

# Corpus Christi Year A / 10th & 11th June 2023



# Sunraysia Catholic Communities

Irymple, Merbein, Mildura, Red Cliffs and Werrimull

Parish Priest Fr Matthew Thomas  
Assistant Priest Fr John Corrigan

Edition: 24/2023

Visiting Priest: Fr Shaiju Mathew

### Message from the Parish Priest

This weekend we have Corpus Christi where we celebrate the Body and Blood of Jesus. We are reminded of the importance of the Eucharist in our lives. With us receiving the Eucharistic we are blessed to be nourished internally.

Next Friday is the feast day of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Mass at 6pm and nibbles after mass, please contact the office for RSVP.

I thank those who have been nominated for parish council, we will need to have an election for the following mass communities: Merbein and Mildura due to having more than two nominations. This will occur next weekend, we will have a voting slip and ask people to nominate their preferences.

God Bless  
*Fr Matthew*

The **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**, usually abbreviated to **Corpus Christi**, celebrates the Real Presence of the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus in the Eucharist. It's an occasion to celebrate with joy the naturally more somber commemoration of the Eucharist on Holy Thursday.

The pope who instituted the feast asked St Thomas Aquinas to compose the official prayers for the feast. These prayers include several Latin poems which number among western Christianity's greatest masterpieces. Seven hundred years later, these hymns are still used, either in their Latin original, or in modern translations.

The *Pange lingua gloriosi* (in English: *Sing, my tongue, the Saviour's Glory*) is sung on Holy Thursday. The last two verses constitute the *Tantum ergo* (in English: *Down in adoration falling*), which is used in Benediction. The *Adoro te Devote* (in English, *Godhead Here in Hiding*) is often used at Mass on the feast of Corpus Christi.

The enduring popularity of St Thomas' hymns speaks to the love and appreciation of the Eucharist which every generation of the faithful has shown since its institution on Holy Thursday.



### WINTER APPEAL 2023

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The Vinnies 2023 Fundraising Winter Appeal plays a vital role in enabling the good works of the Society. Envelopes for your kind donations will be available from this weekend at each of the Parish Churches concluding 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June.



WINTER APPEAL

With your support, this appeal will help us to continue to serve the community.

### Found

Corded Rosary beads found just outside of Sacred Heart Church. Please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872

### Baptisms

We welcome into our Parish communities **Lucas Hoy** whose baptisms occur this weekend.



### Parish Contact Details

Administration Officer Mrs Carmel Russo  
Office Hours Tuesday – Friday 9am – 4pm  
257 Eleventh Street Mildura  
Po Box 10037 Mildura Vic 3502  
Phone 03 50212872  
0417 862 082 (After Hours)  
Email: mildura@ballarat.catholic.org.au

### Tap & Go Presbytery—1st Collection

The Sacred Heart Parish has purchased 4 new Tap & Go units with set amounts of \$5, \$10, \$20 & \$50 for the Presbytery—1st Collection.



A unit will be placed at each Church entrance for Sacred Heart Church and a unit will be available at each main entrance of Irymple, Merbein & Red Cliffs churches.

### Finances

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1746.85	\$143.60	\$268.60
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$2086.25	\$215.00	\$381.50
<b>Loose Plate</b>	\$ 776.70	\$ 62.10	\$102.80
<b>Next weeks Counting Team</b>	Team 8— L Welsh		

**Around the Table Lunch Group**  
Is a local parish group who now gathers every second & fourth Saturday of each month at the Mildura RSL in the Wirraway Bistro. Bookings a must. For further information contact Althea on 0488 474 948.  
All welcome.

**Sacred Heart Family Group**  
Are lunching at the Merbein Club on Sunday 18th June at noon. Please let Jim or Kit know your intentions on 50214901.  
All welcome.



**Sacred Heart Church Reader Roster**  
A new Readers Roster is due. Volunteers are needed for all Masses. For any changes please contact the Parish Office by 18th June 2023. You can collect the new roster at the Parish Office or have it emailed by 25th June.

**St Joseph's Church Red Cliffs**  
After a good clean out of the kitchen area at the back of the church, we have a number of mixed, mismatched items to giveaway. Also to giveaway an old organ and photocopier and small laminated tables

**Piety Stalls**  
**Red Cliffs** is opened every Sunday before and after the 10am Mass.  
**Mildura**—a small stall will be opened before & after the 5pm Mass this Sunday and whenever the trading stall occurs monthly.

**Trading Stalls & Cuppa—Mildura & Red Cliffs**  
This Sunday 11th June—Cuppa and Trading stall will be held after the 10am Mass Red Cliffs & 5pm Mass Mildura. Proceeds from Mildura and Red Cliffs will go towards the Vinnies Winter Appeal. Donations of produce, preserves, seedlings, baked goods etc would be greatly appreciated and can be left on the day.



**Holy Hour-St Michael's Church Buronga**  
**Sunday 11th June from 3pm.**  
All welcome.

**Post Graduate Studies in Liturgical Music**  
In July 2023, ACU's Faculty of Theology and Philosophy and the ACU Centre for Liturgy are offering an intensive post-graduate unit in Liturgical Music taught by Professor Clare Johnson and special guest presenters. THLS502 Liturgical Music will be offered as a face-to-face intensive on July 3, 4, 5 & 6 (9.00am - 5.00pm) at ACU's Melbourne Campus. Teachers, parish musicians, clergy, diocesan personnel and interested others are most welcome to enrol in this unit as professional learners (not for assessment) or auditors. For further information go to the website <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/professional-development>

**Sacramental Dates for 2023**

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

**Friday 20th, Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd October**

First Holy Communion (Grade 4 and above)

Parent meeting 6th September 7pm, SH Church



**Celebration Wednesday 22nd November 7pm**

Penance (Grade 2 and above)

Parent meeting 4th October 7pm, SH Church



**RECONCILIATION**

**Feast of St Anthony**



The Italian Community will be celebrating the Feast of St Anthony with Mass on Sunday 25th June at 9am. All are invited to stay for a light luncheon.

Raffle tickets will be sold & drawn on the day only.

**Weekly Prayer and Spiritual Opportunities**  
**Sacred Heart Church Mildura**  
**Exposition and Benediction** Tuesday 4pm  
**Charismatic Group** Tuesday after 6pm Mass  
**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

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 : 10th & 11th June 2023				
	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
Sat 6pm Mildura	A Naray	A Greville, A Naray, R Tongue		Corey Barbary, Sacred Heart School
Sun 8.30am Irymple	W Schmidt			M Smith
Sun 9am Mildura	P Issanchon	L Belej, E Garreffa, R O'Callaghan	L & C Welsh	Filipino Choir
Sun 10am	J Cameron	S Orr	C Cavallaro	T Lewis & Tongan Choir
Sun 10.30am Merbein	F Sabo	Val McCarthy	C Knight, F Sabo	K East
Sun 5pm	B Dolence	P Cox, J Boord, Volunteer please		S Fatai, K Mapapalangi

**Please Pray for the Sick**  
**Christian Mira, Dolly Ridings**  
**Nada Zudetich**  
**Catherine Bell**  
**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.*

Next Weekend Roster: 17th & 18th June 2023				
	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
Sat 6pm Mildura	G Huxtable	M Cirillo, P Kerr, Volunteer please		M Sullivan J Macri
Sun 8.30am Irymple	D Knight			M Smith
Sun 9am Mildura	R Op't Hoog	J Rocca, V Mammone, E Mazza	M Gobbo	Tongan Community M Guthrie
Sun 10am Red Cliffs	M Duck	B Pitt	F Dominelli	T Lewis & Tongan Choir
Sun 10.30am Merbein	N Baby	J Dannatt	N Baby & Isabel	K East
Sun 5pm	B Dolence	T Cirillo, B Bunting, B Dolence	Baptism	Soane Fatai K Mapapalangi

**Recent Deaths**  
 Antionette Hadlow,  
 Nathan Mellino (Shepparton)

**Anniversaries**

**Mildura:**  
 Friday 6pm: Maria Kondratow

**Merbein:**  
 Gordon Hann, Teresa Sabo, Michael McGowan, Vincent McKee, Lucy Duncan, Stephen Piscioneri and Frederick Eldridge

**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	9.30am	Red Cliffs
	4pm	Expo/Benediction
	6pm	Mildura
Wednesday	9.30am	Mildura
Thursday	9.30am	Merbein
	11am	Funeral Mildura
	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** **June 2023**

**Mon 12:** Knights of the Southern Cross meeting 7.30pm clubrooms  
**Thu 15:** Anointing Mass Merbein 9.30am  
**Thu 15:** Regis Ontario Aged Care Service 1.30pm  
**Fri 16:** Feast of the Sacred Heart 6pm Mass & nibbles after.  
**Sun 25:** Feast of St Anthony  
**Tue 27:** Sacred Heart Parish Finance meeting, Parish Office 7.15am  
**Wed 28:** Anointing Mass Mildura 2pm  
**Wed 28:** Baptism Preparation Evening, Monaghan Centre 7pm

**I AM THE LIVING BREAD**  
 JN 6:51

## First Reading

Dt 8:2-3. 14-16

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 147:12-15. 19-20. R. v.12

(R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!  
Zion, praise your God!  
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,  
he has blessed the children within you. (R.)
2. He has established peace on your borders,  
  
he feeds you with finest wheat.  
He sends out his word to the earth  
and swiftly runs his command. (R.)
3. He makes his word known to Jacob,  
to Israel his laws and decrees.  
He has not dealt thus with other nations;  
he has not taught them his decrees. (R.)

## Second Reading

1 Cor 10:16-17

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

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

## Gospel Acclamation

Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

Jn 6:51-58

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'



Next Weeks Readings: / 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time 18th June 2023

**First Reading:** Exodus 19:2-6

**Psalm:** Ps 99:2-3, 5

**Second Reading:** St Paul to the Romans 5:6-11

**Response:** We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

**Gospel:** Matthew 9:36 – 10:8