

# Sacred Heart Parish

NORTH ALBURY

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## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

22nd September / 23rd September

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### Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAYS MASSES: This Week:

Tues, Wed, Thurs & 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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Jesus was well aware of the constant temptation for the leaders amongst his followers to be conditioned by the surrounding social and political structures. So, when he became aware that his disciples were disputing 'who is the greatest', he decided to teach them a lesson by engaging in some counter-cultural street theatre.

Jesus saw a young boy on the edge of the crowd and beckoned him into the middle of his group of disciples. This was not because of some sentimental idea that all kids are little innocents, but because in his society, children were absolutely at the bottom of the social scale. Jesus moved an utter nobody from the margins of society to the centre, challenging his disciples to change their perspective.

This challenge is made to all of us. We must identify those on the margins, some of whom we have quite literally dis-located like indigenous communities or asylum seekers, and bring them into the centre of our concern. There may be pain, personal and social, in changing perspective.

We might pause for a moment to pray for a new way of seeing, for perseverance in re-locating someone in the centre of our concerns, for the graceful insight that in welcoming that person we have welcomed Christ.

(Fr Michael Tate)

# Parish Community



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Lorna Knox, Bill Persik, Eileen Gill, Sr Margaret Schmetzer, Maryanne Kennedy, Pat Densley, Ellen Widdup, Evelyn Burke.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Dorothy Fegan, Nicole Shirley, Keith Fegan, Maureen Brady, Tom Maher, Molly Livermore, Amanda Bowen, Jill Mitsch, Kerry Osmond, Geoffrey Thompson, Albert Terhaar, Betty Arendarcikas, Laurel Lindsay, Rose Ries, Sr Mary Aquinas, Ray Desmond, Valerie Burton, Ivy Myrtle Binding, Bill Stewart, Muriel Freund, John Richardson, Dawn Tenteye, Glen Simpson, Wayne Scott, Elsie Dunn, Phyllis Ryan, Mal McPherson, Bridget Delenc, Thelma Clancy.

*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: 22nd/ 23rd September

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Volunteer	Cathy Nyhan
<b>Lector 1</b>	Michael Byrnes	Michael Stephenson
<b>Lector 2</b>	Karen Purtle	Terry Hillman
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Jim & Kaye Deanshaw	MACE Sisters Trish Parkinson Fran Kernaghan
<b>Cantor</b>	Brian Waters	Simon Goss
<b>Musicians</b>	Catherine Cutler	Val Hayes
<b>Counters: Brian &amp; Carmel Butts</b>		<b>Cleaning Group: Group 1</b>

### Sat /Sun: 29th /30th September

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Virginia Mitsch	Sr Carina Morton
<b>Lector 1</b>	Michael Byrnes	Ray Murtagh
<b>Lector 2</b>	Barbara Godde	Colleen Day
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Pauline Mulquiney Noelene Cruise	Kevin Kennedy Peter & Dianne Treacy
<b>Cantor</b>	Margaret & Ed Brown	Ann McIntyre
<b>Musicians</b>	Judy Foley	Catherine Cutler
<b>Counters: Michael Byrnes</b>		<b>Cleaning Group: Group 3</b>

## Prayer for Plenary Council

Come Holy Spirit of Pentecost.  
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.

Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.  
St Mary MacKillop pray for us.

## Thought for the Week ( Pope Francis):

"Love and charity, are service, helping others, serving others. There are many people who spend their lives in this way, in the service of others. ... When you forget yourself and think of others, this is love! "

# Parish News

## St Lorenzo Ruiz Mass

To be held this Friday 28th September, 2018 at 6.00pm in Sacred Heart Church, Mate Street, North Albury with Fr Martin. Come and celebrate this important feast day with our Filipino community. Please bring some food to share for Pot-luck dinner in Sacred Heart Hall afterwards.

## Outreach Group

Following a discussion at the Parish Council meeting it was decided to re-form the Outreach group in the Parish.

Outreach group members would need to visit parishioners who are unable to go to Mass, unwell, lonely or bereaved. If you are interested in joining the Outreach group please contact Barbara Godde on 6021 7868 for further information.

## 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 24th Sept – Our Lady of Mercy  
Wednesday 25th Sept—Sts Cosmas and Damian  
Thursday 20th Sept—St Vincent de Paul  
Friday 28th Sept—St Wenceslaus  
Saturday 29th Sept-Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael



*This weekend we welcome to the community of the church through the sacrament of baptism Vince Joshua Cale son of Joshua and Danielle.*

## Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Rosters

Thanks to Sr Anne for her presentation and to those who were able to attend our reflection evening on the Eucharist and the role of Eucharistic Ministers within our parish community. New Eucharistic ministers not already on the roster are asked to contact the parish office by phone or email in the coming week to indicate your preference for mass attendance.

If you would like to carry out the role of Eucharistic minister and have not indicated your willingness to fulfil this important ministry of service please contact the parish office in the coming week so that the new roster can be compiled.

Anyone who would like their rosters to be emailed please send us an email or phone the office.

## Mercy Day Mass

Our end of term and celebration of Mercy Day school mass will be celebrated this Friday 28 September in St Anne's School Hall at 9.30am. All welcome.

**Thanks** to those who organised, catered for and attended last Sunday's morning tea to celebrate the Twenty Fifth Anniversary of my ordination to the ministerial priesthood.

Thanks to Tony Smit for organising the repair of the sanctuary ceiling. Sandra Dick has also swept through the presbytery to ensure that I finally and fully move in.

## Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

A reminder that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2 October at 6.00pm. At this gathering the members of the council will address issues relating to our strategic plan for the future.

# Liturgy of the Word

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year—Year B*

*Readings: Wis 2: 12, 17-20; James 3: 16 -4:3; Mark 9: 30=37*

*Responsorial Psalm:*



***The Lord upholds my life.***

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel

To share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

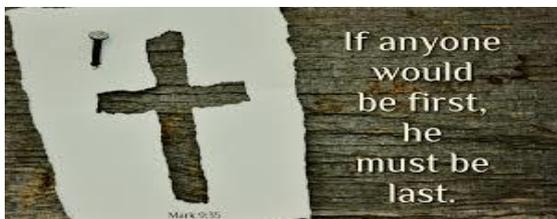
## Reflection on the Readings

Last week's gospel, in which Jesus asked his disciples, 'Who do you say I am?' marked a turning point in the gospel of Mark. Having established in the minds of the disciples that he is indeed the Messiah, Jesus now begins to explore with them what that really means and also what it means to be a follower – a disciple – of the Messiah who must be put to death. Having finally come to some level of understanding that Jesus is the Messiah, the disciples have latched on to a very limited understanding of Jesus' Messiahship. They have assumed that being Messiah meant that Jesus was going to lead a triumphant victory over all the woes of the Jews – it was a common understanding and expectation of what the Messiah would do. With this in mind, the disciples begin to argue amongst themselves about who will hold positions of respect and power in the aftermath of Jesus' great triumph. Despite what Jesus had just said about being put to death and rising again, the disciples simply couldn't grasp what he was saying and fell back onto a familiar picture of the Messiah.

To really shake up the disciples and try to make them pay attention to what he was saying to them, Jesus put his arms around a small child and told the disciples they had to welcome little children in his name. Like so many gospel images there is more going on here than meets the eye. Children were regarded as complete nobodies in the culture of the time. They had no status and absolutely no authority. Jesus is saying to the disciples, don't argue about who will be the greatest; this child – this nobody – is greater than anyone who lords it over others. If you treat a nobody like this with respect, you treat me with respect.

The term Messiah means anointed one. In the era of the Kings of Israel, quite literally someone was designated King by being anointed – having oil poured over their head. It's easy to see that when the people of Israel spoke about a 'Messiah' (an 'anointed one') who would restore justice and peace, they had in mind a great King. They even expected that the new king would come from the line of David, the line of the great kings of their history. Jesus was working against centuries of tradition when he tried to get the disciples to see that the Messiah could be something else.

Jesus tells his disciples that if anyone wants to be first, they must make themselves last of all and servant of all. This is as challenging to us today as it was to the disciples and early Christians. Our world seems to revolve around position, status and power – whoever has the most toys wins! But what Jesus advocated was a leadership based on being of service to others. Being powerful simply means you are in a position to help even more people. Putting yourself last, instead of first, gives respect, dignity and power to others rather than to yourself. (Greg Sunter)



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