



## *Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*30th June / 1st July*

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### **Mass Times**

**SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm**

**SUNDAY: 9.30 am**

### **WEEKDAYS MASSES:**

**Tuesday 11.00am—Mass & Sacrament of Anointing—Mercy Place**

**Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9.30am**

### **RECONCILIATION**

**SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM**

**BAPTISMS—By appointment**

**Preparation Course: 0411 883 661**

### **CHURCH STORES.**

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### **Sacred Heart Planned Giving Program**

Many thanks for your ongoing support of our parish community through your contribution to the Planned Giving Program (2nd Collection).

With the end of the financial year now occurring your generous donations will help us prepare an expenditure budget for the coming year. Yearly donations gratefully received.

Envelopes for the 2018-2019 financial year beginning Sunday 1 July are available for collection at the church entrance. From that date please destroy old envelopes as some numbers have changed for accounting purposes.

If you are not currently supporting the pastoral, liturgical and maintenance needs of Sacred Heart Parish in this way and are in a position to do so please contact the parish office by phone or email for a set of envelopes or direct debit details.

### **Parish Pastoral Council**

Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council meets this Thursday 5 July in the Presbytery at 6.00pm.

A further reminder that the Annual General Meeting of Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Thursday 2 August at 7.00pm in the Sacred Heart Hall. All welcome to attend.

# Parish Community



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Timotheus Van Kerk Oerle, Peter Ravenscroft, Ailsa Davidson, Ronald Turner, Peter Fraser, May Corrigan, Brent Welsh, Eileen Quirk, Kerry Dowling.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Janice Phelps, Allen Henshaw, Kellie-Anne Wall, Braedon Hensel, Mary Powell, Max Liston, Adrienne Walls, Kevin Delphin, Majorie Bohr, Eileen Gawen, Donna Bartholomew, Irene Adams, Kath Quirk, Sr De Pazzi, Catherine Duffy, Robert Hartley, Damian Keenan, Nicholas McBrien, Denise Godde, Eugene Cavanagh, Youssef Ghosn, Sr Antonia, Patrick Gannon, Dr Donato Savickis.  
*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: 30th June / 1st July		
Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	First Communion	Jane Murtagh Sr Carina Morton Cathy Nyhan
Eucharistic Ministers	First Communion	Pauline Willis Carey Menz-Dowling Kevin Kennedy
Cantor Musicians	First Communion Judy Foley	Val Hayes
Counters: Desmond Lum & Jane Togher    Cleaning Group: Group 4		

Sat /Sun: 7th / 8th July		
Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Kellie Gordes Pat Hickman volunteer	Gavin Dykes MACE Sisters volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers	Judy Lindsay Pat Hopkins	Trish Parkinson Dianne Treacy Gemma Whitehead
Cantor Musicians	Brian Waters Catherine Cutler	Bernadette & Wendy
Counters: Peter Toner & Gordon Bryant    Cleaning Group: Group 5		

## Prayer for Healing

**Lord, You invite all who are burdened to come to you. Allow Your healing Hand to heal me. Touch my soul with Your compassion for others; touch my heart with Your courage and infinite Love for all; touch my mind with Your Wisdom, and may my mouth always proclaim Your praise. Teach me to reach out to You in all my needs, and help me to lead others to You by my example. Most loving Heart of Jesus, bring me health in body and spirit that I may serve You with all my strength. Touch gently this life which you have created, now and forever. Amen.**

Thought for the Week ( Pope Francis): ‘Health is one of the most valuable gifts desired by all, and that in the biblical tradition the closeness between salvation and health has always been highlighted, along with their many and mutual implications. ‘

# Parish News

## Weekday Masses: This Week

Tuesday 11.00am—Mass & Sacrament of Anointing - Mercy Place.

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30am

The children who celebrated the Sacrament of First Eucharist will join us for 9.30am Mass this Friday. Shared morning tea will take place in Sacred Heart Hall at conclusion of our liturgy.,

## 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. Saturday 21 July at 2.30pm Slattery Catholic Centre - viewing of displays (old kindergarten room); visit St Patrick's school (originally SJLC); visit Mercy Health, Mercy Place and evening free to gather wherever.

Sunday 22 July 10.00am Mass at St Patrick's Church. All welcome.

## Parish Choir Practices

Our Choir has been asked to sing at the Mass for the Sisters of Mercy 150 years celebrations.

Next practices will be on Monday 9 July and Monday 16 July at 3.30pm. New singers most welcome.

## Eucharistic Ministers Training

The Eucharist is central to our faith. Participation in the Eucharist strengthens, nourishes and supports us along the journey of everyday life. Ministers of the Eucharist perform an essential role in enabling others to share equally at the Lord's table. We need to further expand the number of those willing to take on this important liturgical ministry. If you are willing to serve our parish community in this way please contact the Parish office by phone or e-mail so that a training session can be organised.

## Volunteer Needed

We need a volunteer to pick up two ladies (one with a walker) on a Sunday for the 9.30am mass once in every 4—5 weeks on a roster basis. If you can assist in this way please contact Kevin Kennedy on 0403 454 987.



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This weekend we welcome to the community of the church through the sacrament of baptism Max Benjamin Nelson son of Todd & Jessica; Jimmy Baden Crawford son of Ashley & Sarah; Marley Terrence Crawford and Harvey Stewart Crawford sons of Brendan & Rachel.

## First Holy Communion

This weekend we celebrate in our parish community the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. In light of their experiences of the earthly and risen Jesus, the Acts of the Apostles reminds us that the early community of the church gathered in prayer for the sharing of story and the breaking of bread. This tradition continues today as we gather as a community of faith to listen to God's word alive in our hearts and share the gift of the Eucharist which nourishes our life.

We congratulate and pray for these children who receive Eucharist for the first time, their parents who our baptismal rite recognises as the first teachers of their children in the way of faith, and their families who are called to be models of God's visible love.

Many thanks to Chris Lewis, Caroline McGowan and Catherine Cutler for leading the children to a greater understanding and awareness of the real presence of Jesus in their lives. To Jess Gaynor and all others involved in the organisation of our liturgy, your efforts in this regard are much appreciated.

## Accommodation Required

Due to changed family circumstances, a 17 year old male student at Xavier College is looking for accommodation until the end of November so that he can complete his Year 12 studies. Accommodation such as a granny flat would be ideal, or a boarding style arrangement inclusive of a meal would be negotiable. If you can assist in this way or require further information please contact the Co-Principals at Xavier High School. Nicole Morton or Lorraine Willis on 6040 6388 ASAP.

# Liturgy of the Word

*Thirteenth Sunday of the Year—Year B*

*Readings: Wis 1:13-15; 2: 23-24; 2 Cor 8: 7,9,13-15; Mark 5:21-43*

*Responsorial Psalm:*



***I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.***

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death  
and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!



## Reflection on the Readings

This week's gospel passage presents two miracle accounts, one, in effect, 'interrupting' or being framed by the other. Jesus is approached by the synagogue official, Jairus, to come and heal his dying daughter. In the milling and surging crowd, Jesus suddenly becomes aware of being touched by someone. The story of the woman with a haemorrhage is a story of social and religious isolation as much as it is a story of illness and pain. Because of the Jewish prohibitions against blood, the woman would have been regarded as permanently impure and unclean. She would have been unable to engage in any worship; she could not touch another person without also making them unclean; she was effectively outcast for the 12 years of her illness. She knew it would be forbidden for her to touch Jesus openly but took her chances of being unobserved in the crowd – she risked all on the belief that even touching Jesus' cloak might heal her. Jesus immediately stopped and drew attention to the woman. By doing so he made it clear to her that it was her faith that had healed her (a feature of healing stories in the Gospel of Mark). His actions also made it clear to the crowd that she was now healed and should not be shunned any longer; she was publicly declared fit to re-enter society and religious participation. After 12 years of virtual non-existence, the woman was now able to begin her life again. The delay, however, meant that Jairus' daughter was dead by the time Jesus arrived. Undeterred, Jesus performs another miracle and raises the girl from death. The girl was 12 years old – the same 12 years the woman suffered with a haemorrhage – and now she too was able to begin her life again. There is a neatness and a completeness about the two stories.

What a whirlwind of emotions Jairus must have gone through. His daughter was sick and getting worse but Jesus had left the region and travelled across the Sea of Galilee. Suddenly, Jairus heard that Jesus had returned! He raced to Jesus and begged him to save his daughter. What joy when Jesus set out to do so! But Jesus was slowed by the crowd and then came to a complete stop and spoke to some woman. Didn't he know this was urgent? Then the news came that the little girl was dead – no need to hurry now. Finally, unbelievable relief and joy: Jesus raises the little girl and reunites her with her parents.

In the gospel story, the woman suffers a serious physical complaint – an unending flow of blood – that must have left her physically, emotionally and spiritually exhausted. For many of us there is some aspect of our lives that has an almost equally draining effect as the physical complaint of the woman. In effect, some aspect of our lives may be haemorrhaging – a constant outflow of energy and emotion that prevents us from being all that we might be. It may be an unhealthy relationship; an addiction; a lack of confidence; a grudge; a lack of emotional control. (Greg Sunter)

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