



Sunraysia Catholic Communities

Irymple, Merbein, Mildura, Red Cliffs and Werrimull

Parish Priest Fr Matthew Thomas

Edition: 14/2023

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

Palm Sunday (Year A) 2nd April 2023

Easter Ceremonies 2023

Holy Thursday (6th April)

5pm Our Lady's Merbein
6pm St Joseph's Red Cliffs
7pm Sacred Heart Mildura

Good Friday (7th April)

9am Stations of the Cross Mildura
3pm Our Lady's Merbein - (Lay Led)
3pm St Joseph's Red Cliffs
3pm Sacred Heart Mildura

Easter Vigil (8th April)

6pm St Joseph's Red Cliffs
6pm Sacred Heart Mildura

Easter Sunday (9th April)

8.30am St Francis Xavier Irymple
9am Sacred Heart Mildura
10.30am Our Lady's Merbein
11am Our Lady of Lourdes Werrimull
No 5pm Mass Mildura

Parish Office

The Office will be closed from Good Friday and opened 9am on Tuesday 11th April. Should you need to speak to a priest urgently please contact 0417 862 082

Message from the Parish Priest

As we commence Holy Week with Palm Sunday it reminds us of the journey Jesus takes to show us the fullness of his love.

Palm Sunday he is welcomed like a person of great honor, Holy Thursday he gathers with the disciples for the Passover and time of prayer, then Friday he is treated like a criminal and rejected by so many. Easter Sunday we celebrate his rising from the dead.

Let us use this week to reflect and to give thanks to God.

God Bless *Fr Matthew*

Farewell Fr Shaiju

As Fr Shaiju takes up his appointment in Robinvale on 20th April the Sacred Heart Parish in conjunction with Our Lady's Merbein, St Joseph's Red Cliffs parishes are organizing a farewell dinner after the 6pm Mass on Tuesday 18th April.

For catering purpose please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.

A collection will also be taken up. If you would like to donate towards a gift you can leave it at the Sacred Parish Office.

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.

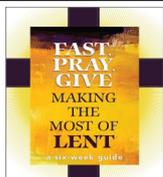
Parish Contact Details

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

Finances

	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
Last week's collections			
1st Collection <small>(supporting Priests & Presbytery)</small>	\$1601.40	\$ 86.70	\$244.50
2nd Collection <small>(includes all EFT, DD & CC)</small>	\$1941.50	\$125.00	\$257.75
Loose Plate	\$ 601.60	\$ 40.20	\$ 99.05
Special Collections <small>Project Compassion-Caritas—to date</small>	\$2244.60		
Next weeks Counting Team	Fr Matthew		

**Making the Most of Lent
through Prayer, Fasting and
Giving**



- Join a Lenten group
- Give up something you enjoy and/or love doing.
- Project Compassion envelopes packs are now available
- Giving of your time—visit a family member or friend
- Indian Community Stations of the cross Friday's 6.45pm, Sacred Heart Church.
- Tongan Community Stations of the cross Friday's 7.30pm, Sacred Heart Church.



Celebration of Reconciliation for children registered in Grade 3 and above will be held on Wednesday 5th April 7pm, Sacred Heart Church

Holy Week Rosters

Volunteers are needed for Palm Sunday and Holy Week Masses: readers, Eucharistic ministers; altar servers etc.



Please place your names on the roster sheets provided at the back of Merbein & Red Cliffs church and Monaghan centre foyer Mildura .

Communion to the Sick & House Bound—All Parishes

We are currently updating our communion to the sick and house bound lists for all Parishes: Mildura, Merbein and Red Cliffs

If you take communion to family members, friends or parishioners and to those who recently became unwell, please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 5021 2872.

**Lenten Retreat—Fr Rojan George vc
By His wounds we are Healed Isaiah 53:4**

at St Michael's Church Buronga
3rd April—5 April 2023 from 6pm –8.30pm
. Holy Mass . Healing Adoration
. Praise & Worship . Confession & counselling

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.



**FEAST OF
ST PETER CHANEL**

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

**WERRIMULL MASS
BUS TRIP**

The next Werrimull Bus trip will be held on Sunday 29th April. To make a booking, please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.



**6th Sunday of Lent / Palm Sunday
2nd April**



Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water.

With your generosity, Caritas Australia has been able to help millions of vulnerable people around the world, through the Project Compassion appeal.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world to lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, or visit caritas.org.au/project-compassion or phone 1800 024 413.

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

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 : 1st & 2nd April 2023				
	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
Sat 6pm Mildura	As per Easter Roster	As per Easter Rosters	As per Easter Rosters	Filipino Choir M Issanchon
Sun 8.30am Irymple	M Hill			M Smith
Sun 9am Mildura	As per Easter Roster	As per Easter Rosters	As per Easter Rosters	Italian Choir M Sullivan
Sun 10am Red Cliffs	As per Easter Roster	As per Easter Rosters	As per Easter Rosters	T Lewis / Tongan Choir
Sun 10.30am Merbein	As per Easter Roster	As per Easter Rosters	As per Easter Rosters	K East
Sun 5pm Mildura	As per Easter Roster	As per Easter Rosters	As per Easter Rosters	M Hammond J Macri

Please Pray for the Sick



Denis Pasut
Morgan Dias-Jones
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

Lindsay Willding



Anniversaries

Elisa Monteiro da Silva, Tito Montiero, Paulina, Sabino & Jose da Silva, Jim Graham

Mildura:

Saturday 6pm:

Sunday 9am:

George Farmer

Sunday 5pm:

Tue 6pm:

Jim Bowring, Nicola Daniele (1yr)

Merbein:

Molly Callahan and Paul Desmond,
Mona & Percy Richardson

Red Cliffs:

Domiano Brizzi, Giuseppe Macri

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.

Next Weekend Roster: 8th & 9th April 2023				
	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
Sat 6pm Mildura	As per Easter Roster	As per Easter Rosters	As per Easter Roster	As per Easter Roster
Sat 6pm Red Cliffs	As per Easter Roster	As per Easter Rosters	As per Easter Roster	T Lewis / Tongan Choir
Sun 8.30am Irymple	G Schmidt			M Smith
Sun 9am Mildura	As per Easter Roster	As per Easter Rosters	As per Easter Roster	As per Easter Roster
Sun 10.30am Merbein	As per Easter Roster	As per Easter Rosters	As per Easter Roster	K East
Sun 11am Werrimull	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	

Mass Time Table this Week

Tuesday	9.30am	Red Cliffs
	6pm	Mildura
Wednesday	9.30am	Mildura
Thursday	5pm	Merbein
	6pm	Red Cliffs
	7pm	Mildura
Friday	9am	Stations Mildura
	3pm	Merbein Lay Led
	3pm	Red Cliffs
	3pm	Mildura
Saturday	6pm	Mildura
	6pm	Red Cliffs
Sunday	8.30am	Irymple
	9am	Mildura
	10.30am	Merbein
	11am	Werrimull
	No 5pm	Mildura



April 2023

Wed 5: Reconciliation Grade 3 and above 7pm, Sacred Heart Church
Wed 12: Chaffey Aged Care Service 10.30am
Thu 13: St Anthony Committee Meeting 7.30pm KSC Clubrooms
Thu 13: Anointing Mass—Red Cliffs 5.30pm
Mon 17: KSC monthly meeting 7.30pm, KSC Clubrooms
Thu 20: Anointing Mass—Merbein 9.30am
Thu 20: Regis Ontario Aged Care Service 1.30pm
Wed 26: Anointing Mass—Mildura 2pm
Wed 26: Baptism Preparation evening, 7pm Monaghan Centre



Trading Stalls Mildura & Red Cliffs
April



Mildura: Sunday 9th April - Cuppa and Trading stall will be held after the 9am Mass.

Proceeds this month go towards The Shared Table.

Red Cliffs: Sunday 16th April—Cuppa and Trading stall will be held after the 10am Mass.

Proceeds this month go towards Project Compassion.

First Reading

Is 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

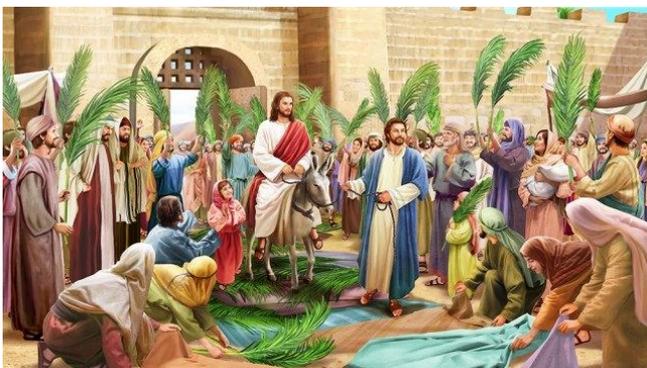
The Lord has given me
a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. (R.)
3. They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)



Second Reading

Phil 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are,
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel

Mt 27:11-54 (Short Form)

Thank you

A huge Thank you to Teresa Parente, Paula Cox, staff and students at St Joseph's College for the making of the Palm Crosses for this weekend.



St Joseph's College —Student Services & Reception Officer Mercy Campus—Part-Time

Are you an organised office admin whiz who enjoys supporting a busy and successful team?

Do you possess impeccable customer service skills and have experience assisting with first point of contact queries?

Are you searching for a part-time role now that your children have started school?

If you answered 'yes' to any of those questions, the Student Services and Reception Officer role at St Joseph's College Mildura could be the perfect fit for you.

Based at our Mercy Campus, this part-time job share position's hours are Thursdays and Fridays, 8:00am to 4:00pm. The college is offering this role to a successful applicant on an initial fixed term of 12 months with the possibility of an ongoing engagement thereafter. If you're ready to be an important part of a learning community known for hospitality and excellence, [apply now at this link](#). We look forward to hearing from you.

Next Weeks Readings: Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord / 9th April 2023

First Reading: Apostles 10:34-43

Psalm: Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Response: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading: St Paul to the Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9