



# Sts. Anne and Joachim Catholic Parish, Sunraysia

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

Transfiguration of the Lord / 5th & 6th August 2023

## Message from the Parish Priest

This weekend we celebrate the Transfiguration of Jesus. James, Peter and John were taken up the mountain by Jesus and he presented himself in the fullness of glory which he would be like after the resurrection. I wonder what I would have done and said if I was present?

On Tuesday is the Feast of Mary MacKillop she inspired, challenged, educated and supported so many people not only during her life but after and its amazing to see it still continue today.

On Friday is the feast of St Clare, after listening to St Francis of Assisi preach a homily in 1212 AD she had a revelation and gave her life to serving the poor, prayer and being devoted to God.

*God Bless You All  
Fr Matthew*



## Baptisms

We welcome into our Parish Community **Isla Burford**, whose baptism occurs this weekend.



## Trading Stalls & Cuppa—Mildura & Red Cliffs

Next Sunday —Cuppa and Trading stall will be held after the 9am Mass Mildura and 10am Mass Red Cliffs. Proceeds from Mildura and Red Cliffs will go towards the Soup Kitchen. Donations of produce, preserves, seedlings, baked goods etc would be greatly appreciated and can be left on the day.

Mary MacKillop

Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them bravely, remembering Whom you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you all your life. God will reward you as only He can.

AZ QUOTES

### Tap & Go Presbytery

The parish has 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 the main entrance of Irymple, Merbein & Red Cliffs churches.

**Parish Contact Details**  
**Administration Officer** Mrs Carmel Russo  
**Office Hours** Tuesday— Friday 9am—4pm  
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Finances			
Last week's collections	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> <small>(supporting Priests &amp; Presbytery)</small>	<b>\$1434.65</b>	<b>\$127.20</b>	\$
<b>2nd Collection</b> <small>(includes all EFT, DD &amp; CC)</small>	<b>\$2261.00</b>	<b>\$121.00</b>	\$
<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$ 789.70</b>	<b>\$ 63.60</b>	\$
	\$		
<b>Next week's Counting Team</b>	<b>Team 6— W Carmichael</b>		

### Sacramental Dates for 2023

Celebrations and parent meeting dates for the following Sacraments will take place later this year:



#### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (Gr 4 and above)**

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

Parent meeting: 6th September 7pm,  
Sacred Heart Church

#### **PENANCE (Gr 2 and above)**

**Wednesday 22nd November at 7pm**

Parent meeting: 4th October 7pm, SH Church



RECONCILIATION



#### **Sacred Heart Family Group**

Are having a Baked Potato Lunch on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August at noon at Lyn and Colin Welsh's home.

Please let Lyn or Colin know if attending 0350231356. Please bring a sweet to share. All welcome to join us.

#### **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.

### **REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

We have to get rid of the idea that the soul is a dot of energy in some hidden core of our body. In fact, the body is in the soul. There is no part of my body which is not immersed in my soul. It is my whole person, bodysoul, which needs to be saved. As Thomas Aquinas says: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.' Today's Gospel does not portray an out-of-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Further, this transfiguration was not a solitary experience for Jesus. Peter, James and John witnessed it precisely because it told them what our Heavenly Father desired as their destiny beyond martyrdom, if only they would listen to Jesus.

Heavenly salvation will involve my whole person, bodysoul, being transformed. But could a person, during their earthly existence, share in the transfiguration experience of Christ?

We could pause for a moment to 'Google' or otherwise get hold of my favourite story of a saint – St Seraphim of Sarov – and pray that we may share with his disciple the bodily experience of 'immeasurable well-being' – 'infinite joy in our hearts'. © Fr Michael Tate; mtate@bigpond.com

### 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

### **SOLEMNITY OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS**

On Saturday 12th August at 6pm we will celebrate the Feast Day of St Mary MacKillop at Sacred Heart Church.

Proudly supported by our Catholic Schools and the Knights of the Southern Cross. All welcome.



### **Mother Mary's Assumption & Indian Independence Day Celebration 2023**

Sunday 13th August  
with Holy Mass at 9am  
at Sacred Heart Church

All welcome.

Organised by the  
Kerala Community



Sunday 20th August 2023

### **Festival of St Rocco**

St Michael's Church, Buronga  
10am Mass followed by Procession.

Complimentary lunch with live  
entertainment from Paul Costa.

All welcome.



Sts Anne and Joachim Catholic Parish of Sunraysia adheres to the Child Safe Standards of Victoria.

Our policies are on display in each church, and on our website.

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Vince Pileggi.

**This Weekend Roster: 5th & 6th August 2023**

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
<b>Sat 6pm Mildura</b>	R Tongue	R Tongue, A Naray, Volunteer please		M Guthrie All Welcome
<b>Sun 8.30am Irymple</b>	W Schmidt			M Smith
<b>Sun 9am Mildura</b>	T Fainga'anuku	E Mazza, R Byra, J Cresp	Baptism	Italian Choir M Sullivan
<b>Sun 10am Red Cliffs</b>	M Slater	D Eagle	G Brizzi	T Lewis & Tongan Choir
<b>Sun 10.30am Merbein</b>	B Collins	K Easton	C Knight F Sabo	K East
<b>Sun 5pm</b>	Volunteer	J Hall, M Rodi, M Irvin		S Fatai, K Mapapalangi

**Next Weekend Roster: 12th & 13th August 2023**

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
<b>Sat 6pm Mildura</b>	Feast St Mary MacKillop—KSC	M McDonald, P Kerr, A Greville	Feast St Mary MacKillop-KSC	M Guthrie
<b>Sun 8.30am</b>	D Knight			M Smith
<b>Sun 9am</b>	Indian Feast Day	J Rocca, V Mammone, Elvira Mazza	Indian Feast Day	Indian Community Celebration
<b>Sun 10am Red Cliffs</b>	M Bell	T Gardiner	M Bell	T Lewis & Tongan Choir
<b>Sun 10.30am Merbein</b>	F Cox	Vicki McCarthy	Pelasio Family	K East
<b>Sun 5pm Mildura</b>	B Bunting	S Hermans, J Jose, T Cirillo		S Fatai, K Mapapalangi

**Please Pray for the Sick**

Barry Crosbie, Kerry-Anne Crosbie,  
Christian Mira, Dolly Ridings  
Nada Zudetich  
Catherine Bell  
Natalina D'Anna  
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**

Eileen Corponi, Marie Leary, Megan Hagen,



**Anniversaries**

**Mildura:**

**Sunday 9am:**

All Souls, Peter, Maria, Joseph & Lucia Tran. Francesco Modica

**Sunday 5pm:**

John, Margaret and Denis Donnellon.

**Merbein:**

Rosario Pediglieri, Michele Pavey, Steve Dolenc, Mario Berton and Karl Sabo.

**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**

<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30am	Red Cliffs
	4pm	Expo/Benediction
	6pm	Mildura
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30am	Mildura
<b>Thursday</b>	9.30am	Merbein
	10.30am	Chaffey Aged Care
	1.30pm	Funeral Mildura
	5.30pm	Red Cliffs Anointing
<b>Friday</b>	6pm	Mildura
<b>Saturday</b>	9.30am	Mildura
	6pm	Mildura
<b>Sunday</b>	8.30am	Irymple
	9am	Mildura
	10am	Red Cliffs
	10.30am	Merbein
	5pm	Mildura



**What's Happening**

**August 2023**

- Thu 10 Aug:** Chaffey Aged Care Service 10.30am & Anointing Mass
- Thu 10 Aug:** Anointing Mass St Josephs Church Red Cliffs 5.30pm
- Sat 12 Aug:** Feast of St Mary MacKillop Sacred Heart Church 6pm
- Sun 13 Aug:** Trading Stall—Sacred Heart Church 9am
- Sun 13 Aug:** Indian Independence Day Sacred Heart Church 9am
- Sun 13 Aug:** Trading Stall—St Joseph's Red Cliffs 10am
- Mon 14 Aug:** Knights of the Southern Cross monthly meeting 7.30pm KSC Clubrooms
- Tue 15 Aug:** Solemnity of the Assumption of the B.V.M.
- Thu 17 Aug:** Regis Ontario Aged Care Service 1.30pm
- Tue 22 Aug:** Parish Finance Committee meeting, Parish Office 7.15am
- Wed 23 Aug:** Anointing Mass Sacred Heart Church 2pm
- Wed 23 Aug:** Baptism Preparation Evening, Monaghan Centre 7pm

## First Reading Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14

A reading from the book of Daniel

*His raiment was as white as snow.*

As I watched:

Thrones were set in place  
and one of great age took his seat.  
His robe was white as snow,  
the hair of his head as pure as wool.  
His throne was a blaze of flames,  
its wheels were a burning fire.  
A stream of fire poured out,  
issuing from his presence.  
A thousand thousand waited on him,  
ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.  
A court was held and the books were opened.  
I gazed into the visions of the night.  
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,  
one like a son of man.  
He came to the one of great age  
and was led into his presence.  
On him was conferred sovereignty,  
glory and kingship,  
and men of all peoples, nations and languages be-  
came his servants.  
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty  
which shall never pass away,  
nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

## Responsorial Ps 96:1-2. 5-6. 9. R. vv.1. 9.

(R.) The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,  
let all the coastlands be glad.  
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;  
his throne, justice and right. (R.)
2. The mountains melt like wax  
before the Lord of all the earth.  
The skies proclaim his justice;  
all peoples see his glory. (R.)
3. For you indeed are the Lord  
most high above all the earth  
exalted far above all spirits. (R.)



## Second Reading 2 Peter 1:16-19

A reading from the second letter of St Peter

*We heard this voice from out of heaven.*

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

## Gospel Acclamation Matthew 17:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is my Son, my beloved,  
in whom is all my delight: listen to him.

Alleluia!

## Gospel Matthew 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*His face was shining like the sun.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

Next Weeks Readings: / 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 13th August 2023

First Reading: Kings 19:9, 11-13

Psalm: Ps 84:9-14

Response: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading: St Paul to the Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33