

Sacred Heart Parish

North Albury



Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
20th / 21st September 2014

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 8.30 am; 10.30 am

WEEKDAYS: 9.30 am Monday,

Wednesday, Friday (in the church)

First Tuesday of the month: 11.00 am

Mass at Mercy Place.

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 4.45 PM-5.45 PM

WEDDINGS—By appointment.

Preparation course: 6051 0222

BAPTISMS—By appointment.

Preparation Course: 0411 883 661



“‘The last will be first and the first last’. These words of Jesus, with which today’s reading from Matthew concludes, occur in different contexts in all three synoptic gospels – God’s ways constantly overturn our human expectations. And that is the lesson of the parable in today’s gospel. Of all the parables of Jesus, the story of the labourers in the vineyard is probably the most puzzling for Christians of successive generations. That means that it is a great success, that it achieves what Jesus intended. A plausible story, reflecting the common experience of his hearers begins to unfold. It was normal for day labourers seeking employment to gather in public places. One denarius would have been a normal day’s wage. We are given a hint where the story is leading however; Israel, the Lord’s vineyard, was a familiar theme of the scriptures. An element of suspense holds the attention of the listeners – what is the unusual behaviour of the landowner leading to? Then the conclusion of the story comes as a shock, leaving us unsettled, as our reasonable expectations are not fulfilled.”

Parish Community



We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jan McNamee, Anne Twomey, Janice Gardiner, Pat Bourke, Wal Payne, Sr Patricia Ryan rsj.

ANNIVERSARIES: Nicole Shirley, Wilhelmine Dempsey, Thelma Clancy, Tom O'Brien, Bridget Delenc, Paul Holmes, Michael Conroy, Wayne Scott, Glen Simpson, Dawn Tenteye, John Richardson, Vic Bowen, Muriel Freund, Noel Rothe, Ivy Binding, Ray Desmond, Sr Mary Aquinas, Rose Ries, Laurel Lindsay, Geoffrey Thompson, Kerry Osmond, Patricia Kernaghan, Jill Mitsch, Amanda Bowen.

Gather our loved ones into your arms. Quiet our doubt and anger and send us your healing grace. Through Christ our Lord.

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 20th / 21st September			
Ministry	Vigil	8.30am	10.30am
Commentator	Anthony Foley	Colleen Day	Sr Carina Morton
Lector 1	Kellie Gordes	Anne Duck	Wendy McFerran
Lector 2	Ed Brown	Bede Hart	Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers	Jeneice Harding Geoff Jervois	Robert Brown Noelene Cruise	Carmel Butts Fran Kernaghan
Cantor	Catherine Cutler Judy Lindsay	Tim Van Kerk Oerle	Anne McIntyre
Musicians	Judy Foley		Val Hayes
Counters: Anna Loughry & Michael Byrnes		Cleaning Group: Group 4	

Sat /Sun: 27th / 28th September			
Ministry	Vigil	8.30 am	10.30am
Commentator	Gordon Robison	Rosalie Martin	Terry Hillman
Lector 1	Cassandra Jones	Leanne Michael	Virginia Mitsch
Lector 2	Karen Purtle	Nicola Hanzic	Gavin Dykes
Eucharistic Ministers	Kaye Deanshaw Jim Deanshaw	Kansas Michael Mary Lefevre	Joanne Dykes Marie Pennay
Cantor	John Van Lint	Tim Van Kerk Oerle	Mary Buckley
Musicians	Judy Foley		Val Hayes
Counters: Nardia Scarvell & Liz Simon		Cleaning Group: Group 5	

Parish News

Altar Society Appeal

Envelopes are available at the entrances to the Church for this appeal.

Your generosity and support would be gratefully appreciated.

Week of Guided Prayer

The Parish Council has organised for a Week of Guided Prayer to be held in our parish during the third week of October. It will commence on Sunday afternoon, October 19 and conclude on Saturday, October 25. Sr Margaret Walsh will hold an information session on Tues Sept 23 at 5.15pm to explain and answer questions. At the end of the program participants are asked to make a small contribution (whatever they can manage) towards the cost of running the week.

Annual March for the Babies—Melbourne 1pm

Free bus leaving St Patrick's Church yard on Saturday 11 October at 8.30am and returning same day. Bookings phone 02 6021 2453.

Footy Tipping Competition

Congratulations to the winners of this year's comp: First: AJ Bradford & M Maher; Second: B Butts, D Fraser & K Flanagan; Third: J Howard

Thank you to all who participated. There is a leaflet available for those wishing to know what place they came, on side table at front of church.

Vianney College Open Day—Sunday 5 October

Mass will be celebrated in the seminary chapel at 11am followed by light lunch. Come and meet the seminarians and staff. Concludes with Benediction at 2pm. All welcome

Sacred Heart Parish 60th Anniversary

Next year we celebrate the 60th Anniversary of our Parish 1955—2015.

A book is being prepared outlining a snapshot of the history of the Parish. If anyone has photos, newspaper clippings or any information regarding the Parish could you please pass it on to Sr Anne Hagan. One item in particular that we are searching for is the brochure prepared for the establishment of the Planned Giving Program back in the 50's. If anyone still has a copy could we please borrow it. Any items of interest could be left with Fran at the Presbytery.

St Anne's School Fete—Friday 10 October

Everyone is welcome to come to St Anne's Fete with many activities planned for young and old. We are still looking for donations of plants, seedlings and cuttings, secondhand books. It runs from 3.30pm to 7.30pm.

2014 Men's Cursillo

Beginning 7pm Friday 3 to Sunday 5 October at Wagga Wagga.

This is a chance to reflect and renew faith with men just like you. For more information phone Bob Brown 6025 2800; George Simon 60254493 or Frank Neville 6040 0820.

Please see flyer on noticeboard explaining 'what happens during a Cursillo'

Family Day With St Lorenzo Ruiz

Sunday 28 September from 12md to 5.30pm at St Mary's Church, Jindera. Contact MACE SISTERS on 0456 749 609.

Feastdays of the Week

Wednesday 24th September—Our Lady of Mercy

This is the patronal Feast of the Sisters of Mercy as on this day Catherine McAuley, Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy, opened the House of Mercy to the poor, sick and uneducated in 1827 in Dublin, Ireland.

Saturday (September 27) - St Vincent de Paul

As a priest, St Vincent de Paul developed a special concern for the poor after giving the Sacraments to a dying peasant. He cared for slaves, prostitutes, war victims, and the destitute, becoming known as the Great Apostle of Charity. He was canonised in 1737.

On this feast day, let us pray for all the Saint Vincent de Paul Societies, the churches that sponsor them, all other charitable ministries, and the people they help. May the Lord multiply the provisions they distribute to the needy, give new strength to the workers, and bring in more volunteers who serve the poor with genuine love.

Liturgy of the Word

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Readings: Isaiah 55: 6-9: Phil 1: 20–24,27, Matthew 20: 1-16

Responsorial Psalm



The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

Reflection on the Readings:

Consider those who benefit from the Master's 'extravagance'

"We learn more about God when we travel deeper into the world the parable imagines and consider its other characters.

We have to ask about who receives extravagance from the landowner. Some readers spiritualize the parable by saying that working in the fields is an allegory for serving God or toiling away in the ministries of the church. But those who are hired at 5 p.m. suggest to me types of people other than those who sleep in on Sunday mornings.

After all, this parable draws all its force and illustrative potential from the dynamics of economic life. Whom, then, should we think the landowner encounters when he's looking for workers late in the afternoon? What kind of people are the last to find jobs, added to the rolls only when there's no more labor available? Nothing suggests that those characters in the parable are irresponsible or lazy. More likely, they are unwanted.

Who spends the whole day waiting to be hired but doesn't find success until the end of the day? In Jesus' time, these would be the weak, infirm, and disabled. Maybe the elderly, too. And other targets of discrimination, such as criminals or anyone with a bad reputation.

A God who is 'just' then, is inclined to show special generosity to the poor and outcast. No wonder the respectable people get anxious.

Don't stop there. If we're composing a list of "people who have to wait all day long to get hired" in our current setting, we need to expand it. Add the unemployed and underemployed to the list.



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