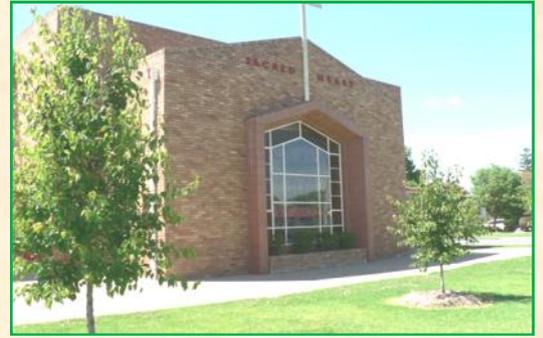


Sacred Heart Parish

North Albury



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

18th / 19th June 2016

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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



*Congratulations to the Children receiving
their First Communion this weekend*



In today's Gospel, we hear Peter proclaim: 'You are the Christ of God.' This inspired insight is good, so far as it goes.

But Jesus knew Peter very well. His birth name was 'Simon'. Jesus changed that to 'Peter'. It was a nickname full of irony. It means 'rock' in Greek and conveys the idea of rock solid. But for this effervescent, changeable fisherman, 'Sandy' might have been more accurate than 'Rocky'.

If anyone could claim to understand the true identity of Jesus, but then completely misunderstand it, it was Peter. So, he was told to keep quiet.

Nevertheless, grace had been given to Peter to find correct words to express the faith of the disciples.

May we, together with the children making their First Communion, be able to answer the question put to us by Jesus: 'Who do you say that I am?'

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sharon Edwards, Brian

Marshall, Bill Hayhoe, Keith Melbourne.

ANNIVERSARIES: Melissa Harris, Adele Massey, Sheila Jarvis, Josie Tynan, Wally Zerbst, Ignatius Kane, John Purtell, Phyllis Mott, Jaquelyn Parker, Eileen Brown, Hannah Evans, Des Kennedy, Jake & Maddison Murray, Frank Williams, Leonard Hogg, Jan Duke, Denis O'Reilly, Eileen Seymour, Christopher McDermott, Angelika Huysse, Anne Slattery, Jessie Cullen, Eileen Muldoon, Mary Packer, Ena Joseph, Thomas Heuts, Christopher Nuttall, Ken Willis, Brian McNamara, Brian Gawen, Marie Dick, Phillip Adams, Ann Purvey, Warner Hogan, Fr Len Egan.

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

Prayer for the Sick

We pray for all those who are sick. May they draw strength and healing from God's presence with them and from our prayers and thoughts for them. May they have peace in their hearts and know they are greatly loved by all.

We offer our prayers believing that God's presence and power can do more than we can ever know. Amen

Prayer for Children Receiving their First Communion

Lord Jesus,
Bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time this weekend. May this day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food do that they turn to you for comfort, guidance and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship. Thank you for their innocence and goodness. May their hands extended in anticipation of your Body inspire all of us to cherish this sacred sacrament. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 18th / 19th June

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	FIRST COMMUNION	Richard Parkinson Michael Stephenson Rosalie Martin
Eucharistic Ministers	FIRST COMMUNION	Trish Parkinson Pamela McIntosh Mary Lefevre
Cantor Musicians	FIRST COMMUNION	Margaret & Ed Brown Val Hayes
Counters: Nardia Scarvell & Liz Simon Cleaning Group: Group 4		

Sat /Sun: 25th /26th June

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Brian Waters Paula Waters Cassandra Jones	Bede Hart Roy Thompson Leanne Michael
Eucharistic Ministers	Pauline Mulquiney Volunteer	Kevin Kennedy Fran Kernaghan Dianne Treacy
Cantor Musicians	Catherine & Judy Judy Foley	Timo Van Kerk Oerle
Counters: Desmond Lum & Jane Togher Cleaning Group: Group 5		

A Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

" The Eucharist is essential for us: it is Christ who wishes to enter our lives and fill us with his grace. "

Parish News

Catholic Missions is this year supporting projects to help the Catholic Church continue to re-establish itself in Cambodia. On Saturday 25 June Dr Lay Makara, Director of Catholic Education in the Diocese of Phnom Penh, will be visiting Wagga Diocese and speaking at St Patrick's Hall meeting room (2pm -4pm) about projects Catholic Mission is supporting. This is not a fundraising event, but rather an opportunity for Catholic Mission's many supporters to come and hear firsthand about projects their donations support.

Afternoon tea will be served. RSVP John Goonan 0428 970 445 or waggawaggadirector@catholicmission.org.au

Centacare is running the Recovery Approaches to Dementia Project (RAD). This project provides support to people living with dementia and their cares as well as providing training for care workers and volunteers. The aim of the project is to support people living with dementia to live well despite their diagnosis. Please see flyers at back of church to see when a group will be visiting our area. For enquiries contact Centacare 02 6923 3888.

Watoto Child Care Ministries, a holistic care program initiated to serve the dire needs of Africa and her people, is thrilled to present their newest choir tour entitled 'Oh, What Love'. City Central Church will be hosting this performance on Thursday 7 July at 7pm. All concerts are free and open to the public and the opportunity to donate or sponsor a Watoto child will be given at the performance. Flyers around church.

Planned Giving Envelopes

Your Planned Giving envelopes are now available to be collected from the back of the church. Thank you to all those who contribute and as the end of financial year approaches can you make sure your contributions are up to date. If anyone would like to join the Sacred Heart Planned Giving Program please see Fran at the Parish Office to obtain details to direct deposit or receive weekly envelopes. Phone 6025 1516.

Feast Days during the Week

Tuesday 21st June —St Aloysius Gonzana

Wednesday 22nd June—Sts John Fisher & Thomas More

Friday 24th June —Nativity of John the Baptist

Vinnies Blanket Appeal

Are you warm at night? We have many people who are not and we are desperately seeking your help. If you have new or good clean blankets that you can donate to our blanket appeal, this would enable us to assist those less fortunate than ourselves. Blankets can be left in the boxes at the back of the Church or dropped into the Vinnies Care & Support Centre, 1091 Mate Street, North Albury.

The Australian Family Association is holding a dynamic meeting about the marriage debate in our country, and the damage being done by the so-called "Safe Schools" programme. We would welcome the attendance of all interested Catholics at The Astor Hotel on Tuesday 21 June at 7.30pm. Speakers are Dr James Masson and Councillor Paul Funnell.

Year of Mercy Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father and told us that whoever sees you sees him...

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord.

May our Church, with renewed enthusiasm bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed and restore sight to the blind...

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy and through you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit one God for ever and ever.

Amen

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Churchsupplies.com.au or 02 9233 2268 or churchstores@ozemail.com.au

Sacramental Candles (local business)
Sacredcandles.com.au or 0403 619 044

Liturgy of the Word

Twelfth Sunday of the Year—Year C

Readings: Zech 12:10-11; 13: 1; Gal 3: 26-29; Luke 9: 18-24

Responsorial Psalm:



My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Alleluia Verse:

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;

I know them and they follow me.

Alleluia

Reflection on the Readings:

In the Gospel reading for this weekend we have mention of taking up our cross. Below is a description of various crosses central to Christianity.



Chi Rho —the first two letters of the Greek word for Christ are combined, the *chi* appears as an X and the *rho* as a P.



Tau Cross—widely known in Egypt and possibly derived from the ancient Egyptian ankh, the symbol of life, this form is associated with St Anthony of Egypt.



Latin Cross—the form of cross St Augustine believed was used to crucify Christ.



Greek Cross —both parts are the same length. This cross is used in the Orthodox Church and was common in early Christianity.



Eastern Cross —also used in the Orthodox Church, the top horizontal represents the *titulus*, the headboard with the inscription “INRI” and the lower, slanting bar, the section to which the feet were nailed. It slopes upward to our left as a sign of salvation, in the way that, it images the Last Judgement, the blessed are on Christ’s right.



Cross of Jerusalem—was used by the Crusader Kingdom of Jerusalem and by the Order of the Holy Sepulchre. The four smaller crosses represent the four Gospels and also the spread of Christianity in the four cardinal directions.

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