



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

The Most Holy Trinity Year A / 3rd & 4th June 2023

The Trinity (also called *The Hospitality of Abraham*) is an icon written by Russian painter Andrei Rublev in the 15th century. It is Rublev's most famous work and the most famous of all Russian icons.



The Trinity depicts the three angels who visited Abraham and prophesied that his wife Sarah would give birth to a son (Genesis 18). But the painting is full of symbolism and is also interpreted as an icon of the Holy Trinity.

The figures of angels are arranged so that the lines of their bodies form a full circle. The angels are not inserted inside the circle, but create it instead. Our eyes can't stop at any of the three figures, but rather dwell inside this limited space.

On the table, there is a cup containing the head of a calf. It hints at the Sacrifice at Calvary. The middle angel – often taken to represent Christ – blesses the cup in a gesture which recalls the Last Supper. The angels on the right and the left – the Father and the Holy Spirit – form a silhouette which resembles a larger cup which encompasses the middle angel.

Rublev depicts the angels as talking, not eating. They are immersed in the deep communion of divine love.

Message from the Parish Priest

This weekend we celebrate the Trinity, I ask us to focus on what sort of relationship you have with God the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. For each of us these will be different the same as our relationships we have with other people. Love is the basis of the Trinity's relationship and this should be the same for us as well, if we can find a connection with others then this is made easier but if we don't then we will have to work harder at being able to experience and share God love in our relationships.

This weekend we welcome back Fr Eric Bryant from Ballarat, we hope that Fr Eric enjoys his weekend here as he celebrates a couple of masses.

Just a friendly reminder that nominations for parish council need to be given to one of the priests or handed into the office by
Monday 5th June.

Benediction and exposition will now be on a Tuesday afternoon commencing at 4pm

God Bless

Fr Matthew

Baptisms

We welcome into our Parish communities **Christian Caminiti, Donato Cirillo, Atlas Jacka and Orlando Pezzaniti** whose baptisms occur this weekend.



Parish Contact Details

Administration Officer Mrs Carmel Russo
Office Hours Tuesday – Friday 9am – 4pm
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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 the church for Irymple, Merbein & Red Cliffs.

Finances

Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
1 st Collection <small>(supporting Priests & Presbytery)</small>	\$2053.55	\$168.05	\$313.80
2 nd Collection <small>(includes all EFT, DD & CC)</small>	\$2360.00	\$135.00	\$637.75
Loose Plate	\$ 856.00	\$ 78.85	\$140.35
Next weeks Counting Team	Team 7—J Farrelly		

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 Mitting 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 Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care.

More information and Applications Forms are available on our website

pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship

Closing Date 4 August 2023

Trading Stalls & Cuppa—Mildura & Red Cliffs

Sunday 11th June—Cuppa and Trading stall will be held after the 10am Mass Red Cliffs & 5pm Mass Mildura next weekend.

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.

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:



First Holy Communion (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



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 : 3rd & 4th June 2023				
	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
Sat 6pm Mildura	R Tongue	A Greville, K Quinlan, M McDonald	Baptism	M Guthrie, B Prescott, M Bowring
Sun 8.30am Irymple	M Duck			M Smith
Sun 9am Mildura	L Welsh	J Rocca, B Castillo, T Fainga'anuku	Baptism	Italian Choir, M Sullivan
Sun 10am	M Bell	N Kennedy	Cameron Family	T Lewis & Tongan Choir
Sun 10.30am Merbein	F Cox	Vicki McCarthy	Vicki & Val McCarthy	K East
Sun 5pm Mildura	B Bunting	G Johnston, V Carlucci, M Bowring		S Fatai, K Mapapalangi

Please Pray for the Sick

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.

Recent Deaths
 Penafrancia Dulay (Philippines)
 Nicos Kourouzidis



Anniversaries

Mildura:
Sunday 8.30am:
 Domenico Spadaccini
Sunday 9am:
 Luka Marlais (10 yr anniversary),
 Adrianna Tassone (20 yr anniversary)
Sunday 5pm:
 Mary Caia

Merbein:
 Nora Duncan, Carmela De Angelo Musico,
 Robert Blyth and Richard Murphy snr.

Red Cliffs:
 Cosimo Pezzaniti (30 day Mass)

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: 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 Red Cliffs	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 Mildura	B Dolence	P Cox, J Boord, Volunteer please		S Fatai, K Mapapalangi

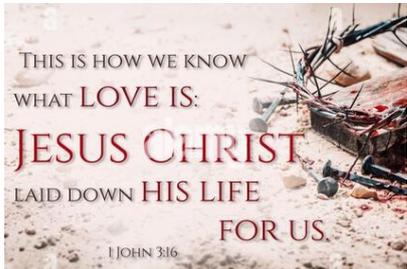
Mass Time Table this Week

Tuesday	9.30am	Red Cliffs
	1.30pm	Regis Tenth Street
	4pm	Expo/Benediction
	6pm	Mildura
Wednesday	9.30am	Mildura
Thursday	9.30am	Mildura
	10.30am	Chaffey Aged Care
	5.30pm	Red Cliffs Anoint.
Friday	6pm	Mildura
Saturday	9.30am	Mildura
	6pm	Mildura
	Sunday	8.30am
	9am	Mildura
	10am	Red Cliffs
	10.30am	Merbein
	5pm	Mildura



What's Happening **June 2023**

Tue 6: Regis Tenth Aged Care Service 1.30pm
Thu 8: Chaffey Aged Care Service 10.30am
Thu 8: Anointing Mass Red Cliffs 5.30pm
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



First Reading

Ex 34:4-6. 8-9

A reading from the book of Exodus

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

Responsorial Psalm

Dn 3:52-56. R. v.52

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. (R.)
Blest your glorious holy name. (R.)
2. You are blest in the temple of your glory. (R.)
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. (R.)
3. You are blest who gaze into the depths. (R.)
You are blest in the firmament of heaven. (R.)

Second Reading

2 Cor 13:11-13

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

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel Acclamation

See Apoc 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 3:16-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

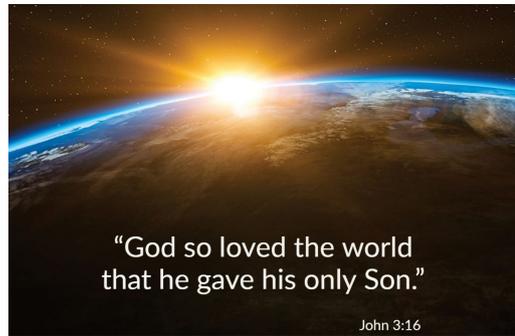
Jesus said to Nicodemus,

'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost

but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

When he was crucified Jesus uttered: 'It is finished.' What had finished? His earthly ministry during which he painted a picture of the most intimate communion between Himself, the Father, and the Holy Spirit, so intimate that the Church needed a new word: 'Tri-Unity' or 'Trinity' for short.

God is pulsating, shimmering light, dancing in threefold exchange of love, each being simultaneously poured into the other. God is 'Being-In-Love' and love is always relational.

'You are made in the image and likeness of God'? Because of the ministry of Jesus Christ, we know what that really means. We are made to live in relationship – not in solitary.

If we think that the ultimate good is to be self-sufficient/autonomous, that leads to a hellish existence. When we live with as much self-giving as is possible, we are on the way to a heavenly existence.

We could pause for a moment to give thanks for the revelation of the nature of God, and consequently of the true nature of human beings.

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Next Weeks Readings: The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ / 11th June 2023

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

Psalm: Ps 147:12-15, 19-20

Second Reading: St Paul to the Corinthians

Response: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem

Gospel: John 6:51-58