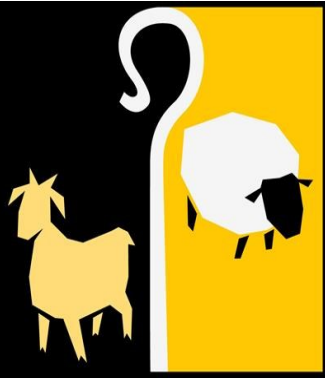


Christ the King / 26th November 2023



Sts Anne and Joachim
CATHOLIC PARISH OF SUNRAYSIA

IRYMPLE, MERBEIN, MILDURA, RED CLIFFS AND WERRIMULL

Parish Priest: Fr Matthew Thomas

Assistant Priest: Fr John Corrigan

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Message from our Parish Priest

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. Today is the last weekend of ordinary time before we commence Advent in preparation for Christmas. This feast is a time to look at the Universal Church, the nations which make up the faithful and the sacramental life in which we live out our faith.

We are Many Nations One Faith. This can be a great time for us to ask other parishioners from what part of the world they come from and even ask how do I say hello, or God Bless in your language. This could be something we can use when we greet others.

Next weekend we commence Advent our time of preparation for Christmas.

Advent Reconciliation Service
Wednesday 6th Dec 7pm Mildura

Fourth Week of Advent
Sat 23 Dec: 6pm Mildura Mass
Sun 24 Dec: 9am Mildura Mass
Please note other Sunday Masses are cancelled in lieu of Christmas Eve Mass.

Christmas Eve Sunday 24th December
6pm Mildura
6pm Werrimull
8pm Red Cliffs
8pm Merbein
10pm Mildura
Midnight Mildura

Christmas Day Monday 25th December
8.30am Irymple
9am Mildura

*God Bless,
Fr Matthew.*

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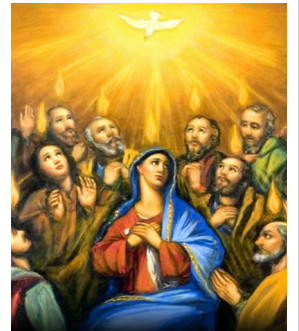
These Units are located at all church entrances, this enables us to support our Priests.



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

A SIX WEEK COURSE OF PRAYER & CATECHESIS FOR CATHOLICS OF ALL AGES

Tuesdays, 6:45pm to 8pm
at Sacred Heart Church
Session 4—28 November 2023
Encountering God's Spirit



Celebrating Advent

During the Season of Advent as we prepare for Christmas, join us in prayer and reflection in **Monaghan Room** each **Thursday at 2 pm**.

We will reflect on the Readings for each Sunday of Advent and provide an introduction to the Gospel of Mark, which is read during Year B of the Church Year. If you have purchased a copy of *The Sign- Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections* that would be helpful.



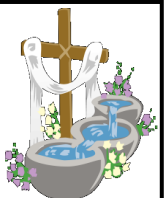
Nov 30, Dec 7, Dec 14, Dec 21
For further details contact:
Sr Helen 0438 734 524.

Ordination to the Diaconate

Seminarian Cay Trinh will be ordained Deacon for the Diocese of Ballarat on Saturday, December 16, 2023 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 10.00am. Please pray for Cay Trinh. All welcome to attend.

Baptisms

We welcome into our Parish Faith Communities **Brooklyn & Carter Linke** and **Doni Romeo** whose baptism occurs this weekend in Red Cliffs.



Finances – last weekend's Collections

1 st Collection (supporting Priests & Presbytery)	\$2113.20
2 nd Collection (includes all EFT, DD & CC)	\$1382.00
Loose Plate	\$ 797.95
This Week's Counting Team	Team 1—G Lavery
Next week's Counting Team	Team 2—R Tongue



St Vinnies Giving Tree

Sunday 10th December will be the final day for toy donations to be left at the Giving Tree for Sacred Heart Conference, St Vincent de Paul Society. Any donations after that time may be left at the Parish Office or at the Assistance Centre, 109 Pine Ave. Monday to Friday between 11am and 1pm.

2024 Rosters for Readers, Eucharistic Minister, Counters

New Rosters for Mildura and Red Cliffs churches for 2024 will be compiled shortly. If you would like to make any changes for your ministry or if you would like to be a part of any of the above ministries please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872.

International Day of People with Disabilities December 3, 2024

Mass to celebrate the International Day of People with Disabilities will be held at St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane. Watch the video of the Mass announcement presented by Bishop Tim Norton (Bishop Delegate of Disabilities) and representatives from Larche' and Centacare, Brisbane <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LcrHdd7w9wE>

Fr Green Scholarship

The Fr Green Scholarship is for any baptised member of our Parish in Year 6 who is going into a Catholic secondary school in 2023. The scholarship winner receives around \$250 towards the costs of Year 7.

The Scholarship is provided to the student with the highest overall scores on the end-of-year standardised testing. Eligible students attending St Joseph's Primary School are automatically assessed for this scholarship however baptised Red Cliffs students attending other schools can apply by contacting Naomi Kennedy at St Joseph's Primary. Phone 03 5024 1654

WEEKLY PRAYER & SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Sacred Heart Church Mildura

Exposition and Benediction: Tuesday 4pm
Charismatic Group: Tuesday after 6pm Mass
Reconciliation: Saturday after 9:30am Mass

Monaghan Centre

Christian Meditation: Saturday 11.30am
Children's Catechesis: Saturday 10am – 11am

Hamper Appeal

Over November we are seeking assistance in creating hampers to assist people in need in the parish. We are working with the Parish Office, Presbytery, Soup Kitchen and St Vinnies.

Toiletries / Other (Next Weekend)

We will be collecting the following items:
Tooth Paste, Tooth Brushes, Shampoo, Conditioner, Roll on Deodorant, Toilet Paper (6 packs), feminine hygiene products.

These items can be left in the baskets in the foyer of the churches.



150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat -

Significant Catholic Person/People from your Parish

In preparation for the Ballarat Diocese's 150 year Anniversary in 2024, the anniversary committee for the Mass of the Oils are searching for 1 or 2 significant Catholics from your parish for a display to be presented in the Hall after the Mass of the Oils on Monday, March 25, 2024. This could be a well-known person who has achieved success in their chosen field or it could be someone who has left a legacy in your parish, as a benefactor, contributor or historian. Please provide names and supporting information and photo to jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au before February 5, 2024.

Next Weeks Readings: / 1st Sunday of Advent Year B 3rd December 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1. 3-8

Psalm: Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4

Response: Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

PARISH SCHOOLS CONTACT

Sacred Heart Primary School, Mildura
Principal: Mr Mark Gibson. *Ph:* 5023 1204

St Paul's Primary School, Mildura
Principal: Mr Vince Muscatello. *Ph:* 5023 4567

St Joseph's Primary School, Red Cliffs
Principal: Mrs Naomi Kennedy. *Ph:* 5024 1654

Our Lady of Sacred Heart, Merbein
Principal: Mrs Narelle Gallagher. *Ph:* 5025 2258

St Joseph's Secondary College, Mildura
Principal: Mrs Marg Blythman. *Ph:* 5018 8000

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: 25th & 26th November 2023				
	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
Sat 6pm Mildura	G Huxtable	A Naray, M McDonald, Volunteer please		M Hammond M Bowring
Sun 8.30am Irymple	G McCracken			M Smith
Sun 9am Mildura	L Walsh	K Mapapalangi, R O'Callaghan, L Belej		M Sullivan Singing Group
Sun 10am Red Cliffs	A Higham	P Hill	Baptism Family	T Lewis Tongan Choir
Sun 10.30am Merbein	M Bowring	K McCarthy	J and A O'Connor	K East
Sun 5pm Mildura	J Thomas	C Carlucci, B Bunting, K Groves		S Fatai K Mapapalangi

Please Pray for the Sick
 Vincent Tripodi
 Tess Kerr
 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

Anniversaries
 Giovanni Bachetti
Mildura:
 Saturday 6pm:
 Domenico Carfora (1st year anniversary)
 Thomas Chandy
 Sunday 9am: Tim Bowring, Michele, Gabriele,
 Teresa, Liliana Vanni, Pasquale, Giuseppina
 Camillo-Di Giammichele,
 Sunday 5pm: Frank Cirillo, Jim Augustine,
 George Ribarits, Giuseppe Ficarra, Annunziata
 Demaria, Domenico Timpano
 Friday 6pm: Rocco Mammone

Merbein: Jeffrey Power, Robert Cox, Santo
 Rullo, Nancy McCarthy, Harry Farrell, Barry
 Rowe and John Olden

Red Cliffs: Giuseppe & Domenico Mammone

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: 2nd & 3rd December 2023				
	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Offertory	Music
Sat 6pm Mildura	C Carmichael	M Cirillo, A Greville, P Kerr	Baptism Family	M Hammond, J Macri
Sun 8.30am Irymple	M Duck			M Smith
Sun 9am Mildura	R Op't Hoog	J Rocca, V Mammone, E Mazza	Baptism Family	Italian Choir M Sullivan
Sun 10am Red Cliffs	P Hunt	Volunteer Please	S Orr	T Lewis Tongan Choir
Sun 10.30am Merbein	K Wagner	K Aston	C Knight, F Sabo	K East
Sun 5pm Mildura	Fynn Carlin	J Hall, M Rodi, M Irvin		S Fatai K Mapapalangi

MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Tuesday	9.30am	Red Cliffs
	6pm	Mildura
Wednesday	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 November / December 2023

Tue 28 Nov: Parish Finance Meeting, 7.15am, Parish Office
Tue 28 Nov: BUPA Aged Care Service 1pm
Sun 3 Dec: Parish Council Meeting, Red Cliffs
Tue 5 Dec: Finance Meeting, Mildura
Tue 5 Dec: Regis Tenth Aged Care Service 1.30pm
Wed 6 Dec: Bereavement Team Meeting, Parish Office 10am
Thu 7 Dec: Chaffey Aged Care Service, 10.30am
Sun 10 Dec: Trading Table, Mildura after 9am Mass
Sun 10 Dec: Trading Table, Red Cliffs after 10am Mass
Tue 12 Dec: Princes Court Aged Care Service 1pm
Wed 13 Dec: Jacaranda Village Aged Care Service 2pm
Wed 13 Dec: Anointing Mass, Mildura 2pm
Thu 14 Dec: Anointing Mass, Merbein 9.30am
Thu 14 Dec: Anointing Mass, Red Cliffs 5.30pm
Tue 19 Dec: BUPA Aged Care Service 1pm
Wed 20 Dec: Oasis Aged Care Service 2pm

First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22:1-3, 5-6, R. see v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. (R.)
2. Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me

all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

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

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death.

And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 11:9-10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'



"All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats."

Matthew 25:32