

# Sacred Heart Parish

## North Albury



*Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*7th October / 8th October 2017*

### Parish Clergy

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### Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAYS: 9.30 am

Monday, Wednesday, Friday (Church)

### RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

**BAPTISMS**—By appointment.

Preparation Course: 0411 883 661



The metaphor of the vineyard, cherished by both ancient Israel and the early Christians, suggests that while vines might be hardy, they are also vulnerable. So is the reign of God. It must be tended and protected from what might endanger it, so that it may produce abundant and delectable fruit. In the gospel account, the vine does indeed produce an abundant crop. In fact, it is the very productivity of the vineyard that sets the stage for the treachery described. We can see ourselves in both uses of the vineyard metaphor. There are times when, regardless of what God seems to be doing for us, we simply rebel against God's plans. We stand in defiance. There are other times when we, who are disciples of Jesus, act as if the kingdom is ours. We might even marginalise or force out others with whom we do not agree, so that we have sole control.

When we consider the justice of God, it is important that we place it within the right context, lest we create a picture of God that is false and misleading. It is because of God's tender love for the vineyard that treachery cannot be tolerated. If we have produced unacceptable fruits, it is for our own good that God steps in and dismantles the structures that enabled us to produce bad fruit. It is appropriate that God would snatch the vineyard from our grasp and entrust it to one who will faithfully carry out God's plans.

(Dianne Bergant CSS)



# Parish Community



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Hayden Corrigan, Dorothy Fegan (Fr Kevin's sister), Bernard Rolfe, Niel Russell, Mary McLaurin, Noeleen Low, Bernie Cudmore and Ada McDonnell.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Fred Sheather, Mary Powell, Alice Conroy, Joseph & Julie Plasto, Jeffrey Mongan, John Stapleton, Gladys Hodgson, Mary & Les Davies, Raymond Neal, Thomas Smith, Margaret Willis, Algy Arendarcikas, Lois Ferris, Tom Whitty, Shirley McNuff, Andreas Christy, Josephine Frauenfelder, Paul Hagan, Drahoslov Molinek, Raymond Piltz, Kathleen Yensch, Sr Francesca Parkin, Emilie Lautenbacher, Sr Patricia O'Connor & Reginald Gard.

*Gather our loved ones into your arms. Quiet our doubt and anger*

## 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: 7th / 8th October

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Anthony Foley	Roy Thompson
Lector 1	Karen Purtle	Gavin Dykes
Lector 2	Pat Hickman	Ray Murtagh
Eucharistic Ministers	Geoff Jervois Jeneice Harding	Marie Pennay Robert Brown Pauline Willis
Cantor	Brian Waters	Volunteer required
Musicians	None available	

Counters: Brian & Carmel Butts

Cleaning Group: Group 1

Sat /Sun 14th /15th October

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Virginia Mitsch	Terry Hillman
Lector 1	Kellie Gordes	Richard Parkinson
Lector 2		
Eucharistic Ministers	Jim & Kaye Deanshaw	Pamela McIntosh Mary Lefevre Sr Leteica
Cantor	Volunteer required	Bernadette O'Donnell
Musicians		

Counters: Michael Bynes

Cleaning Group: Group 2

## Prayer of Gratitude

All powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.

All things are of your making. All times and seasons obey you. You chose to create us in your own image and to set us over all the whole world in all its wonder.

You made us the stewards of creation, to praise you every day for your wisdom and power. May we imitate your son, Jesus, in his life of service. May we be faithful stewards of all your gifts to us, the People of God.

Amen

## Thought for the Week ( Pope Francis):

'All of us are linked by unseen bonds and together form a kind of universal family, a sublime communion which fills us with a sacred, affectionate and humble respect.'

# Parish News

## Weekday Masses

Weekday Masses will be celebrated in the Church at 9.30am.

**St Vincent de Paul Community Race Day**

**Albury Racing Club, Fallon Street**

**Saturday October 14, 2017**

Gates open 10.30pm, Local races Start: 11.00am.

**Function: 12 noon.**

**ALL PROCEEDS TO ST. VINCENT DE PAUL  
CHARITIES.**

*All bookings through Albury Racing Club*

**PH: 6025 1333**

*Come and enjoy Country Racing & live entertainment.*

*For more information check out the posters on the noticeboards in the church.*

Extra cards from Fr. Kevin's Retirement masses have been printed and are now available at the Presbytery. These can be collected Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

**WORKING BEE** to be held Saturday **28th October 2017** at 9am. We will be weeding, trimming and tidying up around all the grounds. If you can't make this date feel free to help at another time.

## **ALL SOULS DAY**

A Mass will be held in the Memorial Garden at 9.30am on Thursday 2nd November 2017 followed by Morning tea. Please bring a plate to share and if you are able to help please phone the office.

## *Feast Days*

**Monday 9th October—St Denis**

**Wednesday 11th October—St John XXIII**

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS ROSTERS

ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SWAN ST. ENTRANCE.

If unavailable please contact the parish office either by phone, email or in person.

**New Parish E-mail:**

**[sacredheartna@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartna@gmail.com).**

Please use this e-mail when contacting the Presbytery. We no longer have a fax number.

## *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.*

# Liturgy of the Word

27th Sunday of the Year —Year A

Readings: *Is 5: 1-7; Phil 4: 6-9; Matt 21: 33-43*

*Responsorial Psalm*



The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!**

I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you everything I have  
learned from my Father.  
Alleluia!

## Reflection on the Reading

This week's gospel must be read in conjunction with the first reading (Isaiah 5:1-7) and the responsorial psalm, because the message of these passages is implicit in the parable told by Jesus. As soon as Jesus began to describe the vineyard – fenced around, a winepress dug and tower built – his audience would have immediately known that he was reflecting the Isaiah description of Israel as the vineyard of the Lord. Isaiah's condemnation of Israel in that passage is so strong that one can almost imagine Jesus' audience cringing in anticipation of where this story was leading.

The imagery Jesus used would have been so familiar to his audience that it was almost mundane, and yet Jesus, as usual, gives the image a twist. He describes a vineyard owner whose tenant farmers rebel, beat and murder his servants. Any one of these acts was punishable by death and the audience may well have expected the story to end there. And yet the landowner sends further messengers – hopeful of a change of heart from the tenants and allowing them the opportunity to do what is right. After these messengers are also murdered, the landowner sends his own son to collect the harvest from the tenants.

Jesus, of course, is drawing on the familiar image of Israel as the vineyard of the Lord. God, the landowner, has entrusted this beautifully prepared land to the people of Israel and yet they have taken ownership for themselves and forgotten their Lord. Messengers, in the form of prophets, have been sent to call the people back to God but they were ignored and even murdered. Now, the Son has been sent to the people and received much the same response. When Jesus asks his audience of chief priests and elders what the landowner should do, they are acutely aware that he is asking them how God should deal with them.

One of the images from this gospel that would have been puzzling to the audience, and may have tipped them off that Jesus was telling a parable with a particular message, is the image of the landowner being incredibly benevolent and tolerant of his rebellious tenants. Jesus' audience would have known that the law was always on the side of a landowner over his tenants. Any misdeed by a tenant farmer would have been dealt with swiftly and severely and yet the landowner in Jesus' story (God) is almost unbelievably patient and prepared to give the tenants every opportunity to do the right thing.

(Greg Sunter)

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