

# Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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Sacred Heart  
Mildura

Our Lady of Lourdes  
Werrimull

St. Francis Xavier  
Irymple

St. Joseph's  
Red Cliffs

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart  
Merbein

*The Sunraysia Catholic Communities are committed to ensure the safety of all children and vulnerable people in our care.*

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Changes to Weekday Mass times will be listed under Parish Heading

|           | MILDURA | RED CLIFFS | MERBEIN |
|-----------|---------|------------|---------|
| MONDAY    |         | 9:30AM     |         |
| TUESDAY   | 6:00PM  | 5:30PM     |         |
| WEDNESDAY | 9:15AM  | 9:30AM     |         |
| THURSDAY  | 9:15AM  | 5:30PM     | 9:15AM  |
| FRIDAY    | 5:40PM  | 9:30AM     |         |
| SATURAY   | 9:30AM  | 9:30AM     |         |

## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

|   | IRYMPLE | MILDURA | RED CLIFFS | MERBEIN |
|---|---------|---------|------------|---------|
| SATURDAY                                      |         | 6:00PM  |            |         |
| SUNDAY  | 8:30AM  | 9:00AM  | 10:00AM    | 10:30AM |
|   |         | 5:00PM  |            |         |
| WERRIMULL 11:00AM (LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH) |         |         |            |         |

### MILDURA

Recent Deaths:  
Anniversaries:

Sunday 9am:  
Sunday 5pm: Katarina Balog

### RED CLIFFS

Recent Death: Paul Lanigan  
Anniversaries: Vincent Dichiera

### MERBEIN

Recent Deaths:  
Anniversaries: May 7, Cosimo Dichiera; May 10, Ramon Deed; May 11, John Lang; May 12, Colleen Hill, Costance Croft, June Iervell.

Only immediate family members of the deceased are permitted to arrange anniversary Masses.

## Our Parish Schools

Sacred Heart Mildura Principal: Des Lowry 5023 1204  
 St Paul's Mildura Principal: Vince Muscatello 5023 4567  
 OLSH Merbein Principal: Narelle Gallagher 5025 2258  
 St. Joseph's Red Cliffs Principal: Mark Gibson 5024 1654

St. Joseph's Secondary College Mildura  
 Principal: Marg Blythman 5018 8000

## 6th Sunday of Easter / Year B 5th & 6th May 2018

The constitutions of my religious institute remind me that "the tender mercy of our God has given us one another". The implications of this profoundly beautiful truth are spelt out thus: "In our communities, we try to live in the friendship of Christ's disciples [Jn 15:15]. To so live calls forth relationships of equality, a real acceptance of ourselves and others, a forgetfulness of anything that does not make love its message." Living in the friendship of Christ's disciples is at the heart of a gospel way of living. It is the commission at the heart of today's reading and seems to be exactly what Pope Francis wants to say to all believers in his new Apostolic Exhortation, *Gaudete et Exultate* (Rejoice and be Glad).

As we listen to the proclamation of the gospel, we might attend to the repetition of "joy", the three-fold repetition of "friends" and the nine-fold repetition of "love". We might attend to the way in which the pronouns I/my/me and you/your function in the passage. We may also notice the reference to "commands" and "commandments".

We tend not to associate "commands" with friendship and love because those we count as our friends are not usually in the habit of commanding or ordering us to do what they want. We derive little joy from being told what to do. And yet, there is no resiling from the juxtaposition of these terms. God, imaged in the gospel passage as "Father", loves Jesus. Jesus remains or abides in God's love so deeply that this love flows on to his friends. They are to love one another as Jesus has loved them. This is his commandment or commission to them, and by extension to us. It directs them/us to live for each other and put their lives/our lives on the line for one another. It means being faithful to the teaching of Jesus as he has been faithful to God's commandments.

Remaining in the love of God or of Jesus and doing what God or Jesus commands seem to be one and the same thing. In other words, love is not just an emotion: it is always expressed in action that is in tune with and for the sake of the other. The disciples need no further explanation. Jesus' whole life and his courage in the face of impending death have shown them what it means to love one another.

Living in the friendship of Christ's disciples is not some abstract goal. Too often we affirm the goodness of our selfless companions on the journey only when we come to lay them to rest. As we approach the end of the Easter season, we might give thanks for the love of our friends, for their witness to holiness and for the joy that they bring to our lives.

Veronica Lawson rsm



# Sacred Heart Mildura

# REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS



### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

*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.*

**Janette Piscioneri, Dianne Lanigan, Albis Dy, Jill Antonie, Ron Russell, Brian Ramsey, Graeme Lewis, Joan Appleby, Fr Denis Dennehy, Vince Alicastro, Geraldine Brunner, Hailey Crossan**

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE & LITURGY



**RCIA**  
**Universal Mission**  
**Thursday session, 10th May, Monaghan Centre**



### FLORES DE MAYO

The Filipino Community of Sunraysia will be celebrating their annual Flores de Mayo (Flowers of May) Mass on Sunday, May 13th at 9am. All welcome.

Morning tea will be provided after Mass.

Any young girls and boys who would like to participate as angels in the procession are all most welcome. (Girls please dress in white, boys white shirt & black pants).

### FIRST EUCHARIST—Important dates to remember

**5th/6th May:** Welcoming Sunday—children to bring photo to church.

**12th/13th May:** Presentation of the Lord's Prayer

**19th/20th May:** Practice after Mass in preparation for First Eucharist.

**First Eucharist Dates:** Saturday June 2nd 6pm Mass and Sunday June 3rd, 9am Mass & 5pm Mass.

## COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

### PRINCES COURT AGED CARE MASS

Will be held on Wednesday 9th May at 10am. All welcome.

### SACRED HEART LADIES SOCIAL GROUP

Will hold their monthly gathering on Tuesday 8th May from 2pm. All welcome.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LEADERS

Meeting Thursday 10th May at 1.15pm at the Parish Office.

### ST ANTHONY COMMITTEE MEETING

Will be held on Thursday 10th May from 7.30pm at the KSC Clubrooms.

### PLEASE NOTE

**THE 9.15AM MASS FOR WEDNESDAY 9TH MAY HAS BEEN CANCELLED. ALL MOST WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MASS AT PRINCES COURT AGED CARE AT 10AM.**

### SHARED TABLE STALL

Next Sunday 13th May after the 9am Mass.

Donations to this stall need to be perishable items such as: fruit, vegetables, preserves, home baked and home crafted items.

**All money collected goes directly to the Projects of The Shared Table in Lima, Peru.**

### Weekly Prayer Opportunities Mildura

**Prayer of the Church:** Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri. 8:40 am

**Charismatic Prayer Meeting:** Tuesday 6:30pm

**Devotions and Exposition:** Friday 3:00pm

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 10:00am—10:30am

**Christian Meditation:** Sat 11:30 am Prayer Room

### THE UPCOMING PLENARY COUNCIL AND VISIT OF THE REDEMPTORISTS

The Redemptorists will be active in the Sunraysia Parishes from this coming Thursday until Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May. They will be leading us in the various Celebrations of the Eucharist across these days. They will also offer some brief presentations about the Council after the Thursday morning Masses in Mildura and Merbein, and after Friday afternoon Mass in Ouyen. I am also hoping that they might be able to reach out to the various ethnic communities within our parish. Please make them feel welcome.

“Every renewal of the Church essentially consists in an increase of fidelity to her own calling...Christ summons the Church as she goes her pilgrim way.” *Pope Paul VI, Unitatis Redintegratio 6*

### REDEMPTORISTS MISSIONARIES

#### Fr. Redempt Jawa CSsR



I am from Indonesia. I was born on 8<sup>th</sup> December 1981. On the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2011, I had my priesthood ordination in Indonesia and right after that I was sent to the Redemptorist mission in Auckland, NZ. Last month, I was appointed to Redemptorist formation house in Kew, Melbourne as Prefect of Student to journey with our young Redemptorists who are preparing to be future missionaries.

#### Rev. Deacon Xuan Hieu Nguyen CSsR



My name is Xuan Hieu NGUYEN, and my baptismal name is Joseph, but I like to be called Hieu. My family lives in North of Vietnam where my parents are farmers. I am the middle child of two brothers and two sisters. My family worked hard in the field of rice. All income is dependent on the harvest of rice. Therefore, our lives would be harder when storm destroyed all rice so that it really affected my family. My brothers and my sisters could not go to school; they offered to help my family by

finding other jobs so that they could earn money to support my family. However, my parents still gave me a chance to go to school if I could find different ways to support my study. I entered the Redemptorist Congregation in Hanoi where I was a postulant for six years. I went to Saigon in 2005 and after my novitiate I was professed a Redemptorist on the 27th of June 2007. I studied a further two years of Philosophy in the major seminary. In 2011, I was asked to come to Australia to further pursue my theological studies in English and I graduated three years ago with a Bachelor of Theology from Yarra Theological Union (YTU) in Melbourne. I became a deacon on Saturday 30 September, 2017. I felt so happy. I went to mission in China for 3 months and 1 month in Singapore. Please pray for me as I also pray for you so that I would become a genuine witness for Jesus Christ to bring Good News to everyone, especially for the poor people and those who are abundant in society. “Becoming a gift for everyone”.

**THANK YOU** to the Tongan Community for leading us in our celebration of St Peter Chanel and for their generous donation of \$5150 towards the Monaghan Centre loan.

### TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

It has been brought to our attention that there are a number of parishioners who are unable to get themselves to Mass each weekend. If you know of any Parishioners in this circumstance, or if you are willing to assist please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872 so that arrangements / rosters can be made.

### YEARLY MASS COUNT COMMENCES NEXT WEEKEND

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over 4 weekends in May/June, commencing 12th & 13th May.

### PARISH BULLETIN

For next week only—if you would like any notices to go into the parish bulletin please contact the Parish Office on 5021 2872 rather than email. Many thanks.

### MILDURA PARISH FINANCE

#### Last weeks collections

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| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (support of Priests & Presbytery) | <b>\$1748.20</b> |
| <b>2nd Collection</b> (includes DD, CC & EFT)                      | <b>\$1569.00</b> |
| <b>Loose Plate</b>   | <b>\$ 581.15</b> |

# St. Joseph's Red Cliffs Our Lady Of The Sacred Heart Merbein



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

*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.*

**Carmel Markham, Larry Cricelli, Jana Njegovan, Marie Adams, Jessie Pedler, Raymondo Chan, Albis, Roman & Joe Dy, Graeme Lewis, Robert & Elizabeth Young, Diane Lanigan, Heather McWilliams, Maurice O' Connor, Joe Mammone, Joe Cufari, Brother Dan Geary MSC.**



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**Kit Coogan, Peter Willcock, Betty Green, Joan Appleby, Maria Pyatt, Ted Verryt, Alison Olden, Frank Chandler, Fr Frank Smith CSSR**

### PLEASE NOTE: CHANGES TO WEEK DAY MASS TIMES FOR THIS COMING WEEK

Scriptures: 9.30am each morning

### PROJECT COMPASSION

Our Project Compassion 2018 stands now at \$55200.20. A wonderful effort.



## Upcoming Events

**Sunday 13 May:** Is both the Feast of the Ascension & Mothers' Day.

**Sunday May 20:** Is Pentecost Sunday. Youth will lead our mass that day. During the Mass baby Nikita Alexander Pedulla from WA will be baptised, and Tomas Hawkes will be confirmed. As well, Gabriel Spataro will be thanked for her years as a very faithful Altar Server. Gabriel was in England when, at the Vigil of Easter, we thanked the other servers who were retiring.

**Sunday May 27:** Is Trinity Sunday. Grades 4-5 will lead our Mass that day.

**Sunday June 3:** Is the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. Tomas Hawkes will receive Communion for the first time, and will help give Communion to the community.

**LOVE ONE ANOTHER**  
JOHN 15:9-17

### IDEAS FOR FAMILIES TO CELEBRATE MARY IN MAY

1. Plant a small flower garden in a flower box or in your garden or just a flower pot in honour of Mary that is surrounded by herbs and flowers which have special significance for her, through legends or naming. Some suggested flowers and herbs: cornflowers for Mary's Crown, forget-me not for eyes of Mary, impatiens for a Mother's love, snapdragon for Baby Jesus's shoes, marigolds and violets remind us of her faithfulness and purity. Cut and place these flowers in the special place dedicated to Mary in your home.
2. Have the Our Lady visiting statue from your parish church visit your home and take turns laying fresh flowers dedicated to Mary. If there is a shrine or church dedicated to Mary near your home, make a visit to it with your family during May
3. Pray the rosary or the Hail Mary.
4. Extend an act of kindness to a single or vulnerable mother in your neighbourhood or church community.
5. Give a smile of affirmation and encouragement to any mother you see.

### RED CLIFFS PARISH FINANCE

#### Last weeks collections

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery) | \$209.70 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)           | \$190.00 |
| Loose Plate  | \$ 42.85 |
| Project Compassion to date:                                  | \$ 20.00 |

### Vision & Mission Statement

We are a welcoming Catholic Community committed to following Jesus Christ in our daily life. We do this by:

- Coming together regularly to worship God;
- Witnessing to Gospel values in our daily lives;
- Nurturing the growth & development of our faith;
- Caring for all in our Community;
- Taking responsibility for our Parish.

### BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community Savannah-Rose Hill, whose Baptism occurs today.



**THERESIANS SUNRAYSIA** invite you to an evening to listen to Martine John from "Days for Girls" re\_making up sanitary/feminine hygiene packages for women overseas. May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Multi-Purpose Room at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School, Merbein.

### MERBEIN MOSAICS PROJECT

The first Mosaic work dates have been set for Wednesday May 02, and Tuesday May 08, 10am- 4.00pm at LMW old FMIT Workshop on Etiwanda Ave just over 14<sup>th</sup> Street –up from the Salvation Army Complex. The focus is the Merbein Centenary and it is hoped that many Merbein and Merbein connected people will be involved in this continuing successful project. Even an hour or two would be great and you don't need prior 'mosaic' experience or artistic ability. It is great fun and very social. If you plan to stay all day you will need to take your own lunch.

**CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME: How often do we stop to think about where the paper we use comes from?** In Laudato Si', Pope Francis refers specifically to our use of paper, citing it as an example of a problem linked to our "throwaway culture". He writes, "Most of the paper we produce is thrown away and not recycled ... We have not yet managed to adopt a circular model of production capable of preserving resources for present and future generations, while limiting as much as possible the use of non-renewable resources, moderating their consumption, maximizing their efficient use, reusing and recycling them" (Laudato Si'#22).

Pope Francis is right to be concerned. In 2007-2008 'Clean Up Australia' reported that we used 4,250,000 tonnes of paper and of that we sent 1.9 million tonnes to landfill. Trees are the main resource in paper production. A single tonne of paper consumes approximately 20 full grown trees while recycling 1 tonne of paper saves 13 trees.

**Here's one point to ponder: 15% of deforestation is due to toilet paper alone.**

### SCHOOL NEWS

On the evening of the 15th of May, OLSH is holding a Cyber Safety Information Session in the Multipurpose Room. Kevin Cummins from the Ballarat CEO will be presenting the session, and also working with staff the previous day. The session focuses on living with the ever increasing amount of technology in our children's lives and how to deal with tricky situations around technology use. We strongly encourage all parents, and particularly the parents of our senior students, to attend.

### MERBEIN PARISH FINANCE

#### Last weeks collections

|  |          |
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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery) | \$ 68.90 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)           | \$229.00 |
| Loose Plate  | \$ 18.00 |

# SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND ROSTERS

## 6th Sunday of Easter / Year B 5th & 6th May 2018

**First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48**  
**Responsorial: Ps 97:1-4**  
**Response: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**  
**Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10**  
**Gospel: John 15:9-17**



| Werrimull<br>Last Sunday of month<br>11:00am | Sacred Heart<br>Saturday 6.00pm | Sacred Heart<br>Sunday 9:00am | Sacred Heart<br>Sunday 5.00pm | Irymple<br>Sunday 8:30am | Red Cliffs<br>Sunday 10:00am   | Merbein<br>Sunday 10:30am                             | Merbein<br>Lay Led Assembly<br>Last Sunday of the month |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|
| Leader / Reader                              | Trish McNamara                  | Peter Maloney                 | Rosemarie Zalec               | P Riordan                | M Matotek<br>J Lewis/C Markham | A Lemon   | <b>May 27th</b><br>Bernadette Wells<br>Kay Wagner       |
| Music  | M Sullivan<br>J Macri/J Ljubic  | Italian Choir<br>N Armsden    | NO MUSIC                      |                          | Guitar                         |   |   |
| Offertory                                    |                                 | L & C Welsh                   |                               |                          | Russo Family                   | Besgrove Family                                       |   |
| Altar Servers                                | Please Volunteer                | Please Volunteer              | Please Volunteer              |                          | Thomas Dowling                 |   | <b>June 24th</b><br>Sr Carmel Setford<br>Annette Lemon  |
| Eucharist Ministers                          | Christine Carmichael            | Maureen Speed                 | Jacinta Macri                 | Malcolm Hoy              | Liam Dowling                   | Vicki McCarthy  |   |
|  | Ellen Frauenfelder              | Peter O'Donnell               | Paula Cox                     |                          | Amber Foster                   | Val McCarthy  |   |
|  | Jacinda Deacon                  | Greg Johnston                 | Jennifer Boord                |                          | Sumah Foster                   |   |   |
|  | Katy Quinlan                    | Gina Raiti                    | Reni Cheriyan                 |                          |                                |   |   |
|  | Katelin Anesbury                | Anna Vartuli                  | Wendy Finn                    |                          | Grace Brizzi                   | CHAFFEY AGED CARE                                     |   |
|  | Vince Pileggi                   | Sara Visona                   | Tony Finn                     |                          | Loris Bugno                    | Vi Barling<br>Margo Farnsworth                        |   |
|  | Juliet Cresp                    |                               |                               | Janine Cameron           |                                | <b>August 26th</b><br>Nancy Prevedello<br>Kevin Aston |   |
| Counting Team                                | TEAM 2                          | JOE DEJONG 5023 7802          |                               |                          | K Castle / P Roy               |   |   |
| Church Cleaning                              | As per arrangement              |                               |                               | As per arrangement       | Volunteer                      | As per arrangement                                    |   |

## The Ascension of the Lord / Year B 12th & 13th May 2018

**First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11**  
**Responsorial: Ps 46:2-3, 6-9**  
**Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**  
**Second Reading: St Paul to the Ephesians 4:1-13**  
**Gospel: Mark 16:15-20**



| Werrimull<br>Last Sunday of month<br>11:00am | Sacred Heart<br>Saturday 6.00pm    | Sacred Heart<br>Sunday 9:00am        | Sacred Heart<br>Sunday 5.00pm | Irymple<br>Sunday 8:30am | Red Cliffs<br>Sunday 10:00am     | Merbein<br>Sunday 10:30am                             | Merbein<br>Lay Led Assembly<br>Last Sunday of the month |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---|
| Leader / Reader                              | Anita Naray                        | Flores de Mayo                       | Sue Hermans                   | G McCracken              | C Russo<br>M Monteleone/ J Vines | J Ellis   | <b>May 27th</b><br>Bernadette Wells<br>Kay Wagner       |
| Music  | Mothers Day<br>Sacred Heart School | Flores de Mayo<br>Filipino Community | Lam Duy<br>J Ljubic           |                          | Guitar                           |   |   |
| Offertory                                    |                                    | Flores de Mayo                       |                               |                          | M Suppa                          | Ellis Family  |   |
| Altar Servers                                | Volunteer please                   | Volunteer please                     | Volunteer please              |                          | Maddison Follett                 | Volunteer please                                      | <b>June 24th</b><br>Sr Carmel Setford<br>Annette Lemon  |
| Eucharist Ministers                          | Anne-Maree Greville                | Louise Belej                         | Melanie Ransome               | R Barbary                | Elektra Papanicolaou             | Vi Barling  |   |
|  | Taiana Fatai                       | Nancy leonardis                      | Bill Dolence                  |                          | Abby Collihole                   | Margo Farnsworth                                      |   |
|  | Margaret McDonald                  | Elina Garreffa                       | Jacqui Willis                 |                          | Megan Collihole                  |   |   |
|  | Trish McNamara                     | Maryanne Modica                      | Barbara Bunting               |                          |                                  |   |   |
|  | Paul Kerr                          | Lyn Welsh                            | Katrina Groves                |                          | C Cavallaro                      | CHAFFEY AGED CARE                                     |   |
|  | Anita Naray                        | Loretta Thompson                     | Judy Hall                     |                          | J Divola                         | Evaine Kremor   |   |
|  | Giuseppe Scopacasa                 |                                      |                               | M Cavallaro              |                                  | <b>August 26th</b><br>Nancy Prevedello<br>Kevin Aston |   |
| Counting Team                                | TEAM 3                             | PETER MCDONALD 5022 1531             |                               |                          | K Castle / P Roy                 |   |   |
| Church Cleaning                              | As per arrangement                 |                                      |                               | As per arrangement       | Volunteer                        | As per arrangement                                    |   |