



Sunraysia Catholic Communities

Irymple, Merbein, Mildura, Red Cliffs and Werrimull

Parish Priest Fr Matthew Thomas

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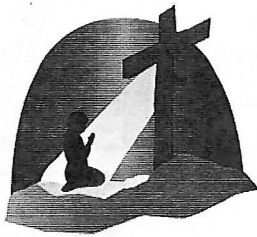
Assistant Priest Fr Shaiju Mathew Visiting Priest Fr Anthony Nagothu (Robinvale)

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 5th February 2023

Message from the Parish Priest

'You are the light of the world' when we look at how we can be the light of the world, what does this look like? This reminds us of our baptism when we were given the light of Christ. How Does God shine through us in our daily lives? How do we recharge our battery when it starts to dim?

All School have commenced now for 2023, there has been a lot of learning and getting to know you activities.



From mid February to Mid March Fr Anthony from Robinvale and Ouyen will be on holidays so Fr Shaiju and myself will be assisting with these two parishes as well as our normal duties.

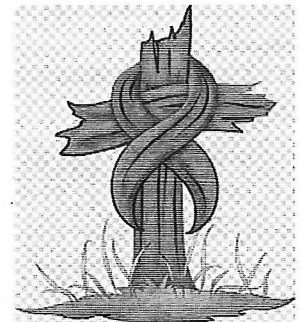
God Bless *Fr Matthew*

Ash Wednesday is fast approaching here are the mass times

Wednesday 22nd February

- 9.30am St Joseph's Red Cliffs with the Primary School
- 10am Combines Mass St Paul's and Sacred Heart Primary School (SH Mildura)
- 11.45am St Joseph's College
- 5pm St Joseph's Ouyen
- 6pm Sacred Heart Mildura
- 7pm Our Lady's Robinvale

Thursday 23rd February 9.30am Our Lady's Merbein



Tap & Go

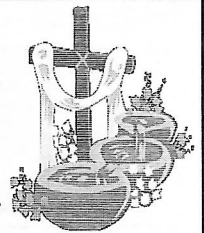
Presbytery 1st Collection

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.



Baptism

We welcome to our Sunraysia Parish Community — **Henry Doherty, Levi & Lucas Motlop and Gabriel & Isabella Judd** whose baptism occurs this weekend.



Anointing Masses - February 2023

- Red Cliffs** Thursday 9th February 5.30pm
- Merbein** Thursday 16th February 9.30am
- Mildura** Wednesday 22nd February 2pm

Parish Contact Details

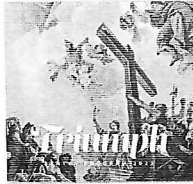
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Finances

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1107.90	\$159.15	\$168.80
2nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$ 572.00	\$ 90.00	\$398.00
Loose Plate	\$ 930.35	\$ 57.65	\$ 40.40
Special Collections	\$	\$	
Next weeks Counting Team	Team 10 — H Kay		

Lenten Program 2023

Triumph: 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 at 12 noon.

Please book with Denise or Gerry on 5021 1918. All welcome and looking forward to seeing 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: <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/youth-and-young-adult-ministry/world-youth-day/>

SALT AND LIGHT

Matthew 5:13-16

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



Catechesium

The Sisters of Charity are running Catechesium classes here at Sacred Heart Church, Monaghan Centre every Saturday from 10am—11am. If you are aged 3-13 years old and would like to attend please come along and see what it is all about. All welcome.

Trading Stalls

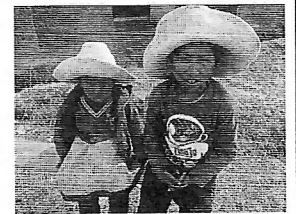
Mildura & Red Cliffs 12th February 2023



Next Sunday, a Cuppa and Trading stalls will be held in Mildura after the 9am Mass & Red Cliffs after the 10am Mass.

Seeking donations of produce: fruit, vegetables, plants, seedlings, **conserves:** jams, chutneys, relish, **baked goods:** cakes, biscuits, slices, bread etc. If these can be brought in on the day of the stall it would be appreciated

Proceeds from the Mildura Trading Stall goes to The Shared Table and proceeds from the Red Cliffs Trading Stall this month will go to The Shared Table.



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:

Mildura

Mr Peter Issanchon

Red Cliffs

Mrs Bernadette Gardner

Merbein

Mr Kevin Aston

This weekend Roster : 5th February 2023				
29 January 2023	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
Sat 6pm Mildura	R Tongue	A Greville, K Quinlan, M McDonald	Baptism Family	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	Baptism Family	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

Next Weekend Roster: 12th February 2023				
5th February 2023	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
Sat 6pm Mildura	A Naray	V Pileggi, M Cirillo, R Tongue		M Guthrie, M Bowring
Sun 8.30am Irymple	D Knight			M Smith
Sun 9am Mildura	T Faingaanuku	K Mapapalangi, R O'Callaghan, J Rocca	L Belej	Filipino Choir M Issanchon
Sun 10am Red Cliffs	T Gardiner	B Pitt	M Bell	T Lewis
Sun 10.30am Merbein	B Collins		F Cox, Val McCarthy	K East
Sun 5pm Mildura	B Bunting	B Dolence, G Johnston, B Bunting		S Faitia K Mapapalangi

Please Pray for the Sick



Lindsay Willding,
Teresa Camarotto,
James Bowring,
Rosemary Byrne, Jenny Boyd,
Catherine Bell, Faye Cufari,
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

Anniversaries

Mildura:

Saturday 6pm:

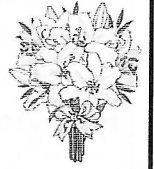
Antonio (Tony) Tassone, Albino Dimasi

Sunday 9am:

Betty Drewry

Sunday 5pm:

Angela Venneri



Merbein:

Peter Currie, Vera Fletcher,
Antonio Palamara, Betty Jenna,
Adele & Peter Mazza

Red Cliffs:

Giuseppe D'Anna

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
	1.30pm	Regis 10 AC
	6pm	Mildura
Wednesday	9.30am	Mildura
	10.30am	Chaffey AC
Thursday	9.30am	Mildura
	9.30am	Merbein
	Anointing 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

What's Happening

February 2023

Tues 7: Regis Tenth Service 1.30pm

Wed 8: Chaffey Aged Care service 10.30am

Sun 12: Trading Table after 9am Mass Mildura & 10am Mass Red Cliffs.

Mon 13: KSC meeting KSC clubrooms 7.30pm

Wed 15: Parent Meeting-Sacrament of Penance 7pm

Thu 16: Regis Ontario Service 1.30pm

Sun 19: OLSH Parish Council meeting after 10.30am Mass

Wed 22: Baptism Information meeting 7pm-Monaghan Centre

Sun 26: St Joseph's Red Cliffs Parish Council meeting after 10am Mass.

Tue 28: Finance Meeting 7.15am Parish Office

Tue 28: Sacred Heart Parish Council meeting after 6pm Mass, Monaghan Centre

World Day of Prayer 2023

Will be held on Friday 3rd March at the Salvation Army, Fourteenth St, Mildura at 10am followed by morning tea. All welcome.



First Reading

Is 58:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Your light will shine like the dawn.

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be naked
and turn not from your own kin.
Then will your light shine like the dawn
and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4

(R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright:

he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour. (R.)
2. The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. (R.)
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Cor 2:1-5

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

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me
will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 5:13-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are the light of the world.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

You are the salt of the earth, you are the light of the cosmos. 'You' is in the plural. So these descriptions are meant to apply to us as a Christian community.

Salt in the ancient world was a preservative for food. So, we are the ones who are to preserve the earth, to prevent its deterioration, to keep it life-giving.

Salt has to penetrate food to have an effect. We have to penetrate the world with our Sermon on the Mount values. Staying self-contained as a perfect little band of Christians is about as useful as salt remaining in the saltshaker. In Our Lord's scary opinion we would quite rightly be trampled underfoot.

How are we light for the cosmos? By 'good works'? No, a truer translation is by 'beautiful works'. These are those things we do which have grace, elegance and proportion and are therefore pleasing to observe: beautifully-good-works.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we remain salty and tangy, doing good beautifully and elegantly.

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Next Weeks Readings: 6th Sunday in OT Year A / 12 February 2023

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

Psalm: Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

Second Reading: St Paul to the Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37