



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

6th Sunday of Easter Year A / 14th May 2023

Our Lady of Fatima

Between May and October 1917, Our Lady appeared several times to three shepherd children in a cove near Fatima, Portugal. Two of the children,



St Francisco Marto and St Jacinta Marto, were canonised in 2017, and they are notable for being the Church's youngest saints. Their cousin Lucia dos Santos lived much longer, dying in 2005 at the age of 97.

In the Fatima apparitions, Our Lady asked the children to pray the Rosary for an end to war and for the conversion of sinners. The visions occurred on the 13th day of each month, and by October huge crowds were gathering at the site of the visions and reporting healings and other miracles.

Pope St John Paul II was devoted to Our Lady of Fatima and visited the site three times – in 1982, 1991 and 2000. On 13th May 1981, the feast of Our Lady of Fatima, an attempt was made on the pope's life. He attributed his survival to Our Lady's intervention.

On 25th March 2022, Pope Francis consecrated Russia and the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, in accordance with Our Lady's request at Fatima. He also renewed her request that all the faithful pray the Rosary daily for world peace.

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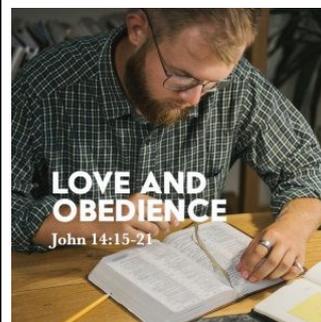
Message from the Parish Priest

This weekend we celebrate Mothers Day, a day to honour and give thanks for our Mothers or those special women in our lives who take on that motherly role for us. Let us find some time today to pray for our mothers and to take a prayer card home to give to or to use when we remember those who are no longer with us.

Last weekend I published the letter about the next stages of the partnering of the three current parishes into one for the region. These are exciting times for all of us and with the new name gives us all a new identity, and then allows our faith community to grow and prosper.

Next Tuesday and Wednesday Fr John and I will be in Warracknabeal for a Zone Meeting and Diocesan Admin Training Day (for all parishes in the Northern Zone). Please note that the office will be closed on Wednesday as Carmel attends the Admin Meeting as well.

A reminder that the Our Lady's Merbein will be having a parish lunch after Mass next Sunday 21st May. Please reply on the form provided.



God Bless
F
r Matthew

Finances

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1951.70	\$ 78.20	\$173.35
2nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$2127.50	\$125.00	\$302.75
Loose Plate	\$ 666.15	\$ 65.20	\$ 96.35
Next weeks Counting Team	Team 4—M Roper		



Flores de Mayo

The Filipino Community of Sunraysia will be celebrating their annual Flores de Mayo (Flowers of May) with Mass on Sunday, May 21st at 9am. All welcome.

Morning tea will be provided after Mass.

Any young girls and boys who would like to participate as angels in the procession are all most welcome. (Girls please dress in white, boys white shirt & black pants).

Please contact Anita 0418 537 959 for more information.



Confirmation weekend dates

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

Around the Table Lunch Group

Is a local parish group who gather every second Saturday of each month at Mildura RSL in the Wirraway Bistro. Bookings a must.

For further information contact Althea Mitting on 0488 474 948. All welcome.

Sacred Heart Family Group

Will be having lunch at the Gol Gol Hotel on Sunday 21st May at noon. Please let Denise or Gerry know your intentions on 03 50211918. All welcome to join us.

Inez Sullivan Memorial

The Sullivan family would like to thank the Sunraysia Community for the overwhelming support and condolences. "Inez was good for Mildura and Mildura was good for Inez"

Fr Paul Sullivan SM

Mass Count for May

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over the weekends in May:

13th & 14th, 20th & 21st & 27th & 28th.

The Sacred Heart Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday 17th May and on Friday 19th May.

Keys Found

Handed into the Parish Office three sets of keys.

If these belong to you, please contact the Parish Office and collect.



Piety Stalls

For all your Piety needs—rosary beads, cards, statues and bible please see the vast range of items every Sunday from 10am Red Cliffs Church or call into the Sacred Heart Parish Office for a limited range of items. If we don't have it in stock please contact the Parish Office 5021 2872.



Trading Stalls Mildura

Sunday 14th April—Cuppa and Trading stall will be held after the 9am Mass. Proceeds this month go towards The Shared Table. Donations of produce, preserves etc would be greatly appreciated.

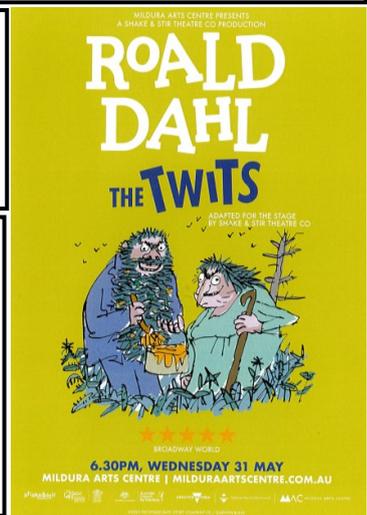
Anointing Mass - May 2023

Merbein Thursday 18th May 9.30am

Mildura Wednesday 24th May 9.30am

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.



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

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Principal Mr Mark Gibson 5023 1204

St Paul's Primary School Mildura

Principal Mr Vince Muscatello 5023 4567

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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

This weekend Roster : 13th & 14th May 2023				
	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
Sat 6pm Mildura	R Tongue	M McDonald, A Greville, Volunteer		M Issanchon, Filipino Choir
Sun 8.30am Irymple	M Hill			M Smith
Sun 9am Mildura	T Fainga' Anuku	Rini & Rose Op't Hoog, R Byra	M Gobbo	Tongan Community, Khadeja
Sun 10am Red Cliffs	J Lewis	A Higham	M Bell	T Lewis & Tongan Choir
Sun 10.30am Merbein	K Aston	N Prevedello		R Anthony & family
Sun 5pm Mildura	G Johnston	J Hall, B Bunting, K Groves		M Sullivan, J Ljubic, J Macri
Next Weekend Roster: 20th & 21st May 2023				
	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
Sat 6pm Mildura	A Naray	M McDonald, A Naray, R Tongue	Baptism	M Hammond, B Prescott, B Lewis
Sun 8.30am Irymple	G Schmidt			M Smith
Sun 9am Mildura	Flores de Mayo	K Mapapalangi, R O'Callaghan, J Cresp	Flores de Mayo	M Issanchon Filipino Choir
Sun 10am Red Cliffs	M Milani	P Hill	Baptism	T Lewis & Tongan Choir
Sun 10.30am Merbein	N Prevedello	K Wagner	Baptism	K East
Sun 5pm Mildura	M Bowring	M Rodi, M Irvin, S Hermans	Baptism	S Fatai, K Mapapalangi

Please Pray for the Sick

**Natalina D'Anna
Denis Pasut
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 6pm:
Emma Deluca, Dallas Keating

Sunday 9am:
Peter Demasi (1yr anniversary)

Sunday 5pm:
Joe Pollifrone (1yr anniversary), Rosa Modica

Thursday 9.30am:
Emil Kondratow

Friday 6pm:
Palma Cavallaro (30 day Mass)

Merbein:
Marj Onslow, Barbara Matotek, Robert Braïdie, Fern Mercer, Maria Zappia, Katrina Fabich and Emilia Dichiera

Red Cliffs:
Cecilia & Domenico D'Anna, Vincenza Tassone, Adrianna Tassone, Francesco & Maria-Antonia Tassone,

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	No Mass
	6pm	No Mass
Wednesday	9.30am	No Mass
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



What's Happening

May 2023

Sun 14: Trading Table Mildura after 10am Mass

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 Parish Office

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

Wed 24: Anointing Mass Mildura 9.30am

Wed 24: Baptism Preparation evening 7pm Monaghan Centre

Tue 30: BUPA Aged Care Service 1pm



First Reading

Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.)
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. (R.)
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. (R.)



Next Weeks Readings: The Ascension of the Lord /
21st May 2023

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Psalm: Ps 46:2-3, 6-9

Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Second Reading

1 Pt 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 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

Jn 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,

because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;
but you will see me,
because I live and you will live.

On that day

you will understand that I am in my Father
and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and
keeps them

will be one who loves me;

and anybody who loves me will be loved by my
Father,

and I shall love him and show myself to him.'