



# 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

16th Sunday in OT Year A / 22nd & 23rd July 2023

### Message from the Parish Priest

This weekend the international Church is celebrating Grandparents Day. We honour our grandparents in many different ways. This works in well with us having Anne and Joachim as our new patrons. The primary schools also have fantastic celebrations.

Today's Gospel is about the mustard seed bush. As we know it's the smallest seed which grows into the largest of the bushes. From little things big things grow is a title of one of Paul Kelly songs, which remind us of the nurturing and development of ourself and awareness.

Reminder: St Joseph's Red Cliffs have a Lay Led Liturgy on Sunday 30th July at 10am.

*God Bless  
Fr Matthew*

### Sts Anne and Joachim Parish Launch

The Feast Day of Sts Anne and Joachim is on Wednesday 26th July.  
To commemorate the Feast we will have mass at 11am followed by a lunch in the Monaghan Centre.  
For catering purposes we ask that you please contact the parish office by Friday 21st July to register.



### Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Online Study

The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) is a growing initiative to offer adult religious education and faith formation anytime and anywhere, online. This low-cost (\$50usd) online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes is available through our partner, Dayton University. The next Cycle begins August 28. There are 41 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you! Registrations are open now. Scan the QR code for more information or email: [djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 5337 7121.



### 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.



### Parish Contact Details

**Administration Officer** Mrs Carmel Russo  
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### Finances

	Mildura	Merbein	Red Cliffs
Last week's collections			
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$1734.55	\$151.15	\$229.75
2nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$2170.00	\$172.00	\$356.60
Loose Plate	\$ 753.85	\$ 74.90	\$ 60.95
	\$		
Next week's Counting Team	Team 4—M Roper		

### **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**

**Sunday, July 23, 2023**

"His mercy is from age to age" (Lk. 1:50) is the theme chosen by the Holy Father for the third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. We pray for all grandparents and the elderly and thank them for their gifts to families and to our parish communities. Resources are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly-sunday-july-23-2023/>

### **Prayer for the Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2023**

*Virgin Mary, Mother of faith and hope,  
an example for this humanity bent by indifference,  
make me as willing as You to accept the will of God,  
to magnify and praise His Mercy.*

*Mary, Mother of fortitude, you who knows my heart,  
do not allow me to become discouraged.  
I confidently surrender my life into your hands.  
Heal my wounds. May your tenderness accompany me on  
the way.*

*Your presence, Mother of love, brings us to  
experience the joy  
of seeing our families united.  
Help me to transmit the tenderness and Love of God  
to the grandchildren and youth so that, in addition to pray-  
ing for them,  
we can pray with them.*

*Mary, may the gift of the Holy Spirit intercede for me:  
sustain my weakness; breathe into my heart the  
consolation  
that I may leave traces of faith among the young,  
bearing witness to the beauty of life,  
knowing that life has a limit and that beyond it lies before us  
our Father's embrace. Amen.*

### **Sacramental Dates for 2023**

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



**First Holy Communion (Grade 4 and above)**  
**Friday 20th, Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd October**

Parent meeting: 6th September 7pm, SH Church

**Penance (Grade 2 and above)**  
**Wednesday 22nd November at 7pm**

Parent meeting: 4th October 7pm, SH Church



### **Urgent: Cleaners Wanted**

St Joseph's Church Red Cliffs, is looking for cleaners to help clean the church twice a month. To obtain a job description please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.

### **Werrimull Mass Bus Trip**

The next Werrimull Bus trip will be held on Sunday 30th July.

To make a booking, please contact the Parish Office on 5021 872.



### **Diocesan e-News**

Read about news and events of the diocese in the latest edition of e-News <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/>

### **Notices for the Bulletin**

All requests for notices for the weekend bulletin need to be in by 12noon each Thursday.

You can either email:

[sunraysia@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:sunraysia@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

or call 5021 2872.

### **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 Officer: **Sunraysia, Vince Pileggi**

This Weekend Roster: 22nd & 23rd July 2023				
	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
Sat 6pm Mildura	M Bowring	P Kerr, Volunteer x 2		M Guthrie, All welcome
Sun 8.30am Irymple	G McCracken			M Smith
Sun 9am Mildura	L Welsh	P O'Donnell, J Rocca, K Mapapalangi	M Gobbo	M Sullivan, B Lewis J O'Bryan, B Prescott
Sun 10am	J Lewis	C Cavallaro	Volunteer	T Lewis & Tongan Choir
Sun 10.30am Merbein	M Bowring	K McCarthy	J & A O'Connor	K East
Sun 5pm Mildura	J Thomas	T Finn, B Dolence, J Boord		M Hammond, J Ljubic, J Macri
Next Weekend Roster: 29th & 30th July 2023				
	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
Sat 6pm Mildura	G Huxtable	M McDonald, A Greville, M Cirillo		S Fatai
Sun 8.30am Irymple	M Duck			M Smith
Sun 9am Mildura	R Op't Hoog	N Fatai, B Castillo, T Fainga'anuku	L Belej	M Guthrie, J Macri
Sun 10am Red Cliffs	Lay Led Liturgy M Milani	Lay Led Liturgy M Dominelli	S Orr	T Lewis & Tongan Choir
Sun 10.30am Merbein	F Sabo	Val McCarthy	B Collins, Karen McCarthy	K east
Sun 5pm Mildura	F Carlin	V Carlucci, B Bunting, K Groves	Youth	Youth Mass

**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**  
 Carmel Matulick

**Anniversaries**  
 Matt Zema

**Mildura:**  
 Sat 6pm:  
 Sun 9am:  
 Sun 5pm:  
 Palma & Vincenzo Zinghini

**Tues 6pm:**  
 Ilario Circosta

**Merbein:**  
 Bert Adolph, John Lamshed and Margaret Kelly

**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**

Monday	2pm	Funeral Swan Hill
Tuesday	9.30am	Red Cliffs
	10am	Funeral Mildura
	1pm	BUPA Aged Care
	4pm	Expo/Benediction
Wednesday	6pm	Mildura
	9.30am	Mildura
Thursday	9.30am	Merbein
	9.30am	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** **July 2023**

**Tue 25:** BUPA Aged Care Service 1pm  
**Wed 26:** Anointing Mass, Mildura—cancelled for this month  
**Wed 26:** Mass celebrating the Feast of St Anne & St Joachim 11am. Sacred Heart Church Mildura, luncheon to follow.  
**Wed 26:** Baptism Preparation evening, Monaghan Centre 7pm  
**Thu 27:** St Anthony Committee meeting, 7.30pm KSC Clubrooms

**The Sowers and the Seeds**

*37 He answered and said to them: "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.  
 38 The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. 39 The enemy who sowed them is the devil..."*

## First Reading

Wisdom 12:13.16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything,  
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.

Your justice has its source in strength,  
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.  
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned  
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;  
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,  
you govern us with great lenience,  
for you have only to will, and your power is there.  
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people  
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,  
and you have given your sons the good hope  
that after sin you will grant repentance.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of love to all who call.  
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer  
and attend to the sound of my voice. (R.)
2. All the nations shall come to adore you  
and glorify your name, O Lord:  
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,  
you who alone are God. (R.)
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,  
slow to anger, O Lord,  
abounding in love and truth,  
turn and take pity on me. (R.)

## Second Reading

Romans 8:26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.



## Gospel Acclamation

See Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

Matthew 13:24-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables  
and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Next Weeks Readings: / 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 30th July 2023

First Reading: Kings 3:5, 7-12

Psalm: Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

Second Reading: St Paul to the Romans 8:28-30

Response: Lord, I love your commands.

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52