

Sacred Heart Parish

North Albury



Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th / 5th November 2017

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAYS: 9.30 am

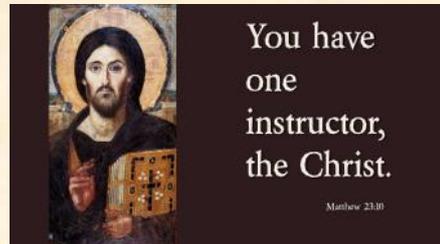
Monday– Saturday (Church)

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.

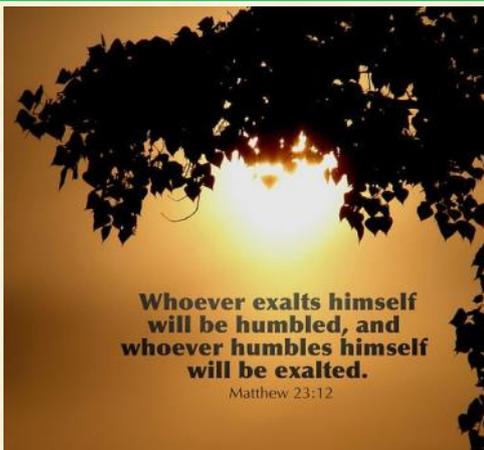
Preparation Course: 0411 883 661



Since Vatican II the responsibilities of leadership have been spread throughout the community. This has not happened simply because there are fewer priests and religious. It has occurred primarily because the Council itself insisted that by virtue of their baptism all Christians are called to discipleship, which includes active participation in the mission of the church. While those who are ordained continue in specialised forms of leadership, other people have stepped forward to assume their newly recognised responsibilities. Sometimes they have more influence in the church than do the ordained.

We derive the connection between pharisaical and hypocritical from Jesus' description of the Pharisees found in today's reading. His condemnation, along with the condemnation of the priests in the first reading, should be a warning to all who in any way exercise leadership. We must always be on our guard lest the trappings of leadership ensnare us and we fail in our responsibilities toward God and the community we serve.

There is a mode of leadership that reflects the very meaning of authority. This way of leadership authors life. It is characterised by the striking image of a nursing mother who both gives and sustains life. Those who exercise leadership in this way create a community where life is fostered, not stifled, where talents serve all of the members, and the talents of all of the members are invited to serve. Such a community not only nurtures its members, it is itself the author of life in the world. (Dianne Bergant CSS)



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Gloria Trampusic, Betty Leahy, Hayden Corrigan, Angela Codiato

ANNIVERSARIES: Irene Berg, David Eachern, Rosa Sargeant, James Thompson, Gary Fearne, Msgr Pat Ford, Valarie Scales, Mary Drum, Baron Lethbridge, Patrick Costello, Mavis Waser, Jan Ryc, Fr Les Ring, John cummins, Ellen Neven, Pat Kennedy, John Cullen, John Murray, Patricia White, Millice Hailstone, Tony Kirley, Mick Kirley, Charles Mitsch, Ceily Kirley, James Franklin, Elsa Morton, Kathleen Grove, Jim Thompson, Agnes Black, Kathleen O'Rourke, Margaret Corby, Keith Barnett, Jim Roewarne, Frank Gain, Geraldine Steele & Lloyd Kennedy.

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: 4th / 5th November

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Anthony Foley	Jane Murtagh
Lector 1	Karen Purtle	Terry Hillman
Lector 2	Virginia Mitsch	Ray Murtagh
Eucharistic Ministers	Geoff Jervios Jeneice Harding	Pauline Willis Carey Menz-Dowling Kevin Kennedy
Cantor	Marg & Ed Brown	Catherine Cutler
Musicians	Judy Foley	Judy Lindsay Val Hayes
Counters: Peter Toner & Gordon Bryant Cleaning Group: Group 5		

Sat /Sun 11th / 12th November

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Kellie Gordes	Gavin Dykes
Lector 1	Michael Byrnes	Kathy Nyhan
Lector 2	Pat Hickman	Sr Carina Morton
Eucharistic Ministers	Judy Lindsay Pat Hopkins	Trish Parkinson Dianne & Peter Treacy
Cantor	John Van Lint	Bernadette & Wendy
Musicians	Judy Foley	
Counters: Brian & Carmel Butts Cleaning Group: Group 6		

Prayer Remembrance Day

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace:

For the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God.

For those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss.

For peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free.

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace.

As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

'Nothing is impossible if we turn to God in prayer. Everyone can be an artisan of peace.'

Parish News

DVD of Fr Kevin Flanagan's Retirement Mass

A DVD is available at a cost of \$15 of Fr Kevin's Mass. Orders and payment will be taken at the Presbytery.

Weekday Masses

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

Memorial Garden

We are placing some orders for plaques in the next few weeks. If you are interested in having a plaque put up in the Memorial Garden for deceased family members please phone the parish office. Plaques are \$250 each.

Australian Catholics

The summer edition of Australian Catholics has arrived. One article is about 'Giving new life to Catholicism.' Very interesting reading from viewpoint of our youth. Please take a copy.

Position Vacant - Prison Chaplain

Junee Correctional Centre

The Diocese of Wagga Wagga is seeking to employ a Prison Chaplain in a part-time role (35 hours per week) at the Junee Correctional Centre. Whilst being faithful to the requirements of the Catholic faith, the Chaplain will be fully committed to work ecumenically across the Correctional Centre and be multi-faith able.

Please go to the Diocese of Wagga Wagga website: www.wagga.catholic.org.au for further information and to download the Application Pack.

Applications Close: Friday 10 November 2017

Feast Days

Thursday 9th November—Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Friday 10th November— St Leo

Saturday 11th November—St Martin of Tours

November Book of Life

November is traditionally the month to remember the Holy Souls. Our Book of Life will be displayed at the front of the Church during November. If you would like to add family members to this book there are sheets of paper and sleeves inside the front of the Book.

November Mass envelopes will also be available at Church entrances if you wish to request a Mass or prayers for your deceased family members and friends.

Working Bee

Thank you to all those who helped trim and weed the gardens.

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

31st Sunday of the Year —Year A

Readings: *Mal* 1: 14—2:2, 8-10; *1 Thess* 2: 7-9,11; *Matt* 23: 1-12

Responsorial Psalm



In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven;

You have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Reflection on the Reading

This week's gospel is a lesson on leadership. The gospel writer has Jesus offering a very strong criticism of the religious leadership of his day as exemplified by the scribes and Pharisees. He accuses them of not practising what they preach – a rather familiar criticism often levelled at politicians, teachers and church leaders in our own society today. When the criticism is used today it often implies that if the person fails to practise what they preach then what they have to say carries little weight. But rather than totally rejecting the scribes and Pharisees, Jesus cautions his listeners to take notice of what they have to say – as their teachings were always grounded in scripture and tradition – but not to follow their example of behaviour.

Throughout Matthew's gospel we encounter criticisms of the scribes and Pharisees. This example is of the same nature: they were too caught up with rules and obligations and did not approach life with compassion and concern for the individual. The community for whom Matthew's gospel was intended was struggling with being both Jewish and Christian. They were coming to realise that to be followers of Jesus' way they needed to cast aside some of the attitudes and behaviours of their Jewish tradition. That applied particularly to the model of leadership that they had inherited from Jesus: a model of leadership through service, not power and authority. This gospel passage makes it very clear for that original community as well as ourselves that true leadership is provided through service to others and through humble action. Unlike the Pharisees of Jesus' time, Christian leaders are called to do away with the trappings of power and prestige and, instead, be of service to those whom they would lead.

The Christian model of leadership often flies in the face of societal concepts of leadership. Many of the models of leadership we witness in society focus on exerting power *over* others. People are praised for showing 'strong' leadership when they manipulate situations, bully less powerful people and bulldoze their way through others' opinions. Whilst this model of leadership may have a certain effectiveness in the short term, there is certainly nothing 'Christian' about its operation and ultimately it forces a wedge between the leader and the led. Christian leadership focuses on empowering all parties and rather than power *over* others, it embraces power *through* and *with* others. (Greg Sunter)

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