

# Sunraysia Catholic Communities



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*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	
SATURDAY	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: Domenico Blefari

Anniversaries:

Saturday 6pm: Maria Giuseppa Pascale

Sunday 9am: Riche Testa (B'day Remembrance

Sunday 5pm: Joyce Ribarits (30 Day), Antonio Carlucci, Ben Cirillo

Wednesday 9:15am: Joseph Cheriyan (1 year)

### RED CLIFFS

Recent Death: Robert Hadley, Kevin Hoy, Maree Faulkner

Anniversaries:

### MERBEIN

Anniversaries: 1st anniversary for Emelia Natalina Dichiera, May 22

-Vince Matotek; May 24 - Warwick Cook, Gertrude Farrell; May 26 -

Alma Hamence, Frank Matotek, Antiora & Giuseppe Mammone

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

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

Pentecost Sunday is often called the birthday of the Church. For the ancient Israelites, Pentecost (meaning 'fiftieth') was a harvest festival celebrated 50 days after the beginning of the harvest. When the Jerusalem Temple was built, this harvest festival was transformed into a pilgrimage feast to celebrate the covenant that God had made with Israel on Mt Sinai. Several decades after the death of Jesus, the early Christians reflected on their origins and chose this feast to mark the birth of God's new covenant with God's people.

In today's first reading, Luke tells the new Pentecost story in symbolic language that evokes the story of Moses and the people of Israel receiving God's Law on Mt Sinai. Just as God's presence to Israel was marked by earthquake and thunder and fire, so God's Spirit enveloping the people of the new covenant appears in a mighty rush of wind and tongues of fire. Luke's account also evokes early rabbinic teaching that the voice of God on Sinai divided into seventy tongues and all the nations received the Law in their own tongue.

For the teaching at the heart of the new covenant, we turn to the gospel reading from John. The risen Christ appears to the disciples who are huddled behind locked doors. He offers the simple greeting: "Peace be with you," the greeting we offer each other at every Eucharistic celebration. He sends them on a mission of peace in continuity with his own God-inspired mission. He breathes on them the gift of the Holy Spirit and tells them that God will forgive those whom they forgive, and will "retain" or "seize hold of" the transgressions of those whose sins or transgressions they "retain".

To seize hold of wrong-doing is to expose it and deal with it. Sometimes it is best to forgive and simply allow everyone to move on. In other situations, an easy amnesty only exacerbates the problem. Much of the enduring conflict in our world derives from the inability of ordinary people and of leaders to know how to deal with transgression. The Holy Spirit is the unique source of our power to forgive, of our capacity to deal with the perpetrators of violence, and of the strength we need to refrain from vengeance. Sadly, the desire for vengeance often inhibits healing in those who have suffered violence or abuse, and even in those who endeavour to support them, so that the cycle of transgression continues. We must work ceaselessly as a global community to address the causes of violence and abuse and search together for lasting solutions. As we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, let us gather into our hearts all the distressed members of our Earth community and pray with greater urgency than ever: "Come Holy Spirit, renew the face of the Earth."

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

### WEDDINGS

We congratulate John Feáomoeata and Frances Trimboli who were married this weekend.



**Congratulations & Welcome** to Nicholas Clark who will be received into the Church during the 5pm Mass this week-

**First Eucharist:** This weekend there will be practices after Mass in preparation for the celebration on June



The RCIA journey for those received at Easter concluded this week with Mass and a supper. Thank you to all those who have supported them.

**THERE WILL BE NO 6PM MASS THIS TUESDAY 22ND MAY DUE TO THE FUNERAL MASS OF DOMENICO BLEFARI (1:30PM)**

## COMMUNITY LIFE & OUTREACH

**BUPA Aged Care Mass:** Tuesday May 22nd 10:30am

**St Anthony's Feast Meeting:** Thursday 24th May, 7:30pm in KSC Meeting Room

**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.

## REGIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

### Catholic Education Week

A combined school Mass of our 4 primary schools along with students from Year 7-9 from St Joseph College, Mildura will be celebrated on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 10.00am at the St Joseph's College, Mercy Centre, Stadium, Riverside Ave.

**YEARLY MASS COUNT** The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will continue this week, concluding 2nd & 3rd June.

### 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



### FILM AND PIZZA TO CELEBRATE TIMOR LESTE INDEPENDENCE DAY 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)

### THANK YOU

The Filipino Community of Sunraysia would like to take this opportunity in thanking all the organisers, helpers and parishioners in preparing for yet again another wonderful celebration of their annual Feast Flores de Mayo (Flowers of May).



**WELCOME BACK TO FR MICK!** We've missed you!

### PLENARY COUNCIL

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future.

To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: **"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"**

Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online: [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

### Five Fast Facts About The Plenary

1. The last Australian Plenary Council took place in 1937.
2. Pope Francis granted his approval for the Australian Plenary Council 2020 to take place and he will need to approve any decisions reached by the Plenary.
3. In the early 2000's the Australian bishops first decided that the Church needed to meet together to discern a future course. About 10 years later the decisions was made to have a Council for the whole Church in Australia.
4. The Plenary Council 2020 will take place in two sessions- the first in October 2020 and the second in May 2021.
5. The scriptural theme for the Plenary Council is "Listen to what the Spirit is saying." (Rev 2:7)

The Plenary Council 2020 is an exciting opportunity as Catholics how we can re-ignite our Church in Australia and spread the culture around us. How can we recapture the living God that enflamed the Apostles, so that we can inspire others with that flame of faith?

### MILDURA PARISH FINANCE

#### Last weeks collections

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (support of Priests & Presbytery)	<b>\$1611.90</b>
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes DD, CC & EFT)	<b>\$1446.00</b>
<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$ 748.90</b>

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



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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, Frank Dring**



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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

Mon, Wed: 9.30 am,

Tue, Thur: 5.30 pm;

Friday: 10.00 am at Mercy Stadium (Cath. Ed. Week);

Sat: **9.00 am**



## Upcoming Events

### Sunday

**May 20:** Today is the Feast of Pentecost, the Coming of the Holy Spirit, the fiftieth & last day of Eastertime. 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



### BAPTISM

Our parish community welcomes Nikitta Pedulla whose baptism occurs this weekend.

### CUPPA AND TRADING TABLE

After Mass next Sunday, May 27.

The Trading Table this month is to support Vinnies Winter Appeal.



### 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 Eliza Anne Kilpatrick, who will be Baptised today, into our Parish Community and pray God's blessing on her and her family.



### 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.

### OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS

By way of celebration parishioners are invited to bring a plate for a shared lunch after our Lay Led Assembly next Sunday. Bernadette Wells who has put together an excellent presentation to celebrate the 90 years since the opening of Our Lady's School here at Merbein will be repeating this presentation for all to see.

### AUSTRALIAN BIGGEST MORNING TEA

You are invited to attend either Morning Tea or Lunch on Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at Uniting Church Hall Merbein from 10am- 2pm. Raffle tickets supporting this 'Cuppa for Cancer' are available on the table at the back of the church today – 10 chances to win a prize!

### PLENARY COUNCIL

**PLEASE TAKE A PRAYER CARD HOME WITH YOU TODAY.** They are available at both church entrances

### 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.

### RED CLIFFS PARISH FINANCE

#### Last weeks collections

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

### MERBEIN PARISH FINANCE

#### Last weeks collections

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> (support of Priests & Presbytery)	\$102.00
<b>2nd Collection</b> (includes DD, CC & EFT)	\$316.00
<b>Loose Plate</b>	\$ 46.32

# SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND ROSTERS

## 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				
	Jacinda Deacon	Rini Op't Hoog	Mario Zema		Nino Suppa	CHAFFEY AGED CARE	
	Katy Quinlan	Cora Howell	Josie Zema		Topui Mapapalangi	Pat Sylvia Annette Lemon	
	Narie Lewis			Folole Mapapalangi		<b>July 29th</b> Vernon Knight Elvira Iamarino	
Counting Team	TEAM 4	KEVIN SCHULTZ 5023 8778			K Castle / P Roy		<b>August 26th</b> Nancy Prevedello Kevin Aston
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	Volunteer	As per arrangement	

## Trinity Sunday / Year B 26th & 27th May 2018

**First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40**  
**Responsorial: Ps 32:4-6, 9, 18-20. Rv12**  
**Response: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**  
**Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17**  
**Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20**



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Leader / Reader	Gary Huxtable	Ross Tongue	Vince Muscatello	P Riordan	J Vines/ M Cavallaro/M Duck		<b>May 27th</b> Bernadette Wells Kay Wagner
Music	Filipino Community N Armsden	SH Choir	Youth Group M Sullivan/M Issanchon		Tongan Choir		
Offertory	Baptism	Baptism			M Bell	Lemon Family	
Altar Servers	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Volunteer please		Ella Briggs	Volunteer please	<b>June 24th</b> Sr Carmel Setford Annette Lemon
Eucharist Ministers	Katelin Anesbury	Renata Byra	Trish Cirillo	J Kearney	Katie Hawkes	Sr Carmel	
	Vince Pileggi	Kapeli Mapapalangi	Jeena Jose		Christian Marcuzzo	Margo Farnsworth	
	Anne-Maree Greville	Sonia Opie	Clem Carlucci		Rustyn McCarthy		
	Taiana Fatai	Philip Opie	Vittorio Carlucci		Jai Grayling		
	Margaret McDonald	Catherine McErvale	Christine Slattery		Tom Gardiner	CHAFFEY AGED CARE	
	Trish McNamara	Elvira Mazza	Volunteer Please		Mark Gibson	Kay Wagner	
	Jill Joslyn			Andrew Higham		<b>July 29th</b> Vernon Knight Elvira Iamarino	
Counting Team	TEAM 5	JIM FARRELLY 0477 140 759			K Castle / P Roy		<b>August 26th</b> Nancy Prevedello Kevin Aston
Church Cleaning	As per arrangement			As per arrangement	Cleaner	As per arrangement	