

# 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: Leonor Anches & Kean Torino (Philippines),  
Giuseppe Concio (Italy)

Anniversaries: Rocco Cavallaro, Sebastiano Zema

Sunday 9am: Stefan Klaric (1 Year), Henry Berton & Daru family,  
Catherine Schembri, Carmen Micallef

Sunday 5pm: Emma DeLuca (B'day Remembrance) & Dallas Keating  
(B'day Remembrance)

Friday 5:40pm: Margaret McGough, Eileen & David Harkoan

Saturday 9:30am: Emil Kondratow

### RED CLIFFS

Recent Death:

Anniversaries:

### MERBEIN

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: May 14-Marjorie Onslow; May 15-Barbara Matotek;  
May 16- Fern Mercer; May 17-Jean Fletcher, Maria Zappia; May 18-  
Katarina Fabich.

## 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

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

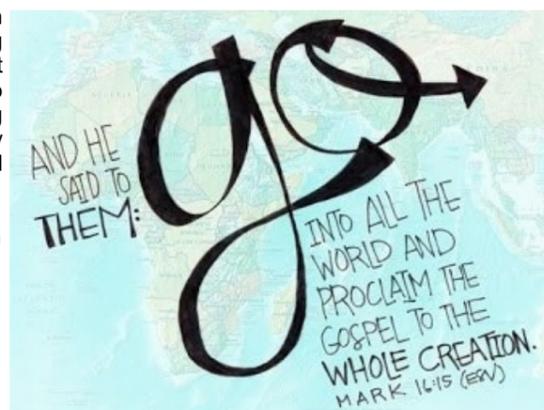
The feast of the Ascension invites us to face the universal experience of the loss of a loved one, and to face it in a transformative way. In Ordinary Time, we celebrate the life and ministry of Jesus. Over the period of Lent and Easter, we have been re-membering his death and resurrection. The liturgy now draws us into another aspect of the Mystery, that of the presence and absence of the One who has been raised. The physical loss of Jesus means a new and different sort of presence. Like the early Christians, we need time to grasp each dimension of the one great Mystery of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Today's gospel passage receives little attention in commentaries and classes because, along with the immediately preceding passage (Mark 16:9-14), it is a late addition to the original text of Mark's gospel. The author of these verses is familiar with the similar commission to proclaim the good news to all nations and to baptise in the name of the Trinity, found at the end of Matthew's gospel. In Mark 16:15, the command is to go "into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation (*ktisis*)."<sup>1</sup> It is a more inclusive vision than Matthew's and opens a space for an ecological reading of the text, an extension from the human to the other-than and more-than-human elements of the Earth community. The command to proclaim the good news, the gospel, recalls the first words of the Markan Jesus, "The time is fulfilled, and the kin-dom of God has come near; repent [=expand your horizons], and believe in the good news" (1:15).

If we were to accept that our mission in the "in-between times" is to bring the gospel to all creation, then we might take more seriously God's command in Genesis 2 to reverence and protect the earth (usually translated as "to till and to keep"). We might stop polluting the air that all creatures need for life. We might also read the affirmations of Genesis 1 through the lens of Mark 16 and respect once more the intrinsic goodness of all creation as a gospel imperative.

The "Ascension" event recounted towards the end of the passage presupposes a pre-scientific, three-tiered understanding of the structure of the cosmos. In this ancient view, God is in the heavens above and Jesus is caught up into God's realm. The vertical movement is balanced by a horizontal movement: Jesus' return to "the right hand of God" ensures a different kind of presence in the church despite his seeming absence, one that enables the believer to continue the healing and re-creative ministry of Jesus "to all creation".

Veronica Lawson rsm



# Sacred Heart Mildura



Sacred Heart Parish | Mildura

## 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

### BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community Bodelle Rodi, whose Baptism occurs this weekend.



### 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 this weekend on Sunday, May 13th at 9am.

All are most welcome to stay for morning tea.

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

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

19th/20th May: Practice after Mass in preparation

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

## COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

### KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS MEETING

Will be held on Monday 14th May from 7.30pm at the KSC Clubrooms.

### OASIS AGED CARE MASS

Will be held on Wednesday 16th May from 10.30am. All welcome.

### THE DAILY GRIND

"Oh well, that's the day so far, and it's still only noon. If this continues I will be dead by this evening! You see, at the moment, life seems so heavy for me to bear, and I don't have the courage because everything looks black to me." That is St Zelig Martin, speaking of her struggles with the stresses of motherhood.

One day a year isn't really enough to show our gratitude. A big thank you to all of our mothers for all that they do and have done for us. **Happy Mother's Day!**

### 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

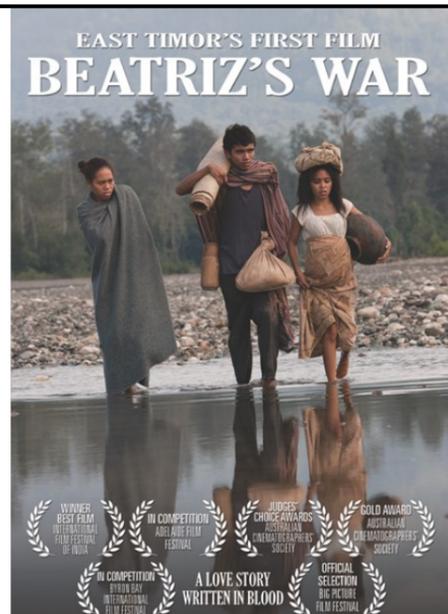
## REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

### Family Group Gathering

Sacred Heart Family Group will be lunching at the Irymple Hotel on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 12.30pm. All welcome please let Lyn or Clive know your intentions on 50211422.

### FILM AND PIZZA NIGHT: TO CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY TIMOR LESTE MAY 20

Sr Helen will be hosting a Pizza and Film night after 5pm Mass on 20th May in Monaghan Centre to celebrate Timor Leste Independence Day. The film will be "Beatriz's War"; the haunting, passionate story of one woman's conviction to remain true to the man she loves and the country for which she fought. (Length 1 hr 40 mins)



### SOME QUOTES FOR MOTHER'S DAY

"Why is it mainly women who pass on the faith? Simply because the one who brought us Jesus is a woman. It is the path chosen by Jesus. He wanted to have a mother: The gift of faith comes to us through women, as Jesus came to us through Mary." Pope Francis

"[I owe] an unpayable debt of gratitude to my mother. ... I owe my sense of concentration, of interior life, of the meditation which is prayer, the prayer that is meditation. **Her entire life was a gift.**" Blessed Pope Paul VI

There is a great reflection on the vital place that mothers have in passing on the faith that you can look up on [www.ncregister.com/site/article/saintly-mothers-and-their-saintly-kids](http://www.ncregister.com/site/article/saintly-mothers-and-their-saintly-kids)

Included are the brief stories of just a few of our saintly mothers; Anne and our Blessed Mother Mary, Elizabeth, Silvia, Monica, Felicity, Margaret Bosco, Hortolana of Assisi, Juana de Aza, Bridget of Sweden, Margaret of Scotland & Maud (Matilda) of England, Adela & Zelig Martin. You might also look up the stories of Sts Darerca & Ludmila. May they all pray for us!

### YEARLY MASS COUNT WILL COMMENCE THIS WEEKEND

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over 4 weekends in May/June, commencing from the weekend 12th & 13th May and concluding 2nd & 3rd June.

### MILDURA PARISH FINANCE

#### Last weeks collections

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$1474.80
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$1497.00
Loose Plate	\$ 580.35

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



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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**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 \$5520.20. A wonderful effort.

## Upcoming Events

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

**Wednesday 16 May:** Parish Council meeting 7.30pm at the school hall.

**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.

### ROSTERS FOR YOUTH MASS 20th MAY

Introduction to Mass: Kate Brizzi

First Reading: Amber Foster

Psalm: Tiarna Zara

Second Reading: Connie Zara

Prayer of the Faithful: Thomas Dowling

Offertory Procession: ? ? ?

Helping with the collection. Gemma Monteleone, Sam Zara

Lay Ministers: Nino Suppa, Topui & Folole Mapapalangi

Servers: Doug & Grace Mapapalangi, Renae Hynam



### RED CLIFFS PARISH FINANCE

#### Last weeks collections

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (support of Priests & Presbytery)	<b>\$221.60</b>
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes DD, CC & EFT)	<b>\$390.00</b>

### 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.*

### CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME: (Continued from last week)

#### How often do we stop to think about where the paper we use comes from?

There are some simple things you can do to reduce your paper usage and minimize your personal impact.

Nine ways you can reduce the impact of your paper consumption:

1. Use 100% recycled toilet paper. Even better, purchase your toilet paper from a company like 'Who Gives a Crap' whose business model is based on Corporate Social Responsibility.
2. Use 100% recycled paper for printing, instead of paper made from virgin forests.
3. Reuse gift bags and wrapping paper or wrap gifts in nice tea towels or cloth.
4. Find a substitute for paper towel use. A great reuse of old towels, sheets or clothes is to cut them into squares, fold them and have them under the sink ready to go. They can then be thrown in to the washing machine to reuse again!
5. Use real dinnerware for picnics and parties, not paper (or plastic) plates and bowls.
6. Use a reusable coffee cup for takeaway.
7. When printing, use both sides of the paper.
8. Say 'No' to junk mail – put a sign on your letter box for 'addressed mail only'.
9. Use a handkerchief instead of tissues.

**COMBINED PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** Parish Council Members of Mildura, Red Cliffs, Ouyen and Merbein will gather at Merbein OLSH School after the 10.30 Mass on next Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> for the quarterly gathering. Please bring a plate for a shared lunch.

### SCHOOL NEWS

**90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations:** Birthday Liturgy will be held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 1.30pm followed by a special blessing and unveiling of the new statue at 2.25pm. All Welcome.

**Catholic Education Week:** Mass will be celebrated on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 10.00am at the Mercy Centre.

### MERBEIN PARISH FINANCE

#### Last weeks collections

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (support of Priests & Presbytery)	<b>\$126.90</b>
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes DD, CC & EFT)	<b>\$199.00</b>
<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$40.75</b>

# SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND ROSTERS

## 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**



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Leader / Reader	Gary Huxtable	Flores de Mayo	Sue Hermans	G McCracken	C Russo M Monteleone/ J Vines	J Ellis	<b>May 27th</b> Bernadette Wells Kay Wagner
Music	Mothers Day Sacred Heart School	Flores de Mayo Filipino Community	Lam Duy 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> Sr Carmel Setford 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				<b>July 29th</b> Vernon Knight Elvira Iamarino
	Paul Kerr	Lyn Welsh	Katrina Groves		C Cavallaro	CHAFFEY AGED CARE	<b>August 26th</b> Nancy Prevedello Kevin Aston
	Anita Naray	Loretta Thompson	Judy Hall		J Divola	Evaine Kremor	
Counting Team	TEAM 3	PETER MCDONALD 5022 1531			Group 6 T Lewis		
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	Volunteer	As per arrangement	

## Pentecost / Year B 19th & 20th May 2018

**First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11**  
**Responsorial: Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34**  
**Response: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.**  
**Second Reading: First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13**  
**Gospel: John 15:26-27, 16:12-15**



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Leader / Reader	Chris Carmichael	Rose Op't Hoog	Tony Finn	D Knight	J Vines M Bell/J Cameron	O Lemon	<b>May 27th</b> Bernadette Wells Kay Wagner
Music	M Sullivan M Issanchon	M Guthrie Tonga Choir	NO MUSIC		Guitar		
Offertory		Cathy & Paul McErvale			M Adams		
Altar Servers	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		Douglas Mapapalangi	Volunteer please	<b>June 24th</b> Sr Carmel Setford Annette Lemon
Eucharist Ministers	Margaret Sheahan	Maria Scopacasa	Myrna Rodi	J Kearney	Setefano Mapapalangi	L Olden	
	Maria Cirillo	Susan Lewis	Maree Irvin		Grace Mapapalangi	V Barling	
	Christine Carmichael	Minda Wright	Sue Hermans		Reba Hynam		
	Ellen Frauenfelder	Rose Op't Hoog	Naomi Kennedy				<b>July 29th</b> Vernon Knight Elvira Iamarino
	Jacinda Deacon	Rini Op't Hoog	Mario Zema		Nino Suppa	CHAFFEY AGED CARE	<b>August 26th</b> Nancy Prevedello Kevin Aston
	Katy Quinlan	Cora Howell	Josie Zema		Topui Mapapalangi	Pat Sylvia Annette Lemon	
Counting Team	TEAM 4	KEVIN SCHULTZ 5023 8778			K Castle / P Roy		
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	Volunteer	As per arrangement	