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# Sacred Heart Parish

NORTH ALBURY

## Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9th / 10th June

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### Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAYS MASSES: (This Week)

Tuesday 10.30am (Funeral Mass for May Corrigan)

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 9.30am

### RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

**BAPTISMS**—By appointment

Preparation Course: 0411 883 661

### CHURCH STORES.

Religious gifts and supplies shipped overnight. Phone (02) 9233 2268.  
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The first way to reject the real Jesus is to domesticate him, and that is what members of his blood family were trying to do. They thought he was 'out of his mind', madly putting himself [and them] in harm's way and he had to be restrained.

Have you or I tried to domesticate Jesus Christ, to reduce him to a non-threatening Jesus-meek-and-mild? If so, we are closer to the family of Nazareth standing just outside his circle, ready to run for cover, than to the new family seated around him, really listening to him and therefore vulnerable.

The second way is to misconstrue all the evidence of Jesus' mission on earth and to claim that he must be in league with the devil, 'He has an unclean spirit'.

If you do this publicly, as did these religious leaders, then you have deliberately put God's plan for the salvation of others at risk, and it is this which is unforgivable. This is real blasphemy.

We might pause for a moment, implore the grace of God, determine to really hear the Gospels, discern the will of God for our lives, and so come back within the ultimate family allegiance of those who dare to call God 'our Father'.

(Fr Michael Tate)

### Plenary Council 2020— Listening to what the spirit is saying.

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishop's decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020. It is a significant moment for the church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" To find more about the Plenary Council visit the website: [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

# Parish Community



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** May Alicia Corrigan, Eileen

Quirk, Helen Massingham, Colin Curtis, Kerry Dowling, Geoffrey Jervios,

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Anne Hogan, Wally Crowe, Peter Hamilton, Sr Mary Hamilton, Kevin Thomas, Tudge Guziak, Margaret Azzi, Edna Healey, Desmond Powell, Laurence Smith, Keith O'Keith, Lesley Collins, Margaret McGovern, Austin Conroy, Margaret Slater, Roy Kirk, Caroline Bye, Mary Percy, Jack Matthews, Jack Hanrahan.

*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: 9th /10th June

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	Brian Waters	Volunteer please
Musicians	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
Counters: Brian & Carmel Butts		Cleaning Group: 1

Sat /Sun: 16th / 17th June

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Colleen Day	Rosalie Martin
Lector 1	Karen Purtle	Michael Stephenson
Lector 2	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
Eucharistic Ministers	Judy Lindsay Volunteer please	Trish Parkinson Kansas Michael Fran Kernaghan
Cantor	Volunteer please	Anne McIntyre
Musicians	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
Counters: Volunteer please		Cleaning Group: 2

## Prayer to the Sacred Heart

Most Sacred, most loving Heart of Jesus, You are concealed in the Holy Eucharist, and You beat for us still.

Now, as then, You say: "With desire I have desired."

I worship You with all my best love and awe, with fervent affection, with my most subdued, most resolved will.

For a while You take up Your abode within me.

O make my heart beat with Your Heart!

Purify it of all that is earthly,

All that is proud and sensual,

All that is hard and cruel,

Of all perversity,

Of all disorder,

Of all deadness.

So fill it with You,

That neither the events of the day,

Nor the circumstances of the time,

May have the power to ruffle it;

But that in Your love and Your fear,

It may have peace.

(Cardinal Henry Newman)

**Thought for the Week ( Pope Francis): 'God's love, in fact, can only be experienced by people willing to let go of their egos and humbly let God take the lead, allowing him take their hand like a loving father with his children.'**

# Parish News

## MASSES THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 10.30am (Funeral Mass for May Corrigan)  
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9.30am.

## FLANAGAN DAY MASS.

As you know a house at St. Anne's is named after Fr. Kevin Flanagan. The annual Flanagan Day mass will be celebrated this Friday 15 June at 9.30am. At the conclusion of our celebration of eucharist we will bless Fr. Kevin's plaque in the Memorial Garden.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish community on Saturday 11 August at 6pm. Parents of year 6 children not attending St. Anne's who wish them to receive this final Sacrament of Initiation are asked to contact Fr. Martin by phone or email as soon as possible so that appropriate preparation can be arranged. Our email address can be found on the front of this bulletin.

Please remember that First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sat. 30 June at the 6pm vigil mass.

St. Clare's Conference, Lavington, of the St. Vincent de Paul Society aspires to be recognised as a caring Catholic charity offering 'a hand up' to people in need. To do this we continually need new members and volunteers to assist in our work.

To this end I ask every one of you how best you support those in need. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, or new member please phone 6048 9530 for additional information, or visit our Care and Support Centre, Mate Street, North Albury, 1.30pm to 3.30pm Monday to Friday.

**WINTER APPEAL**—The St. Vincent de Paul Society is currently holding its annual winter appeal. Envelopes for donations are situated on the church pews. Sealed envelopes containing donations can be placed on either collection and these will be forwarded to St. Clare's Conference, or you can post them at your leisure. Please contribute as generously at you are able.

## Sisters of Mercy 150 Years Celebrations

This year acknowledges 150 years since the Sisters of Mercy arrived in Albury. Celebrations are planned for weekend 21st / 22nd July. More detailed information is available on our notice boards.

## Parish Choir Notice.

Next practice will be on Sat. 23 June at 11am. Future dates will be advised. New singers most welcome.

## MORNING TEAS.

Thanks to those who catered for and attended last Sunday's parish morning tea.

We need volunteers to help cater for morning teas for the remainder of 2018, i.e. 1 July, 9 September, 7 October, 4 November, 2 December. Please fill your names in on the roster located on front notice-board/carpark entrance.

The Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers' roster is available for collection on the table at the Swan St. entrance. Thanks for your willingness to service our parish worshipping community in this way.

## 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

*Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B*

*Readings: Gen 3: 9-15; 2 Cor 4: 13- 5: 1 ; Mark 3:20-35*

*Responsorial Psalm:*



***With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.***

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The prince of this world will now be cast out,  
and when I am lifted up from the earth  
I will draw all to myself, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

## Reflection on the Readings

Family members are often the last ones to allow us to change from who we have been to who we want to become. Unintentionally, family will sometimes continue to treat us as the child we were growing up in the family environment, despite our various accomplishments and changes in direction. Sometimes it's easier to continue to treat someone we love as we have always treated them, rather than learning to adjust and accommodate a new way of relating. When you're the one seeking to establish a new life or a new way of operating, family can appear to be 'keeping you in a box'.

Today's gospel paints a picture of Jesus' family wanting him to play safe and remain the person they've known him to be, rather than growing into his ministry and preaching his challenging message. They can see that his actions are causing the authorities to pay attention and their reaction is to try to get Jesus to stay under the radar; to live small.

In a style typical of the Gospel of Mark, the two incidents with Jesus' family 'sandwich' and focus attention on the interaction with the Scribes who accuse Jesus of being under the influence of Satan. Like the family of Jesus who don't want to see him for who he really is becoming, or has become, the Scribes misunderstand Jesus' fight against evil. Jesus dismisses their claims through his use of the image of binding the strong man before entering the strong man's house. Jesus has 'bound' Satan – the strong man – proving himself the stronger and has set about undoing the work of evil in the world.

Throughout the Gospel of Mark, the author explores the question of who people believe Jesus to be. Whilst his disciples have a less than perfect understanding of the question, 'Who do you say I am?', those whose faith reveals the truth of Jesus are quickly sworn to secrecy. In today's gospel, the misunderstanding of Jesus' family and the misunderstanding of the Scribes show their incomplete grasp of who Jesus is. Whilst the language about Satan (evil and unclean spirits) is unfamiliar language today, the gospel writer uses this imagery to further his point that Jesus is the Messiah, the one who saves the world.

At the end of today's gospel passage, Jesus states, 'Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.' Family bonds were critically important in 1st Century Palestine. Jesus does not deny his family kinship, but expands it to include anyone who does the will of God. All those who work to bring about the Kingdom or Reign of God share a bond with Jesus, they share a familial link with him. Whenever we act to bring about God's dream for this world, we join our efforts with those of our brother, Jesus.

(Greg Sunter)

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