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872



*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We shall remember them"*

ANZAC Day Mass

Will be held on Tuesday evening 25th April at 6pm.

All welcome.



Fr Shaiju Farewell

Last Tuesday we farewelled Fr Shaiju with a BBQ dinner. This photo is our Garden and Maintenance crew who surprised Fr Shaiju with his very own modified cricket bat. A wonderful time was had by all who attended.

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

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

Sunnaysia 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 : 22nd & 23rd April 2023

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
Sat 6pm Mildura	A Naray	A Greville, P Kerr, M McDonald	Baptism	M Issanchon
Sun 8.30am Irymple	M Duck			M Smith
Sun 9am Mildura	Feast of St Peter Chanel	P O'Donnell, J Cresp, T Faingaanuku	Feast of St Peter Chanel	M Guthrie Tongan Choir
Sun 10am Red Cliffs	T Gardiner	M Dominelli	Volunteer	T Lewis & Tongan Choir
Sun 10.30am Merbein	B Collins	Vicki McCarthy	B Collins, K McCarthy	K East
Sun 5pm Mildura	J Thomas	V & C Carlucci, M Bowring	Baptism	S Fatai

Next Weekend Roster: 29th & 30th April 2023

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
Sat 6pm Mildura	K Quinlan	K Quinlan, M Cirillo, R Tongue	Volunteer	M Guthrie, J Ljubic, M Bowring,
Sun 8.30am Irymple	W Schmidt			M Smith
Sun 9am Mildura	P Issanchon	M Modica, L Welsh, C Howell	M Gobbo	M Sullivan, J Macri, B Lewis, B Prescott
Sun 10am Red Cliffs	A Higham	D Eagle	N Orr	T Lewis & Tongan Choir
Sun 10.30am Merbein	N Baby Lay Led	J Dannatt	Nimmy Baby & Isabel	K East
Sun 5pm Mildura	B Bunting	G Johnston, P Cox, J Boord	Volunteer	Youth Mass M Issanchon, Khadeja

Please Pray for the Sick



**Natalina D'Anna
Denis Pasut
Morgan Dias-Jones
Teresa Camarotto,
James Bowring, Rosemary Byrne,
Catherine Bell, 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

Palma Cavallaro,
Natalina Marinucci,
Laura Camarotto (Italy)



Anniversaries

Michele Callipari,

Mildura:

Saturday 6pm:

Orio Ghilardi

Sunday 9am:

Francesco De Luca, Anna Tassone

Sunday 5pm:

Wednesday 9.30am:

Franc Gadanac

Merbein:

Michele Callipari, Vincenza Palamara, Vittorio Cirillo, Ken McCleary and Teresa Dichiera, Vera Finis, Teresa Chiera

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	No Mass	Red Cliffs
	6pm	Mildura ANZAC
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



April / May 2023



Wed 26: Finance Meeting 7.15am, Parish Office

Wed 26: Anointing Mass—Mildura 2pm

Wed 26: Baptism Preparation evening, 7pm Monaghan Centre

Thu 27: Chaffey Aged Care Service 10.30am

May

Tue 2: Jacaranda Aged Care Service 2pm

Mon 8: KSC monthly meeting 7.30pm

Tue 9: Princes Court Aged Care Service 1pm

Thu 11: Anointing Mass Red Cliffs 5.30pm

Sun 14: Red Cliffs Cuppa & Trading Table after 10am Mass

Wed 17: Oasis Aged Care Service 1pm

Thu 18: Anointing Mass Merbein 9.30am

Thu 18: St Anthony Committee meeting 7.30pm KSC Clubrooms

Sun 21: Red Cliffs Parish Council meeting after 10am Mass

Sun 21: OLSH Parish Council meeting after 10.30am Mass

Tue 23: Sacred Heart Finance Meeting 7.15am

Tue 23: BUPA Aged Care Service 1pm

Tue 23: Sacred Heart Parish Council meeting after 6pm Mass, Monaghan Centre

Wed 24: Anointing Mass Mildura 2pm

Wed 24: Baptism Preparation evening 7pm Monaghan Centre

First Reading Acts 2:14, 22-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,
for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.
So my heart was glad
and my tongue cried out with joy:
my body, too, will rest in the hope
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.
You have made known the way of life to me,
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11

(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.' (R.)
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)
4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 1:17-21

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 24:13-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

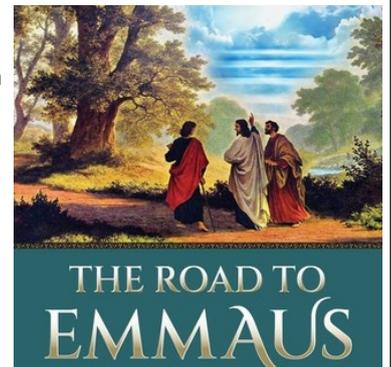
Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had

recognised him at the breaking of bread.



Next Weeks Readings:

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A / 30th April 2023

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 36-41

Psalm: Ps 22:1-6

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: Peter 2:20-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10