

Sacred Heart Parish

NORTH ALBURY

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th / 5th February 2018

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAYS: 9.30 am

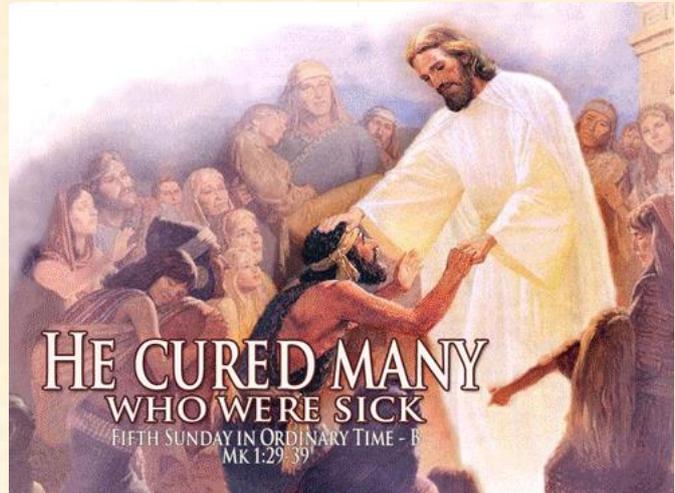
Wednesday—Friday

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.

Preparation Course: 0411 883 661



The mother-in-law of Simon (Peter) was sick in bed with a raging fever. When Jesus learned about her distressed state, he 'took her by the hand and helped her up'. He broke the taboo about physical contact with a woman not his relative because he wanted to holistically heal her dis-ease.

Simon's mother-in-law didn't need an aspirin and a cup of tea. She felt quarantined, isolated, and needed a hand reassuring her of sociable relationships. Jesus overcame her fever and her dis-ease with the world.

At every Mass we exchange a physical gesture at the greeting of Peace. This quite often overcomes being ill-at-ease with a family member or just with the neighbour in the pew. We need to take that symbolic action into the world. For somebody, it may be the most touching thing we ever do.

We could pause for a moment to identify that person who needs us to reach out, to take their hand and help them up. (Fr Michael Tate)



Amidst the *busyness*
of life, **SERVE** the
needs of others,
SPEND time with
God, and **SHARE** the
gospel

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jean Hutt (Helen Smith's sister)

Fr Kevin Flanagan.

ANNIVERSARIES: Richard Noel Hickey, Charles Bowen, John Gogoll, Alice Shanahan, Stephen Kirley, Ivan Hanrahan, Peter Urosevic, Martha Moscher, Joan Bruton, Kevin Hartley, Bed Damhius, Wayne Boyd, Beryl McBrien, Josie Favell, Fr Jim Clarke, Max Butts, Les Bingham, Les Bright Sr Carmella Nesbitt, Sr Patricia Marcella, George Dalahunty, Brendan Dodd, Dorrie Hore, Ada Duncan, Michael Bourke, Sadie Berkley, Alan Gray, Chum Day, Lillian Nicholl, Joan Clohessy, Joe Davies.

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: 3rd / 4th February

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Anthony Foley	Roy Thompson
Lector 1	Pat Hickman	Gavin Dykes
Lector 2	Paula Waters	Ray Murtagh
Eucharistic Ministers	Geoff Jervois Jeneice Harding	Marie Pennay Robert Brown Pauline Willis
Cantor	Brian Waters	Bernadette O'Donnell
Musicians	Judy Foley	
Counters: Nardia Scarvell & Liz Simon Church Cleaning: Group 3		

Sat /Sun: 10th / 11th February

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Virginia Mitsch	Terry Hillman
Lector 1	Kellie Gordes	Richard Parkinson
Lector 2	Barbara Godde	Leanne Michael
Eucharistic Ministers	Jim & Kaye Deanshaw	Pamela McIntosh Mary Lefevre MACE Sisters
Cantor	Catherine Cutler & Judy	Anne McIntyre
Musicians	Lindsay / Judy Foley	Val Hayes
Counters: Desmond Lum & Jane Togher Church Cleaning: Group: 4		

Prayer to be of Service

Lord Jesus, we believe that you have called us to follow you with our whole hearts in all our words and actions.

Send us your Spirit to give us the power to serve you faithfully.

Lord Jesus, we believe that your disciples are called to proclaim the good news of God's kingdom.

Send us your Spirit to open our minds and hearts to the liberating power of your word.

Lord Jesus, we believe that stewardship is a way of life. Send us your Spirit to help us serve with grateful, generous and responsible hearts.

We pray through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

A Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

'Let us learn from Christ how to pray, to forgive, to sow peace, and to be near those in need.'

Parish News

Tuesday Masses This Week

The opening school Mass for Xavier High School will be celebrated this Tuesday 6th February in the Arts Centre at 9.05am. Also Mass of Anointing will be celebrated at Mercy Place at 11.00am. All Welcome.

Men Alive - Men's Weekend

"God is glorified when men are fully alive"

*"This weekend is an opportunity for men to explore what makes them feel fully alive. During the weekend, the **menAlive team** will share about their lives, the challenges they face and the hope they have discovered in seeking to walk this journey with God.*

*Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Thurgoona will be hosting this on the weekend of **24th - 25th February, 2018**. Contacts: thurgoonacatholicparish@hotmail.com or phone 02 6043 2222. If you are interested or know of someone who may like to come please find registration brochures at entrances to Church.*

Lenten Program

If you are interested in joining a group or hosting one we will have to know by Monday so we can order the CD's & DVD's. Contact Fran at the office on 6025 1516.

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

Please collect your rosters from the side table at front of Church, Swan Street side.

Palms Australia Encounters in 2018

These encounters are ethically run group tours that provide participants with authentic, hard to come by experiences. They give an insight into the daily life of people of another culture. The dates are: 11- 23 March, Timor Leste; 18-30 May, Samoa; 20 May- 1 June; Timor Leste; 2-14 Sept, Timor Leste. Phone 02 9560 5333 for more information.

Feast Days during the Week

Monday 5th February—St Agatha

Tuesday 6th February—St Paul Miki & Companions

Thursday 8th February—St Jerome Emiliani

Saturday 10th February—St Scholastica



This weekend we welcome into the Community of the Christian faith through the sacrament of Baptism Ruby Louise Drab daughter of Matthew and Katie.

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

Fifth Sunday of the Year—Year B

Readings: Job 7: 1-4,6-7; 1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23 ; Mk 1: 29-39

Responsorial Psalm:



Praise the Lord, who heals the — bro - ken - heart - ed.

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Alleluia Verse:

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering.

Alleluia!



Reflection on the Readings

This week's gospel follows directly on from last week's reading and, as is typical with Mark's gospel, the events occur on the very same day. The urgency of the gospel is obvious in this week's reading; Jesus had a very busy 24 hours! Having launched his public ministry in the synagogue earlier that day, Jesus accompanies his new disciples to meet some of their family and have a meal. However, on arriving at the home of Simon and Andrew, they find Simon's mother-in-law is sick. Unlike the public displays of his healing power that preceded and will follow this episode, Jesus does not say anything but simply takes the woman by the hand and helps her up. Her response of beginning to wait on Jesus and his disciples is a faith response and a recognition of who Jesus is. A theme that runs through this gospel is that the disciples never fully understand who Jesus is. Here, a woman who has just met him recognises him as the Messiah and begins to serve him.

Still on the same day, we see the expansion of Jesus' healing ministry. On this one day he has cast an unclean spirit out of a possessed man in the synagogue, healed Peter's mother-in-law of a fever and then healed the crowds of people who came to the door. The next morning he announces that they will take the ministry to the whole region of Galilee. In a very simple way, the gospel of Mark has described the growth of Jesus' ministry from very humble isolated examples to a deliberate reaching out to the people of an entire region.

Jesus appears to have made Capernaum his base after leaving Nazareth. He may, in fact, have based himself at Simon Peter's house. There are many references in the gospels to Jesus' actions in Capernaum. Archaeologists have identified the house in Capernaum that they believe to be Simon Peter's house – less than 100 metres from the Capernaum synagogue. Evidence reveals carved inscriptions and symbols that identify both Jesus and Peter. The house appears to have been used as a 'house-church' until a church was built on the site in the 5th Century. Excavations of the site can be seen today.

In the midst of an extremely hectic 24 hours where Jesus effectively launches his public ministry, Jesus takes time to go aside to a lonely place and pray. The passage tells us that it was 'long before dawn' that he did this. It may have been his usual practice to pray early in the morning or he may have been restless after the events of the previous day and the thought of what lay ahead.

Nevertheless, Jesus provides us with a model of using prayer to reflect on events and to prepare ourselves for the day ahead.

(Greg Sunter)

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