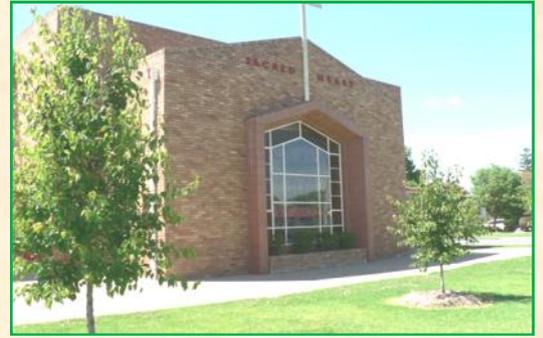


# Sacred Heart Parish

## North Albury



*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*21st January / 22nd January 2017*

### Parish Clergy

Fr Kevin Flanagan PP

### Parish Office

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Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9.00 am – 2.00 pm

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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



Discipleship is not something that we take upon ourselves. We are called to it. Some people are very conscious of this call. They are aware of it in their aspirations and dreams; they recognise it in the events of their lives. They hear the call as clearly as Simon, Andrew, James and John heard the voice of Jesus. For others, the call to discipleship is not so clear. They may experience an undefined restlessness, a dissatisfaction with their lives. People can respond to the call in one of two ways. They can consider the mere suggestion of discipleship an intrusion into their plans, or they can drop what they are doing, leave their former concerns behind and follow Jesus.

There is a misunderstanding about being called and leaving everything behind. Although the gospel says that the four men left their occupation of fishing in order to follow Jesus, this kind of 'leaving behind' was not, and still is not, required of all, for it is in the ordinary events of life that our salvation unfolds. For most people, this is precisely where they are to function as disciples. Still, disciples of Jesus are called to leave behind certain ways of living as they follow him. They are called away from lives of pettiness and division. They are called away from the kind of factionalism that seems to have threatened the unity of the Corinthian community. They are called away from narrow-mindedness and mean-spirited competition. It is much easier to leave nets than to leave the web of one's prejudices. (Dianne Bergant).



COME &  
FOLLOW

# Parish Community



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Kathleen Lester (Fr Kevin's sister), Kerry Bryan, Emelda Phegan.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Ivy Rooney, Edna Hudson, Jim Berkley, Ian Miller, Gus Mitsch, Norman Lane, Rosemary Cossor, Hilda Joynson, Hilda Brewster, Alma Hancock, Zachary Peters, Brian Lane, Joan Cruikshank Garth Clifford, Jack Whitty, Robert Watson, Albert Williams, Kevin Houlihan, John Briggs, Ada Pertile, Kevin Murphy.

*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: 21st / 22nd January

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Nano Clancy	Jane Murtagh
Lector 1	Justin Clancy	Ray Murtagh
Lector 2	Colleen Day	Wendy McFerran
Eucharistic Ministers	Jim Deanshaw Kaye Deanshaw	Mary Lefevre Robert Brown Carmel Butts Kevin Kennedy
Cantor	Brian Waters	Anne McIntyre
Musicians	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
Counters: Desmond Lum & Jane Togher    Cleaning Group: Group 6		

Sat /Sun: 28th / 29th January

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Brian Waters	Leanne Michael
Lector 1	Paula Waters	Michael Stephenson
Lector 2		Terry Hillman
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Hopkins Judy Lindsay	Kansas Michael John & Helen O'Keeffe Fran Kernaghan
Cantor	Margie & Ed Brown	Simon Goss
Musicians	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
Counters: Peter Toner & Gordon Bryant    Cleaning Group: Group 7		

## Prayer for our Country Australia

Lord God, your Spirit has moved over the face of Australia, and formed from its dust a rolling brown land.

Your Spirit has moved over its warm tropical waters and created a rich diversity of life.

Your Spirit has moved in the lives of men, and women, and children, and given them, from the dreamtime, an affinity with their lands and waters.

Your Spirit has moved in pilgrim people and brought them to a place of freedom and plenty.

Your Spirit moves still today in sprawling, high rise cities, in the vast distances of the outback, and in the ethnic diversity of the Australian people.

Lord God, in the midst of this varied huddle of humanity you have set your church.

Give us, the people you have so richly blessed, a commitment to justice and peace for all nations;

and a vision of righteousness and equality for all people in our own country.

## A Thought for the Week ( Pope Francis):

**'Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen**

**unexpectedly and in any place: on the street, in a city square, during work, on a journey. '**

# Parish News

## Board Required 2017

For Patricia Mafara originally from Zimbabwe, a 12 month Pharmacy position from 23 January, 2017 at Albury Private Hospital. Recommended by Murray Bridge Parish. Contact Patricia on 0403 769 554 or Sr Eileen on 0458 327 554.

## Volunteers Needed

Because of people leaving for different reasons we have a few vacancies for cleaning of the church. Please phone Fran at parish office on 6025 1516 if you can spare about an hour once every six weeks.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Diocese of Sandhurst have invited world renowned speaker Ulf Ekman to host a day in Shepparton this coming Tuesday 24 January at St Brendan's Parish. Day session 10am to 4pm; night session 7pm to 10pm. If anyone interested in coming contact Fran on 0408 268 518 for travel arrangements.

## Prayer Cards for the Election of a Bishop

A prayer for the election of a Bishop for the Wagga Wagga Diocese is available at church entrances. Please take one.

## Frankly

Booklet available at church entrances. Lots of interesting articles on parenting, celebrities, catholic culture, pope talk and much more. Please take one.

## Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Rosters

Rosters for the months of February, March, April and May 2017 are being drawn up. Could you please let Fran know of your unavailability during this time.

## Feast Days during the Week

Tuesday 24th January—St Francis de Sales  
Wednesday 25th January—Conversion of St Paul  
Thursday 26th January—Australia Day  
Friday 27th January—St Angela Merici

## PLEASE NOTE

There will be no Masses this coming week as Fr Kevin will be away in Melbourne attending to the burial service of his sister.

## Prayer for Our Sacred Heart Parish

*God of Love,  
Source of all hope and good things;  
You call us in love, to share in the work  
and ongoing life of our Sacred Heart  
Parish.*

*Bless this parish of ours and lead us to be  
confident and joyful in serving those  
around us, so that through us, the world  
may catch a glimpse of the love you have  
for each one of us.*

*Make us instruments of your love to  
everyone that we encounter in our  
parish community, at home, at work and  
in our neighbourhood.*

*Help us to grow in gratitude so that we  
can recognise and thank you for all the  
good things you have given us.*

*Each day may we come to know you  
more clearly, love you more dearly and  
follow you more nearly.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*



*Happy Australia  
Day*

# Liturgy of the Word

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A*  
*Readings: Is 8: 23 - 9:3; 1 Cor 1: 10-13, 17; Matthew 4: 12-23*

*Responsorial Psalm:*



**The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

### Alleluia Verse:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom;  
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

## Reflection on the Readings

In today's gospel passage we see the importance that the gospel of Matthew gives to portraying Jesus as the fulfilment of scripture. Throughout this gospel, the author is at pains to demonstrate that Jesus fulfils prophecy. The purpose in doing this was not only to tie Jesus into the prophecies of the Messiah but to demonstrate that Jesus was part of God's plan all along. This gospel was written at a time when there were growing tensions between early Christian communities and mainstream Jews. By highlighting the fulfilment of scripture, the author attempts to firstly reassure the Christian community in the face of aggression and resentment from the mainstream Jews and secondly, challenge those who oppose the Christian sect to see this movement as just another thread in the ancient story of their people.

Having established the credentials of Jesus, the gospel writer then provides a summary of the teaching that will be played out in the gospel, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' Repent had a far more powerful meaning than what we tend to ascribe to it today. Much more than simply being sorry, repent carried with it a sense of turning one's life around; making amends for past failures; and choosing a whole new direction for one's life. Literally, it meant a 'change of mind'. To demonstrate the urgency and strength of this teaching, Jesus calls his first four disciples who immediately drop what they are doing and set out on a new life with him. These disciples are the first of many to 'repent' and turn their lives around.

What must it have been like for those first four disciples Jesus called? The fact that they were fishing means that they had not been chosen to continue studying the Torah beyond childhood and had not been chosen by a rabbi to be his followers. Even as young men, these four were has-beens and had no hope of a rabbi asking them to be his disciples. Suddenly, Jesus appears and calls them to follow him. A life that had passed them by suddenly opened up before them! Of course they dropped everything and followed. (Greg Sunter)



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