

Sacred Heart Parish

NORTH ALBURY

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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st September / 2nd September

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAYS MASSES: This Week:

Tues 11am Mercy Place, Level 2, Clare Sheedy Lounge. Includes sacrament of anointing.

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30am

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment

Preparation Course: 0411 883 661

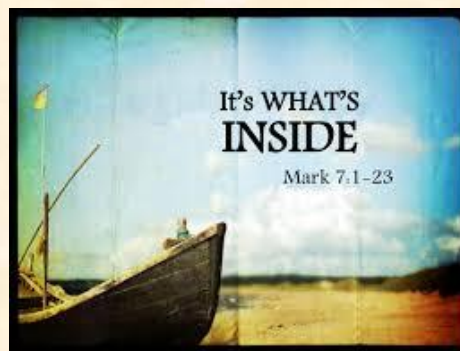
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The overarching theme of the readings for this Sunday is 'words spoken in truth'. On one level, the laws are the words of the covenant. They are part of the contract that was drawn up between God and the people. They are words of truth, because they are the reliable revelation of God and because they genuinely reflect righteous living. The biblical covenant laws are truly humane. Obedience to the words of the covenant leads to life and blessings, while disobedience results in the opposite.

Our religious customs always carry some profound religious meaning, but we may not know or care what it is – and yet we perform them. Do people know or care why we stand or sit or kneel during liturgy? Do people have a 'church' wedding because it is a religious event, or because 'that's the way we have always done it'? Religious practices do not always flow from a deep religious conviction. But once we realise our need for God, these practices become genuine expressions of religious sentiment.

When the word of God has taken root in us, everything becomes a religious practice. This word can come to us through the teachings of our faith, through the example of good people around us, through the wonder and mystery of creation. When it does take hold of us, our inner eye is opened, our hearts are softened, and we turn instinctively to God like a flower turns to the sun. When we are brought to birth in this way, covenant law becomes sacred, religious practices are cherished, and we are filled with the power that saves. (Dianne Bergant CSS)

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Ellen Widdup, Pat Pass, Evelyn Burke, Patrick Walshe, Laurie Moretti, Jim Glasgow, Elwyn Farrugia, James McLoughlin, Jamern Emmett.

ANNIVERSARIES: Don Fraser, Mary McLaurin, Bishop W Brennan, Sally Robinson, Sandra Mitsch, Mary Emerson, John Sharman, Anne Fallett, Cess Herbert, Eric Livermore, Nell Cruikshank, Michael Lawrence, Irene Lieberman, Geertja Van Gorkom, Patrick Hamilton, Kathleen Bomford, Lawrence Taylor, Krystal Crowther, Joseph Terlick, Ludwig Jankowski, Laura Bowen, Craig Pierpoint, Nancy Parnell, Fr Bonjiorno,.
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: 1st / 2nd September

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Virginia Mitsch	Jane Murtagh
Lector 1	Barbara Godde	Gavin Dykes
Lector 2	Volunteer	Cathy Nyhan
Eucharistic Ministers	Jim & Kaye Deanshaw	Noelene Cruise Pamela McIntosh Pauline Willis
Cantor	Catherine Cutler & Judy Lindsay	Simon Goss
Musicians	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
Counters: Nardia Scarvell & Liz Simon Cleaning Group: Group 6		

Sat/Sun: 8th /9th September

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Ed Brown	Roy Thompson
Lector 1	Nano Clancy	Wendy McFerran
Lector 2	Justin Clancy	Sr Carina Morton
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Hopkins Judy Lindsay	Mary Lefevre Kansas Michael Kevin Kennedy
Cantor	Margaret & Ed Brown	Catherine Cutler & Judy Lindsay
Musicians	Val Hayes	Judy Foley
Counters: Desmond Lum & Jane Togher Cleaning Group: Group 7		

Prayer for Fathers Day

Dear God, we give thanks for fathers. We acknowledge the dedication and endurance

it takes to be a supply of compassion and understanding when serving to form a younger life.

Bless all fathers, particularly those that are new on this sacred function. We pray they really feel

Your presence with them.

May they know that Your energy and knowledge are inside them, offering all they want to inform and help their kids with kindness and love.

We pray for all those in the role of caring for others. Strengthen them and may they always be a source of support and comfort to those they encounter.

Amen

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

'To be a good father, the first requirement is to be present in the family..... to share in everything, joy and pain, burdens and hopes. '

Parish News

Happy Fathers Day

Good Shepherd God,

We ask your blessing on these men who stand in your presence.

We give thanks for the gift of their fatherhood

For their unconditional love, self sacrifice and com -
passion

For their patience, perseverance and understanding

For their laughter, tears and hard work

May they be sustained, nourished and strengthened in their vocation. May they know the appreciation and gratitude of their families and the community of the Church.

We ask this blessing in the name of Jesus Christ the Risen Son. Amen

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council will take place this Thursday 6 September at 6.00pm in the presbytery.

Football Tipping Results

Duel winners (140) Val Azzi (not Garvan) and Mick Maher

2nd (139) Dot Taylor; 3rd (138) Colleen Howard
Brian Butts got the staggers late to drop out of the placings.

Last Place (124) - Mars Bar Award - ?? Lucky she's a better organist than a football tipster!

Morning Tea

Thanks to the community of Xavier High School who have volunteered to host our September Morning Tea. This will be held next Sunday 9 September at the conclusion of our celebration of Eucharist.



We welcome back to our parish community Fr Jim Victory. We thank him for his willingness to celebrate Eucharist with us this weekend.

Choral Gems

A concert of sacred music presented by Murray Conservatorium Choir on Saturday 15 Sept at St Matthew's at 7.30pm and Sunday 16 Sept at St John's Wodonga at 2.30pm.

Tickets: \$25; \$20 concession; under 18 free. Pieces include Tantum Ergo, O Salutaris Hostia (not the same tunes we used to sing) but really beautiful music.

Plenary Council Animator / Facilitator

Catherine Cutler has kindly volunteered to be the animator / facilitator of our parish based Plenary Council discussions. If you would like to be a part of a team to assist Catherine in this role please contact her on 6025 7847 or email cmmc4321@gmail.com

Plenary Council

Many thanks to those who were able to attend our deanery listening and dialogue session in connection with the 2020 Plenary Council. Over fifty people gathered of varying ages to offer their reflections on possible directions for the Catholic Church in Australia and to listen to one another's concerns, ideas and stories of faith.

The second session will gather together the issues raised and help prepare individual and communal submissions.

This will be held on Tuesday 25 September 7.00pm to 8.30pm at Mantra, Albury 524 Smollett Street. All welcome. For further information about the Plenary Council process go to:

<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

Feast Days

Monday 3rd September – St Gregory

Saturday 8th September—Nativity of Mary

Liturgy of the Word

Twenty-Second Sunday of the Year—Year B

Readings: Deut 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18,21-22,27; Mark 7: 1-23

Responsorial Psalm:



The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. (Sung)

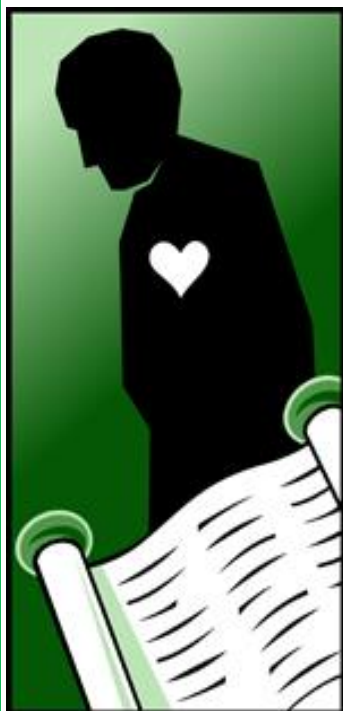
The just will live in the presence of the Lord. (Said)

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,
that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.

Alleluia!



Reflection on the Readings

No matter how good the intention, sometimes misguided principles can lead to false action. This is what Jesus chastised the Pharisees about. The traditions that had been established through the Pharisees and the Lawyers were certainly based on the Law as stated in the Torah. However, the practices that had been established to try to help people honour the Torah had effectively replaced the Law. In order to maintain spiritual cleanliness, a tradition of physical cleanliness had emerged – particularly around interaction with Gentiles and around eating. However, the purpose of the tradition had become lost. The need for physical cleanliness had replaced the maintenance of spiritual cleanliness.

The Pharisees observe some of the disciples eating without properly washing their hands and challenge Jesus about it. They are upholding the tradition that has effectively become the Law. Jesus reminds them – somewhat forcefully – that these external practices are not the Law; rather the Law is observed internally. Jesus goes so far as to call the Pharisees hypocrites. It is a criticism of them that the gospel writers attribute to Jesus quite frequently. For Jesus, hypocrisy was one of the greatest failings. Because Jesus placed such a high price on integrity of word and action he could not abide those who proclaimed to be just, pious or forgiving and yet acted in ways that were contrary to these claims. His chastisement of the Pharisees – calling them hypocrites – was a challenge to their observation of external practices and rituals instead of seeking to understand the Torah as a call to a change of heart. Jesus points out that no amount of ritual cleansing will make a person clean within. Similarly, evil and uncleanness come from within a person – one doesn't 'catch it' from contact with strangers.

It is widely believed that the Gospel of Mark was written for a predominantly Greek-speaking, Gentile audience. Today's gospel passage is a perfect example of literary evidence that has been used to establish this position. The gospel writer clearly explains the Jewish practice of washing to the elbows before eating and ritual cleansing upon return from the marketplace where they would have encountered Gentiles. Obviously, a Jewish audience would not need this explanation. This practice of looking for information about the author and their audience within the text itself is a form of Literary Criticism.

We live in a culture that is very quick to lay blame on external factors; some people are very reluctant to accept responsibility for their own actions and look for opportunities to distance themselves from feelings of guilt or even regret. Jesus makes it very clear that evil intentions – the things that make a person 'unclean' – actually come from within. He presents a confronting list of the things that come from within and we may be able to add others relevant to our own time. In our culture of no personal responsibility, Jesus challenges us to rethink just where the buck does stop.

(Greg Sunter)

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