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Sacred Heart Parish

NORTH ALBURY

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th August / 5th August

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAYS MASSES:

This week: Tuesday - Mass & Sacrament of Anointing, Mercy Place 11.00am (Clare Sheedy Lounge, Level 2)

Wed, Thurs & Friday 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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PARISH OF SACRED HEART - NORTH ALBURY

Statement of Receipts and Payments

For Year ended 30 June 2018

2016	2017		\$	\$
		Receipts		
90,563	86,452	Collections	86,554	
16,110	15,526	Interest	13,968	
7,305	7,213	Hall Hire	4,119	
47,827	100	Donations	2,610	
840	870	Advertising	-	
		Wall Plaques less pay- *ments	455	
-472	210	Other		
7,114	9,455	Income	9,119	
9,218	5,931	Special Collections	6,414	
178,505	125,817			123,239
		Payments		
10,096	6,024	Administra- tion	7,958	
28,032	19,465	Insurance	26,726	
10,989	13,452	Office	10,740	
		Employ- ment	23,895	
17,213	20,423	Liturgy	4,871	
9,761	7,586	Diocesan Levies	4,652	
6,423	8,269			
-		- Property		
33,451	9,392	Church	8,794	
8,479	3,490	Hall	5,444	
5,724	4,409	Presbytery	42,342	56,581
130,168	92,510	Total Pay- ments		135,423
48,337	48,337			-12184
-7084	-5931	Special Collections		-6414
41253	27376	Surplus		-18598
		Contributions to St Anne's School		-14400
-14400	-19200	McGrath Scholarship		-856
0	-184	Net Cash Surplus/- Deficit		-33854
26853	7992			
		2nd Collections - Weekly Average	1,665	
1741	1,663			

Prepared by Tony Smit from Parish computer records.

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Therese Gorman, Elwyn Farrugia, James McLoughlin, Michael Papworth, Jamern Emmett, Frank Fenwick, Patricia Matthews, Timo Van Kerk Oerle.

ANNIVERSARIES: Margaret O'Rourke (nee Hickey), Alan Whitty, Beverley Bungey, Jim Boadle, Sally Guthrie, Jack Parker, Cindy Rohick, Peter Yensch, Cecil Webster, John Miles, Jack Yensch, Thelma Walsh, Mgrs Michael Lane, Patricia Steward, Elizabeth Jacobs, Charlie Kramer, Patrick Roche, Lila O'Leary, May Hudson, Richard Bye, Catherine Hickman, Kevin Watson, Beatrice Walker, Steven Valys.

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 August

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Anthony Foley	Rosalie Martin
Lector 1	Kellie Gordes	Roy Thompson
Lector 2	Pat Hickman	Jane Murtagh
Eucharistic Ministers	Judy Lindsay Michael Regan	Carey Menz-Dowling Trish Parkinson Gemma Whitehead
Cantor	Brian Waters	Judy Lindsay
Musicians	Catherine Cutler	Val Hayes
Counters: Desmond Lum & Jane Togher Cleaning Group: Group 2		

Sat/Sun: 11th / 12th August

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Confirmation	Colleen Day
Lector 1		MACE Sisters
Lector 2		Wendy McFerran
Eucharistic Ministers	Confirmation	Carmel Butts Pamela McIntosh Noelene Cruise
Cantor		Ann McIntyre
Musicians	Confirmation	Val Hayes
Counters: Peter Toner & Gordon Bryant Cleaning Group: Group 3		

Prayer to be Eucharist

In the power of Eucharist, bless us afresh with the gift of the Spirit, that our hearts may be open and receptive as you invite us into the fullness of life.

In union with all peoples living and dead, we unite our thoughts and prayers, asking wisdom and courage:

- to discern more wisely your call to us in the circumstances of our daily lives;
- to act justly and courageously in confronting the pain and suffering that desecrates the Earth and its peoples;
- to take risks in being creative and proactive on behalf of the poor and marginalised;
- and to love all people with generosity of heart, beyond the labels of race, creed and colour. Amen

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"...The Eucharist is essential for us: it is Christ who wishes to enter our lives and fill us with his grace. ."

Parish News

Confirmation

'Confirmation is the moment in which you complete what the teachers of long ago used to call your journey of Christian Initiation. The gift of the Spirit makes you a living stone in that dwelling place of God amidst humanity that we call the Church. The church counts on you for its existence. Even though you are young, you're able and ready to become, like Jesus, one who serves. You will receive a gift, but it's a heavy gift, I'd call it a seed that can bear wonderful fruit.' (*Cardinal Carlo Martini, Archbishop of Milan, in a letter to a child preparing for Confirmation.*)

The sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred upon our Year 6 candidates on Saturday 11th August during our 6pm celebration of the Eucharist. Let us keep these children, their parents, sponsors and families in your prayers.

Choir Practice

Our Parish Choir has been asked to provide the music for Confirmation on Saturday 11th August Practice times will be Monday 6th August at 3.30pm and Saturday 11 August at 11.00am. New singers always welcome. Phone Judy 6043 2766 or Val 6025 5904.

Palms Australia

More to mission than meats the eye!

Right now, a Butcher is needed in Madang, Papua New Guinea. Meet this challenge: contact Christine on 02 9560 5333. For more opportunities, visit palms.org.au/volunteer Can't commit just yet? Check our palms.org.au/encounters

Feast Days

Monday 6th August – Transfiguration
Wednesday 8th August– St Mary of the Cross MacKillop
Thursday 9th August—St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
Friday 10th August—St Lawrence
Saturday 11th August—St Clare

Parish Pastoral Council AGM—2 Aug 2018

Thanks to those parishioners who were able to attend the Annual General Meeting of Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council held last Thursday evening. Gratitude is extended to members of the Parish council for the generous contribution of their talents and time which enhance the life of our parish community.

Retiring members are Gemma Whitehead and Patricia Parkinson. We welcome new members, Louise Fifield, Catherine Cutler, Barbara Godde and Michael Regan. The efforts of Tony Smit in preparing the financial statement of receipts and payments for the year ending 30 June, 2018, which appears on the front of this week's newsletter, is much appreciated.

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held on Thursday 6 September at 6.00pm in the Presbytery.

Synodality in Practice: *Listening to the Spirit and Leading Change*

This 14th National eConference will focus on engaging communities around Australia in a landmark discussion about the future vision and direction of the Catholic Church in our country.

Date: Wednesday 8 August; Cost: Free; Register: go to <https://goo.gl/xXL8Xn> - 10.00am—5.00pm

If you wish to attend the eConference live via video it will be held at Wodonga Catholic Parish. Contact: Sonni on 6024 3366 to book.

Special Collection

Thanks to those who were able to contribute to our leaving collection in support of the charitable works of the Pope which raised \$708.25. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Weekday Masses

This week: Tuesday: Mass & Sacrament of Anointing, Mercy Place 11.00am (Clare Sheedy Lounge, Level 2)
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30am

Liturgy of the Word

Eighteenth Sunday of the Year—Year B

Readings: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4: 17, 20-24; John 6: 24-35

Responsorial Psalm:



The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,

But on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!



Reflection on the Readings

This week's gospel reading continues the exploration of John Ch 6 that began last week and will continue for another few weeks. Today's passage begins the extended discourse on the 'Bread of Life' image that runs throughout this chapter. Last week's reading finished with Jesus virtually fleeing the scene when the crowd wanted to make him king. At the start of today's reading, the crowd has caught up with him again and appears to be looking for a repeat performance of the miraculous feeding. Jesus accuses them of simply wanting more food and not being alert to the truth of the sign they had witnessed. The crowd asks what they must do to accomplish the works of God and Jesus answers fairly bluntly, Believe in me!

In response, the people demand a sign from Jesus: produce manna from heaven as Moses did during the Exodus. In fact, manna from heaven is one of the signs of the coming of the Messiah that is foretold by the prophets. So, in their own way, the people are asking Jesus to demonstrate to them that he is the Messiah. Jesus, however, explains that it was not Moses who produced the manna, but God. In Jesus, God has already produced the sign – the Bread sent down from heaven. There is no need for Jesus to produce such a sign; the sign has already been produced by God. It is up to the people – and us – to recognise God's gift of life-sustaining nourishment that is Jesus.

In the Eucharist, we continue to celebrate Jesus as the Bread of Life – the sustaining gift of God that 'gives life to the world'.

Jesus says, 'Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life.' The reference to food that cannot last relates to today's first reading about manna. In the full account of Exodus 16 you will see that the manna that fell on the first five days had become rotten by the next day and could not be eaten. However, the manna that fell on the sixth day was 'food that endures' so that it could be eaten the next day – the Sabbath day, when the work of gathering the manna was not allowed.

Christ is present in the Eucharist in many forms: in the people gathered; in the celebrating priest; in the Word proclaimed; and in the consecrated bread and wine – the Body and Blood of Christ. In relation to receiving Christ through the reception of communion, St Augustine wrote, 'Be what you see, and receive what you are.' We not only receive the Body of Christ through Eucharist, we are called to be the Body of Christ because of what we have received; and we receive the Body of Christ because we are already part of the Body of Christ.
(Greg Sunter)

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