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Sacred Heart Parish

NORTH ALBURY

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11th August / 12th August

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAYS MASSES: This Week:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

9.30am

As Wednesday 15 August is the Feast of the Assumption, mass will also be celebrated at Xavier High School in the Creative Arts Centre at 1.30pm. All welcome.

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment

Preparation Course: 0411 883 661

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PARISH OF SACRED HEART - NORTH ALBURY

Statement of Receipts and Payments

For Year ended 30 June 2018

<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>		\$	\$
		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	
		Special		
9,218	5,931	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		
6,423	8,269	Levies	4,652	
-		- Property		
33,451	9,392	Church	8,794	
8,479	3,490	Hall	5,444	
5,724	4,409	Presbytery	42,342	56,581
		Total Pay- ments		135,423
130,168	92,510			-12184
48,337	48,337			
-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			

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Bernie Cudmore, Ada McDonnell, Marie Hickey, Dell Flanagan, Dimpy Weston, Chris Maclean, Joe Keighran, Pat Sheehan, Frank Grice, Dorothy Thompson, Bernard Stout, Emma Mansfield, Christopher Burdak, Mary Mullavey, Bill Thompson, Bon Phefley, John Samuelson, Lena Tregupis, Laura Grabbatz, David Crowe, Jack Ryan, Thomas Ryan, Nellie Gaudry., Clare Matthews.

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: 11th / 12th August

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

Sat /Sun: 18th / 19th August

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Kellie Gordes Karen Purtle Barbara Godde	Leanne Michael Terry Hillman Michael Stephenson
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Hopkins Catherine Cutler	Kansas Michael MACE Sisters Carey Menz Dowling.
Cantor Musicians	Brian Waters Val Hayes	Bernadette and Wendy
Counters: B & C Butts Cleaning Group: Group 4		

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Spirit of wisdom and understanding, enlighten our minds to perceive the mysteries of the universe in relation to eternity.

Spirit of right judgment and courage, guide us and make us firm in our baptismal decision to follow Jesus' way of love.

Spirit of knowledge and reverence, help us to see the lasting value of justice and mercy in our everyday dealings with one another. May we respect life as we work to solve problems of family and nation, economy and ecology.

Spirit of God, spark our faith, hope and love into new action each day. Fill our lives with wonder and awe in your presence which penetrates all creation. Amen.

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"...It is the heart that needs to be converted to God, and the Holy Spirit transforms it if we open ourselves to Him."

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.*)

Congratulations to all the children who receive the sacrament of confirmation this weekend. May parents and sponsors be renewed in their commitment to be models in their families of God's abiding love. Thanks to Miss Dolahenty, Miss McLeish and Mrs Jones for their guidance of the candidates in their faith journey. The liturgical leadership of Judy Foley and the Sacred Heart Parish Choir is much appreciated.

To the newly confirmed: May the Holy Spirit light your way and guide you through each important choice in life that you will make.

During the laying on of hands, an ancient sign of blessing and commissioning, the children have been asked to reflect on the presence of God's Spirit in their lives at this time. May the gifts of God's Spirit - wisdom, understanding, right judgement, courage, knowledge, reverence, wonder and awe continue to guide our lives

Congratulations

Are extended to Anah McKee and Adam Kron who entered into the sacrament of marriage at Sacred Heart this weekend. May the Lord strengthen and deepen their commitment to each other in the journey together that lies ahead.

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. 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.

Plenary Council

Following a meeting of the priests of the Murray deanery in response to the Plenary Council to be held in 2020 it was decided to initially hold a number of information / reflection gatherings in a secular location and hosted by an independent facilitator. Thanks is extended to Fr Joel Wallace for taking the initiative in this regard.

Listed below is the relevant information, including dates, times and venues of the gatherings. Please spread the word of this unique opportunity to shape the future of the Catholic Church in Australia among your family, friends, colleagues and neighbours. **(To learn more go to: <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>)**

Plenary Council Listening & Dialogue Sessions in Albury - Facilitated by Dr Rosemary Farrell, these local sessions will offer an overview of the Plenary process and ways that you can contribute to and participate in this listening and dialogue phase. Everyone's experience of faith and the Church is unique and it is important that the Plenary Council hear responses from as many people as possible.

First Session - Tuesday 28 August 2018 - 7.00pm—8.30pm at Mantra Albury, 524 Smollett Street, Albury

Second Session - Tuesday 25 September 2018 - 7.00pm—8.30pm at Mantra Albury, 524 Smollett Street, Albury

For more information contact St Patrick's Catholic Church on 02 6041 2588.

Questions of your submission: 1. What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?

2. What questions do you have about the future of the Church for the Plenary Council to consider 2020?

3. Do you have a story of your experience of faith or the Church you would like to share?

Liturgy of the Word

Nineteenth Sunday of the Year—Year B

Readings: 1 Kings 19:4-8; Eph 4: 30 -5: 2; John 6: 41-51;k

Responsorial Psalm:



Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Reflection on the Readings

The Gospel continues the extended discourse on the Bread of Life. The passage shows the crowd bristling at Jesus describing himself as the 'bread that came down from heaven'. They dismiss his claim because they know his earthly parents, Mary and Joseph. How could he have come down from heaven if they are aware of his parents on earth? It must also be remembered that Jewish tradition held firm to the idea of God as one God only, with no offspring or personified manifestations. For the Jews of Jesus' time, the very idea of Jesus being the Son of God was completely blasphemous. But this gospel is a Christian document, written at a time when the Christians and Jews were emphasising their differences.

Jesus replies to the complaints of the crowd through an extended image. He depicts the intimate relationship that exists between himself and the Father. Later, this discourse will be drawn on in the argument about the divinity of Jesus and that he is 'one in being with the Father'. Those who are drawn to Jesus and his message are – perhaps unknowingly – drawn by the Father and by listening to the teaching of Jesus they are in fact drawing closer to the Father. It is a somewhat complicated image that Jesus paints but at its heart he emphasises the intertwined nature between Father and Son. Refuting the concern of the crowd, Jesus again describes himself as the living bread that has come down from heaven. Unlike the manna the people ate in the desert that sustained them physically for a short period of time, the living bread of Jesus will sustain those who believe for all time.

It might strike the reader as a little odd that this gospel passage begins with 'The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus'. Surely, Jesus and his disciples were also Jews, so why the derogatory use of 'the Jews'? At the time that this gospel was being written (probably in the last decade of the 1st Century) the Christians were firmly at odds with the Jewish community and were in fact banned from attending Jewish synagogues. This conflict is reflected in the way the Jews are portrayed throughout the Gospel of John.

One of the great concerns of the Gospel of John is to convey an understanding of who Jesus is. This powerful message is conveyed through a number of significant discourses – with Nicodemus, with the Samaritan woman, with the Jews etc. The gospel contains some of the 'great' images that we have for Jesus: living water; living bread; light for the world; the good shepherd; the way, the truth and the life. As opposed to the more narrative synoptic gospels, this gospel can be seen as a gospel rich in imagery and theological perceptions.

There is an obvious connection between this week's reading and the sacramental celebration of Eucharist. Jesus describes himself as living bread and then says whoever eats this living bread will live forever. These words capture the essence of the Church teaching about the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Jesus is present in several ways at the celebration of Eucharist, particularly present in the bread and wine that become his body and blood. Through our celebration of the Eucharist, Jesus offers us his continuing, enduring presence. (Greg Sunter)

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