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Sacred Heart Parish

NORTH ALBURY

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

14th July / 15th July

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAYS MASSES:

This week: Thursday & Friday 9.30am

**First Tuesday of the month: 11.00am Mass
at Mercy Place.**

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment

Preparation Course: 0411 883 661

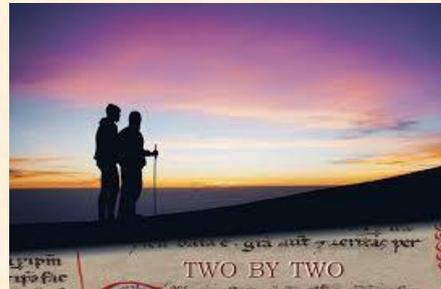
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Sacred Heart Planned Giving Program

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

A 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.

If you wish to join the Parish Pastoral Council, nomination forms can be found on the table at the front entrance of the church.

Parish Community



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

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Ron Sawyer, Therese Gleeson, Sr Elizabeth Mitchell, Sr Teresa Tanner, Dave Lindner, Tom Leddin, Alf Croft, Valerie Ashworth, Fr Michael Goonan, Ellen Clark, Cec French, Vera Hanlon, Valerie Easom, Michael McGrath, John Dunlop, Neville Gallagher, Perc Richardson, Eric Roach, Bruce McBrien, Leo Kiss, Clinton Joseph, Andrew Gregg, Nell Rodgers, Jack Mahoney, Jack Walsh.

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: 14th / 15th July

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Ed Brown	Richard Parkinson
Lector 1	Anthony Foley	Wendy McFerran
Lector 2	Paula Waters	Michael Stephenson
Eucharistic Ministers	Michael Regan Noelene Cruise	Pamela McIntosh Mary Lefevre Volunteer
Cantor Musicians	Judy Foley	Bernadette & Wendy
Counters: Brian & Carmel Butts		Cleaning Group: Group 6

Sat /Sun: 21st / 22nd July

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Brian Waters	Bede Hart
Lector 1	Nano Clancy	Leanne Michael
Lector 2	Justin Clancy	Terry Hillman
Eucharistic Ministers	Jeneice Harding Catherine Cutler	Fran Kernaghan MACE Sisters volunteer
Cantor Musicians	Margie & Ed Brown Judy Foley	
Counters: Volunteers please		Cleaning Group: Group 7

Discipleship

Lord Jesus Christ, you call us to follow you as disciples. Help us to respond wholeheartedly without counting the cost.

Lord Jesus Christ, you invite us to proclaim your gospel of hope and salvation here at home and to all nationals and peoples. Teach us to be faithful evangelists in word and in action. Lord Jesus Christ, you have given us every spiritual and material blessing. Show us how to share our gifts with others, and inspire us always to follow your example of generous self-giving.

Gracious Lord, teach us to give with a joyous and grateful heart that we may provide hope, consolation, and pastoral care to your people and thus give glory and honour to your holy name. AMEN

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis): '..... the disciples of Jesus need to have a love without limits, the same measure of love that our Lord has for all people. We proclaim the most beautiful and greatest gifts that He has given us: His life and His love.'

Parish News

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

Next practice will be on Monday 16 July at 3.30pm. **Final Choir practice** will be at St Patrick's church on Saturday 21 July at 11.00am. Hoping for a full attendance. Thank you all.

Special Collection

Next weekend our special leaving collection to support the charitable works of the Pope will be held. Please give as generously as you are able.

Confirmation

The sacrament of confirmation will be conferred upon our Year 6 candidates on Saturday 11th August at our 6pm celebration of the Eucharist. Over the next few weekends these children and their parents will formally commit themselves in prayer to the formation process. Let us join in our community response: **Loving God, hear the prayers of these parents and children. May they know the support of the assembled community. Come Holy Spirit, renew and strengthen us. Amen**

Grandparents Day

In keeping with tradition the annual Grandparents Mass will take place in St Anne's School Hall on Friday 27 July at 9.30am. All welcome to attend.

Feastdays

Monday 16th July – Our Lady of Mt Carmel



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This weekend we welcome to the community of the church through the sacrament of baptism Cooper James Beckett son of Lisa and Andrew.

Weekday Masses:

This week: Thursday & Friday 9.30am

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 or add your name and contact phone number to the list on the table at the front of the church, so that a training session can be organised.

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

Fifteenth Sunday of the Year—Year B

Readings: Amos 7:12-15; Eph 1: 3-14; Mark 6:7-13

Responsorial Psalm:



Lord, let us see your kindness and grant us your salvation. (Sung)

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation (Said)

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!



Reflection on the Readings

This account of the sending out of the twelve disciples appears in all three of the synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) and so originates from the Gospel of Mark. It is a commissioning of the disciples to spread the ministry of Jesus – teaching, healing and casting out demons. It seems rather harsh conditions under which Jesus sends out his disciples. They are to carry nothing but a staff – a walking stick – and to trust completely to the hospitality that they will encounter. For the disciples going out on their mission, it is a challenge to their faith and their trust that God will provide for them. The act of sending out the disciples can also be seen as a challenge to the towns and people that the disciples visited. A challenge for them to fulfil their duty of hospitality – of welcoming the stranger and caring for those in need. By travelling without a ‘fallback position’ the disciples are utterly at the mercy of those they encounter but there is an implicit demand on the other to extend hospitality to the one who seeks it.

How would the disciples be greeted in our world today if they arrived in a country or town with no food, no possessions and calling on the hospitality of the place in which they had arrived? Does this sound familiar? There are refugees and asylum seekers who arrive on our borders and seek the hospitality of our country. They are fleeing inhospitality – often starvation, war, persecution, poverty – and they ask for welcome and hospitality. Unfortunately, in the culture of fear and intolerance that has developed, they are not met with welcome and hospitality; they are met with obstacles, rejection and ill treatment.

This seems an odd event in the narrative of the Gospel of Mark. The twelve are sent out and we are told that they ‘cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them’. After a diversion to explain the fate of John the Baptist the gospel picks up again by simply stating that the disciples returned and reported all they had done. There is no explanation of why Jesus sent them out; no indication of how long they travelled; no evidence of what reception they were given. This was a prelude to the later ministry that would be performed; it was an instruction by Jesus for how the mission was to be carried on.

Jesus made it plain to the disciples that they were to travel unencumbered by the extras of life. In fact they were to carry next to nothing and rely on the goodness of others. The challenge to travel lightly through life is a difficult one in a world today that is dominated by material possessions. In the race between the ‘haves’ and ‘have nots’ the ‘haves’ are way out in front. The gospel passages challenges us to think about the ‘things’ with which we burden ourselves. What is really necessary to live a good life and follow Jesus?

(Greg Sunter)

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