

Sacred Heart Parish

North Albury



Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

27th / 28th August 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



Hearing Our Lord's command: 'Invite the poor, the crippled, to the feast,' how do we respond as citizens of a nation which, in comparative global terms, is having a great feast? Jesus demands that we go well beyond an immigration policy which favours skilled and entrepreneurial people. They more than 'repay our courtesy' in terms of economic activity and social stability.

The majority of the poor and the crippled live in the subsistence villages, the refugee camps, and the squalor of the megacities of the Third World.

Heaven embossed invitations must be extended to such as those so that they may join in our national feast. Only then can we become the sort of people who, in the great Feast of Heaven, can join with those poor who are certain to be there.

We could pause for a moment to pray to put today's Gospel into effect so that we might hear Our Lord: 'Friend, join in the Feast. Be close to me.' (Fr Michael Tate)

*You Are
Invited*

Luke 14: 1-24

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Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Dell Flanagan, Margaret

O'Rourke, Paddi Parker.

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr Bongiorno, Mary Dick, Raymond Collins, George Keogh, Frances King, Olive Thistleton, Colin Hodda, Thomas Pass, Frank McLaughlin, Joseph Foley, Robert Rossmann, Geertja Van Gorkom, Nell Cruikshank, Mary Cox, Valda Cunningham, Theresa Lopez, Eric Livermore, John Sharman, Barry Godde, Pat Boadle, Stewart Bryant, Bishop Brennan, Molly McLaughlin.

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

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 27th / 28th August		
Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Nano Clancy	Colleen Day
Lector 1	Justin Clancy	Bede Hart
Lector 2	Ed Brown	Roy Thompson
Eucharistic Ministers	Geoff Jervois Volunteer	Frank Glennon Robert Brown Fran Kernaghan
Cantor Musicians	Catherine & Judy Judy Foley	Simon Goss Val Hayes
Counters: Nardia Scarvell & Liz Simon	Cleaning Group: Group 7	

Sat /Sun: 3rd / 4th September		
Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Cassandra Jones	Jane Murtagh
Lector 1	Gordon Robison	Terry Hillman
Lector 2	Volunteer	Ray Murtagh
Eucharistic Ministers	Kaye Deanshaw Jim Deanshaw	Pauline Wilis Carey Menz-Dowling Noelene Cruise
Cantor Musicians	Brian Waters Judy Foley	Bernadette & Wendy
Counters: Desmond Lum & Jane Togher	Cleaning Group: Group 1	

A Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

'The Church without frontiers, Mother to all, spreads throughout the world a culture of acceptance and solidarity, in which no one is seen as useless, out of place, or disposable.'

Prayer for Refugees

When you walked this earth, you cared for the poor, the needy, the outcasts.

Have mercy on those who have been forced from their homes by the persecution and violence. Keep them in your constant care, and bring them to a place of safety—both in this world and for all eternity.

Be the Good Shepherd to refugees who are in flight.

Be the Great Physician to those who are sick or suffering.

Be the Hiding Place to those who are languishing in camps, uncertain of where they will find a home.

Be the Strong Deliverer to those in danger on the sea or on land.

Be the Restorer of their lives so that those who have sown in tears may reap in joy.

Parish News

Migrant & Refugee Sunday

Today we celebrate, with the universal church, Migrant and Refugee Sunday. Please see prayer on the second page of bulletin.

We are back!!

We have returned from our pilgrimage to World Youth Day and we cannot wait to tell you all about it.

On the 4th September at 9.30am Mass we will have the opportunity to share our pilgrimage journey with you in a short presentation during Mass. After Mass there will be a sausage sizzle to enjoy together and we will be happy to chat and answer questions about our trip.

Hope you can make it! Jess & Ellie Mitsch

Fulfilling International Mission for Skilled Volunteers:

Communities in East Timor, PNG, Kenya, Kiribati, Samoa and elsewhere are asking for volunteers to assist mentor local workers and so assist poverty reduction.

They believe this approach promotes self-reliant, sustainable development and have asked Palms Australia to recruit, prepare and support those who volunteer.

Interested in skilled volunteering? Please contact Christine at Palms on 02 9560 5333 or Christine@palms.org.au

Joseph Cardijn - Founder of YCW youth movement

A proposed Pilgrimage to Belgium and Rome, 19–27 August 2017, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the death of Joseph Cardijn. Contact Mons Frank Marriott on francis.marriott@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Choir Concert

Murray Conservatorium Choir, soloists and orchestra will present Vivaldi's 'Gloria' and Purcell's 'Come Ye Sons of Art' as a beautiful introduction to Spring.

Saturday 10 September, St Matthew's Albury at 7.30pm and Sunday 11 September, St John's Wodonga at 2.30pm. Tickets \$25 (Concession \$20) under 18 free. See posters at Church doors.

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

Feast Days during the Week

Monday 29th August —Passion of John the Baptist

Saturday 3rd September—St Gregory the Great

Sunday 4th September—Father's Day

For Religious Gifts & Supplies (ships overnight)

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

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Readings: Ecc 3: 17-20, 28-29; Heb 12: 18-19, 22-24; Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Responsorial Psalm:;



God, in your good-ness, you have made [a home,] a home for the poor.
a home,

God in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Alleluia Verse:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you;

learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!

Reflection on the Readings

One of the most basic human responses to anything new is to ask, 'What's in it for me?' We would like to think our motives are pure and our interests are for others, but there is often a nagging voice reminding us that selfish desires are never far from the surface. That said, we all know heroic individuals who care for sick spouses or children, who go to faraway places to give those in need their time and talent or who stay at home and do the same in their local neighbourhood. That's what makes them heroic. There is nothing in it for them; they are drawn by bonds of love, faith or by a desire to create a better world.

There are at least two ways we can hear Jesus' words in today's gospel. The first is as a strong challenge about social justice.

National boundaries mean nothing to God. All people are equal in God's sight, so the banquet Jesus refers to has implications for how we share the riches with which we have been blessed with others in the world. The poor, crippled, lame and blind of our world are the majority of God's children who mainly live in the Third World. They are our brothers and sisters. At the banquet of life Christians are called to give priority to the needs of these people, not only because they have a just claim on our resources, but also because they can't do anything for us in return. They purify our motives. When we link our concern, time, talent, career, and money with these children of God, we tame that nagging question, 'What's in it for me?' with a firm reply, 'Very little – except God's justice.'

A somewhat comforting angle to take on this gospel is more psychological. Many of us, when we come to God at any time, try to dress ourselves up to look better than we are! This gospel reminds us that at Christ's banquet, however, it's not the poised and perfect who are most welcome, but the vulnerable. What does this mean for us who pray and celebrate the Eucharist? That God embraces those parts of us that are in greatest need of his love and healing – where we are poor, crippled, blind and lame.

We know this is true because if Jesus is telling us to host the poor and broken at our tables, then as the perfect host he must do exactly the same with us at this Eucharistic meal as well.

When I was a child we referred to our finest clothes as our 'Sunday best' and we wore them proudly to Mass. Not only did we look good, we acted the part as well. Everyone was on best behaviour for the entire parish to see. Now, I have nothing against dressing with care and behaving well at Mass; it can be a sign of our self-respect, our courtesy toward others and our devotion to God. But God cares more about what's going on inside us. We can never hide from God, especially at the Eucharist because we have been invited to be here, not as we would like to be, but as we are.

May this Eucharist – this taste of heaven's justice – give us renewed courage to think beyond our self and national interests, and show to others the hospitality of God that has been lavished on us. May we discover that where faith is concerned, the answer to 'What's in it for me?' is 'More than we can ever hope or imagine.' (Fr Richard Leonard SJ)

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