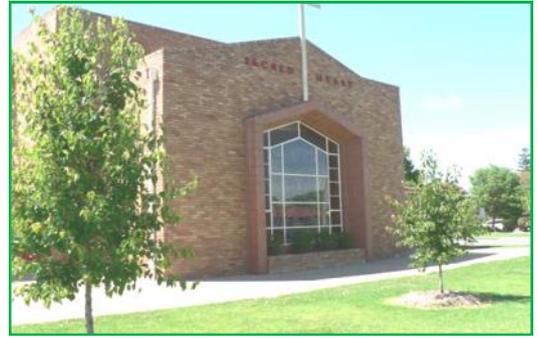


Sacred Heart Parish

North Albury



Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th /20th September 2015

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 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



Called to respond with compassion

A very engaging scene follows [the earlier discussion between Jesus and the disciples]. They are still “inside the house”, an open house where all are welcome. Jesus places a little child in their midst. Who is this child? The child is unnamed. We might give this child a name so that she or he is a real person for us. Jesus seemingly gathers the twelve in a circle around him. Taking the child in his arms, he tries to show them that gospel leadership resides, not in privilege, but in the welcome offered to those whose voices are rarely heard and whose needs are frequently ignored.

Jesus, the suffering messiah, actually identifies with a defenceless child, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.”

His identification with the defenceless is as intimate as his identification with God, “the one who sent me.” As a church, we might well hear today’s gospel story as a call to respond with compassion and justice to those who have suffered the indignity and injustice of abuse in their childhood. We might hear it as an invitation to listen to the cry of our sisters and brothers who continue to seek the dignity and justice that belong to all of God’s people. (From a reflection on the Gospel by Sr Veronica Lawson RSM)

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Eileen Foley, Alf Biggs, Jean Tracey, Molly McLaughlin, Brian Clancy, Brendan Pattison.

ANNIVERSARIES: Wilhelmine Dempsey, Thelma Clancy, Tom O'Brien, Bridget Delenc, Paul Holmes, Michael Conroy, Wayne Scott, Glen Simpson, Dawn Tenteye, 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, Keith Fegan.

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: 19th / 20th September		
Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Anthony Foley	Rosalie Martin
Lector 1	Kellie Gordes	Jane Murtagh
Lector 2	Ed Brown	Ray Murtagh
Eucharistic Ministers	Jim Deanshaw Kaye Deanshaw	Kevin Kennedy Pauline Willis Robert Brown
Cantor	John Van Lint	Anne McIntyre
Musicians	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
Counters: Desmond Lum & Jane Togher		Cleaning Group: Group 7

Sat /Sun: 26th / 27th Sept		
Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Virginia Mitsch	Bede Hart
Lector 1	Barbara Godde	Anne Duck
Lector 2	Carina Morton	Wendy McFerran
Eucharistic Ministers	Geoff Jervois Steven O'Connor	Colette Glennon Frank Glennon Noelene Cruise
Cantor	Catherine / Judy	Bernadette & Wendy
Musicians	Judy Foley	
Counters: Peter Toner & Gordon Bryant		Cleaning Group: Group 1

Parish News

St Anne's School Fete - Friday 9 October

Preparations are well underway for St Anne's School Fete and they are now seeking donations of good quality items for Book stall, Trash and Treasure, Plant Stall (plastic pots for plants are available from school office), and of course the Cake Stall. Any donation is greatly appreciated. School office number is 6025 1281.

Prayer For Synod On The Family—4-25 Oct 2015

There are prayer cards placed at entrances to the church for the coming Synod on the Family.

Heartbeat

Our quarterly newsletter Heartbeat is now available. Please take a copy.

Quiet Faith

HotHouse Theatre presents 'Quiet Faith' from 8-17 October. From award-winning documentary theatre maker David Williams, comes a surprising journey into the world of the quietly, progressively faithful. Phone 6021 7433 for bookings & info. Flyers on noticeboard.

60th Anniversary Books

Copies of the Anniversary Book are available in the Reading Room at the back of the Church. If you wish to purchase one, place your money in the envelope provided in the tin and put in the Collection Bag at Mass. Copies are also available at the Presbytery.

Social Justice Sunday

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 27 September. This year's Social Justice Statement is titled '*For Those Who've Come Across the Seas: Justice for refugees and asylum seekers*'. This statement addresses the divisive national debate over asylum seekers, especially those who arrive by boat. It reminds all Australians of the need to welcome and comfort those who have fled here from terror and danger, and to live out the example of Jesus, who never turned his back on those who were lost or suffering. Please visit: www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au for more info.

CCR Sandhurst Diocesan Annual Conference 2015

'The Power To Live' is this year's theme. Oct 16—18 at Agricultural College, Dookie. Guest speaker is Fr Francis Otobo and music from 'Allure'. For more details contact Gerri Boldrini 6056 2442. Flyers on noticeboard.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM

This week on *The Journey* Fr Stephen Varney reflects on the Gospel of Mark; Sr Hilda Scott OSB shares a story of how Pope John XXIII revealed God's love to prisoners; Trish McCarthy challenges us to "Feel the Fear" and do it anyway; Fr Dave Callaghan asks us to "Think Again" and the Pirolas give us tips on the key to a successful marriage. Tune into LIFE 101.9 FM or 98.5 THE LIGHT Albury Wodonga Sun 11am or go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

Feastdays of the Week

Monday 21st September - St Matthew, is one of the twelve Apostles. He was the son of Alpheus and was called to be an Apostle while sitting in the tax collectors place at Capernaum. Before his conversion he was a publican, i.e., a tax collector by profession. He is to be identified with the "Levi" of Mark and Luke. His apostolic activity was at first restricted to the communities of Palestine. Nothing definite is known about his later life. There is a tradition that points to Ethiopia as his field of labor; other traditions mention of Parthia and Persia.

Thursday 24th September—Our Lady of Mercy -Mercy Day is the feast day of the Sisters of Mercy across the world. On this day we celebrate in the spirit of Catherine McAuley, (Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy) opening our doors to the poor, sick and uneducated as she did in 1827 with the opening of the first House of Mercy in Dublin, Ireland.

Liturgy of the Word



25th Sunday of the Year —Year B

Readings: Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20: James 3: 16- 4: 3: Mark 9: 30-37

Responsorial Psalm



The Lord upholds my life

Alleluia Verse: Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel

To share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Reflection on the Readings:

Arguing about positions means we can miss the point

Today we begin with the second prediction of the passion. Like many things in the biblical tradition, a threefold repetition gives emphasis and dignity to the pronouncement. Mark places this teaching in the context of a secret journey. There is a suggestion of a time alone with the disciples. The three predictions of the passion are inserted with very little reference to the rest of the narrative almost like the tolling of a bell that is heard in the background.

The predictions are also a reminder to us that Jesus was not surprised by the later events in Jerusalem; he had seen them on the horizon for a great part of his journey. The predictions are each constructed in the same way with Jesus' teaching followed by misunderstanding.

The comment "they were afraid to ask" suggests that an awkwardness had crept over the relationship between Jesus and the disciples. The solemnity of the prediction of the passion is contrasted starkly with the pettiness of the next portion of the narrative.

"What did you talk about on your way home?" The disciples couldn't answer, they couldn't answer we are told, because they were arguing about their various positions in the group. This highlights the complete misunderstanding mentioned earlier. Pain, suffering, and rejection will be part of the way of liberation. To seek to re-create the world in the image of a God of justice will not lead to an inflated ego for the saviours but to being trivialised, marginalised and other forms of death. (From a reflection on the Gospel by Patricia Stevenson rsj)



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