

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 29th January 2023

Sunraysia Catholic Communities

Irymple, Merbein, Mildura, Red Cliffs and Werrimull

Parish Priest Edition: 05/2023 Fr Matthew Thomas Assistant Priest Fr Shaiju Mathew Visiting Priest Fr Anthony Nagothu (Robinvale)

Message from the Parish Priest

This weekend we have the reading of the Beatitudes, this scripture is a friendly reminder for all of us to sit and listen to Jesus as he teaches us through many forms of language and action, which encourages us reflect and to journey through the experience which will be a growth moment for all. When there is a situation in our lives he there to assist.

Who are the people we sit with to learn from and who offer us wisdom. How do I share this wisdom with and how do I pass this on to others as well.

School resumes this week we wish all our students and families all the best for the year, to our teachers and support staff that they enjoy the year with their students .

Fr Matthew God Bless

The World Interfaith Harmony Week—Annual UN Observance Week: Feb. 1-7

The World Interfaith Harmony Week was first proposed at the UN General Assembly on September 23, 2010 by H.M. King Abdullah II of Jordan. Just under a month later, on October 20, 2010, it was unanimously adopted by the UN and henceforth the first week of February will be observed as a World Interfaith Harmony Week.

The World Interfaith Harmony Week is based on the pioneering work of The Common Word initiative. This initiative, which started in 2007, called for Muslim and Christian leaders to engage in a dialogue based on two common fundamental religious Commandments; Love of God, and Love of the Neighbour, without nevertheless compromising any of their own religious tenets. The Two commandments are at the heart of the three Monotheistic religions and therefore provide the most solid theological ground possible.

Tap & Go—Presbytery 1st Collection The Sacred Heart Parish has pur- chased 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 in- stalled at all churches for 1st Collec- tion. The unit is currently located on the bench near the Baptismal font.	Tues 7: Wed 8: Sun 12: Cliffs. Mon 13: Wed 15: Thu 16: Sun 19: Wed 22:	Regis Tenth Service 1.30pm Chaffey Aged Care service 1 Trading Table after 9am Ma KSC meeting KSC clubroom Parent Meeting-Sacramen Regis Ontario Service 1.30p OLSH Parish Council meetin Baptism Information meet	in February 2023Regis Tenth Service 1.30pmChaffey Aged Care service 10.30amTrading Table after 9am Mass Mildura & 10am Mass RedKSC meeting KSC clubrooms 7.30pmParent Meeting-Sacrament of Penance 7pmRegis Ontario Service 1.30pmOLSH Parish Council meeting after 10.30am MassBaptism Information meeting 7pm-Monaghan CentreSt Joseph's Red Cliffs Parish Council meeting after 10am				
Parish Contact Details Administration Officer Mrs Carmel Russo		Finances					
		Last week's collections 1 st Collection	Mildura \$1530.75	Merbein \$125.50	Red Cliffs \$181.25		
Office Hours Tuesday – Friday 9am – 4pm		(supporting Priests & Presbytery)	<i>\$1556175</i>	Ψ125150	\$101125		
257 Eleventh Street Mildura	2nd Collection	\$ 749.00	\$120.00	\$122.00			
Po Box 10037 Mildura Vic 3502	(includes all EFT, DD & CC)	¢ 570.00	670 FF	¢ 50.20			
Phone 03 50212872	Loose Plate	\$ 579.60	\$70.55	\$ 58.20			
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Lenten Program 2023

Lenten Program: Would you like to join a group? To be held on Thursday mornings at 10am,



during lent. Contact Janet Hill 0438 234 765 for further details.

Advance Notice

Ash Wednesday: 22 February

Rite of Election 2023: Saturday,

25 February, 2023 at 12.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat. Lunch will

follow in the Hall. **Mass of the Oils 2023:** Monday, 3 April, 2023 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at

6.30pm. Supper will follow in the Hall.

Sacred Heart Family Group

Will begin the new year on Sunday 12th February at Café 1909, Riverside Restaurant with lunch as 12 noon.

Please book with Denise or Gerry on 5021 1918. All welcome and looking forward to seeing you.

Ecumenical Coffee at Red Cliffs

After the annual World Day of Prayer service in Red Cliffs (were all Christian denominations in the area come together to pray) a few people suggest we meet for "coffee" on a regular basis—"we" being anyone from the currently 6 Christian denominations in the Red Cliffs area. Please come and join us at "Good Golly" café @ 10.30am on the 1st Tuesday of each month—it is very informal and a great way to form friendships and support each other. Hope to see you there!. Please phone Di Eagle on 5024 5326 for any queries.

Sacramental Dates for 2023

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

Penance (Grade 3 and above)

Parent meeting 15th February 7pm, SH Church. Celebration 5th April, 7pm SH Church





Confirmation (Grade 3 and above) Parent meeting 22nd March 7pm, SH Church Friday 26th, Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th May.

First Eucharist (Grade 4 and above)

Parent meeting 6th September 7pm, SH Church Friday 20th, Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd October





Penance (Grade 2 and above)

Parent meeting 4th October 7pm, SH Church Celebration Wednesday 22nd November 7pm

Red Cliffs Trading Table

We would love to receive some more donations of fresh produce or homemade goodies to sell at our monthly table. If you can help in anyway it would be very appreciated. Where the proceeds are going to ach month are listed on the notice board in the church. Thank you

World Youth Day

World Youth Day will be held from 1-6 August, 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal. Anyone interested in attending can register with the Archdiocese of Melbourne to join with them in pilgrimages they have on offer. More info at: <u>https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/youth</u> <u>-and-young-adult-ministry/world-youth-day/</u>



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 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: ra Mr Peter Issanchon Red Cliffs Mrs Bernadette Gardner Merbein Mr Kevin Aston

This weekend Roster: 29th January 2023					Please Pray for the Sick			
29 January 2023	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music	If you want a sick person prayed for, ask their permission. Names will be included for <u>the duration of one</u> month after which family or friends can request more			
Sat 6pm Mildura	G Huxtable	V Pileggi, M Cirillo P Kerr		Singing Group M Sullivan	<u>time.</u> Teresa Camarotto, James Bowring, Caleb Bowers, Margaret Mottram, Rosemary Byrne, Jenny Boyd,			
Sun 8.30am Irymple	W Schmidt			M Smith				
Sun 9am Mildura	P Issanchon	M Modica, L Welsh, R Byra	M Gobbo	Filipino Choir M Issanchon	Catherine Bell, Faye Cufari, Marie Adams, Barry Crosbie			
Sun 10am Red Cliffs	M Duck Lay Led	N Kennedy	N Orr	T Lewis	Recent Deaths Anniversaries Mildura: Saturday 6pm: Margaret Lunn Sunday 9am: John Herrick Sunday 5pm: Maria Carlucci (60th anniv)			
Sun 10.30am Merbein	N Gallagher		K McCarthy, K Wagner	K East				
Sun 5pm Mildura	M Bowring	G Johnston, V Carlucci, M Bowring		Youth Mass Soane & Khadeja				
	Next W	eekend Roster: 5th Fe	bruary 2023	5	Wednesday 9.30am: Jack Quinlan			
5th February 2023	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music	Merbein: Vincenzo Piscioneri (20 years), Mary Dorman, Kevin Rogers, Ruth McKee, John Curruthers, Maria Scali, Anthony Stack, Jacqui McGill, Jean Blyth, Maurice Power, Red Cliffs: Giuseppe & Domenico Mammone			
Sat 6pm Mildura	R Tongue	A Greville, K Quinlan, M McDonald		M Hammond, M Bowring, J Macri				
Sun 8.30am Irymple	W Schmidt			M Smith				
Sun 9am Mildura	R Op't Hoog	R & R Op't Hoog, E Mazza	L Belej	Italian Choir, M Sullivan	-			
Sun 10am Red Cliffs	D Eagle	N Kennedy	Russo family	T Lewis				
Sun 10.30am Merbein	N Prevedello		N Prevedello B Prevedello	K East				
Sun 5pm Mildura	J Thomas	T Finn, P Cox, J Boord		S Faitia, K Mapapalangi Please note that if you have booked a memorial married to speak to the priest prior to the mass to leave the speak to the priest prior to the priest prior to the priest prior to the speak to the priest prior to the priest priest prior to the priest prior to the priest prior to the priest prior to the priest priest priest priest prior to the priest pries				
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Tuesday	9. 30a	m Red Cliffs	Is now o	Is now opened for access.				
	6pm	Mildura		Please note that there is only one way to enter as per map below. All others entries are closed due to road conditions caused by flooding.				
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First Reading 2

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong,

will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:7-10. R. Mt 5:3

- (R.) Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
- It is the Lord who keeps faith forever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
- It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. (R.)
- It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:26-31

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

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen - those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 5:12

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; Your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'



Notices for the Bulletin

All requests for notices for the weekend bulletin need to be in by 12noon each Thursday.

You can either email: mildura@ballarat.catholic.org.au or call 5021 2872.

Next Weeks Readings: 5th Sunday in OT Year A/5 February 2023 First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10 Psalm: Ps 111:4-9 Second Reading: St Paul to the Corinthians 2:1-5 Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16