



Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

20th October / 21st October

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAYS MASSES: This Week:

Tuesday NO Mass; Wed—Friday 9.30am

**Anointing Mass This Month: Tuesday 30th
October 11.00am at Mercy Place.**

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment

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Momentum is building as the Church reaches the midway point of the Open Listening and Dialogue phase of the preparations for the Plenary Council in 2020.

So far the hearing the voices of more than 10,000 Australians has been a great start and this is what will be tapped into during the preparatory stage leading up to the Plenary Council.

So far as a parish we have been involved in the Albury Deanery gatherings and this weekend have an other opportunity to hear more about this forth coming event.

From responses already gathered from across Australia the organisers have stated that there is an encouraging sign of engagement and also a sign of hope about how open-hearted people are.

It has been noted that while the majority of responses had unsurprisingly come from Catholics a number have also come from other Christian communities, people who self-identify as 'no religion' and people from other faith backgrounds as well as youth groups, aged care homes, religious congregations, men's groups, women's groups and families.

Pope Francis has sent his support and blessings to the Catholic Church in Australia as it commences a three-year process to consider its future through the Plenary Council 2020.

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mac Terlikowski, Brian O'Keeffe, Mary Coulston, Bessie Stephenson, Betty Healy, Donald McInnes.

ANNIVERSARIES: Rosa Vuga, Mary Curtis, Pasquale Carnovale, Mary Parkinson, James Murphy, June Harrison, Irene Norman, Stella Boyd, Peter Crisp, Nella O'Brien, Margaret Baker, Ted Green, Margaret Morrow, Mary-Ann Packer, Donald Sullivan, Arthur Deanshaw, Arthur Williams, Jack Clegg, Craig Jackson, Bill Murphy, John Carroll, Rosalie Kopacz, Gladys Smith, Bernard Miley, John Tynan, Norman Cos, Helen Murray, Irene Hertzog.

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: 20th / 21st October

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Colleen Day	Rosalie Martin
Lector 1	Karen Purtle	Michael Stephenson
Lector 2	Michael Byrnes	Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers	Judy Lindsay Michael Regan	Trish Parkinson Kansas Michael Dianne Treacy
Cantor	John Van Lint	Ann McIntyre
Musicians	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
Counters: Peter Toner & Gordon Bryant Cleaning Group: Group 6		

Sat /Sun: 27th / 28th October

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Nano Clancy	Bede Hart
Lector 1	Justin Clancy	Roy Thompson
Lector 2	Ed Brown	Wendy McFerran
Eucharistic Ministers	Pauline Mulquiney Pat Hopkins	Frank Glennon Carmel Butts Cathy Nyhan
Cantor	John Van Lint	Simon Goss
Musicians	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
Counters: Brian & Carmel Butts Cleaning Group: Group 7		

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):

“Through patient dialogue and faith-filled discernment, the conciliar journey will confirm the Catholics in Australia in a spirit of fraternal unity and missionary discipleship”.

Parish News

Plenary Council Presentation - Rose Marie Crowe

We welcome back to our parish community this weekend Rose Marie Crowe. Rose Marie and Wally and their children were much loved members of this parish family for over 20 years.

Now living in Ormond, Victoria Rose Marie has written a submission to the Plenary Council 2020 titled 'The Power of two or three: Rescuing the Church's Mission! The Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council has accepted Rose Marie's invitation to make a presentation to this parish community which hopefully will serve to encourage and inspire our own personal and communal response. To this end Rose Marie will offer a reflection at both celebrations of the Eucharist this weekend. I am sure this reflection will further enhance the plenary process of listening and dialogue as we consider together the future to which God is calling the Church in Australia.

Parish Plenary Council 2020 Discussion Group

Our parish facilitator Catherine Cutler is intending to hold the following gatherings in our parish community to introduce and complete the plenary input process.

First meeting: Tuesday 13 Nov 2.00—3.30pm and Thursday 15 Nov 7.30—9.00pm.

Follow up meeting: Tuesday 27 Nov 2.00—3.30pm and Thursday 29 Nov 7.30—9.00pm.

All meetings will take place in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Please contact Catherine on 0419 518 791 or email or phone parish office 6025 1516 to indicate your intention to attend.

Mass for Feast of All Souls

Will be celebrated on Friday 2 November in the Sacred Heart Memorial Garden at 9.30am. If the weather is inclement mass will be held in the church. A shared morning tea will be held at the conclusion of our celebration of Eucharist.

Vinnies Melbourne Cup Race Day

At Albury Racecourse on Tuesday 6 November at \$40 per head. Come and have a great day at the races and support the fantastic work that Vinnies do for Albury & surrounding areas. RSVP 30 Oct to Bob 0429 205 608 or Helen on 0427 295 217.



This weekend we welcome to the community of the church through the sacrament of baptism Indie Julise Wood daughter of Jacob and Emily and Piper Lily Keighran daughter of William and Tayla.

Fr Martin's Annual Leave

Fr Martin will be on annual leave from Friday 2 November until Sunday 2 December. We are grateful to Fr Bernie Thomas who due to changed circumstances has generously agreed to celebrate Eucharist with our Sacred Heart parish community over the weekends of 3/4; 10/11; 17/18; 25/26 November and 1/2 December.

If you require the urgent pastoral ministry of a priest you will need to contact St Patrick's Presbytery 6041 2588 or Fr John Fowles at Thurgoona 6043 2222. Parish office hours will remain as usual.

Catholic Mission

Thanks to Ed Brown for his informative and enthusiastic presentation of the theme surrounding this year's Catholic Mission Appeal.

Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal through kind gifts and prayers, and for being a part of an "education revolution" in Myanmar. Your generosity makes it possible for programs such as the Pyinya Sanyae Institute of Education, as well as schools like St John's in Hakha. Thank you also to parishioners who have become an integral part of this inspiring work by joining as monthly giving partners.

If you did not have the opportunity to support the appeal last weekend and would like to do so please use the envelopes which you will find near the church entrances and place your donation inside and put on one of the collections.

Our Parish Pastoral Council met recently to begin reflecting on and addressing issues related to our Sacred Heart communities strategic plan for the future. The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will take place on Thursday 1 November at 6.00pm in the Parish Hall.

Liturgy of the Word

Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year—Year B

Readings: Is 53: 10-11; Heb 4: 14-16; Mark 10: 35-45

Responsorial Psalm:



Lord let your mercy on us, as we place our trust in you.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve
and to give his life as a ransom for all.

Alleluia!

Reflection on the Readings

James and John are effectively calling 'shotgun' on the best seats at the table! When they ask to sit at the left and right hand of Jesus, they are asking Jesus to name them as his deputies. They're looking to secure for themselves positions of power and authority. The only problem is that they have a completely messed up idea of what it means for Jesus to enter into his glory. For several weeks now, we have been exploring a theme from the Gospel of Mark that follows a physical journey towards Jerusalem as well as a symbolic and theological journey towards what is going to occur in Jerusalem – Jesus' arrest, crucifixion and resurrection.

Throughout this journey, Jesus has been trying to prepare the disciples for what is to come and educate them about what it really means to be a disciple of his. Three times Jesus tells the disciples explicitly what lies ahead. Each time the disciples fail to grasp what Jesus tells them. Despite occasional glimpses of insight, the disciples still believe that Jesus is going to rise up as a political or military figure. In a complete dismissal of this sort of thinking, Jesus declares quite forcefully that leadership of this sort is not what he intends for himself, nor for those who follow him.

Leadership in the Jesus model is about being of service to others; it is not about prestige and acclamation. Many of the best leaders are those who do not have any title of leadership or authority. Their leadership and authority come from what they do and how they do it. They inspire others to follow their example. They don't demand it; they don't bully; they don't play power games. People simply want to follow their example.

What does it really mean to practise servant leadership? It means placing the needs of others before your own desires for prestige or authority. We've all known people who have been given a position of leadership and they really only wanted the job as recognition of their popularity; a thank you for previous work done; an opportunity to demonstrate their strength of will or cleverness with words. Servant leadership is about collaborating; it's about empowering people to do their best; it's about trusting others and about rolling up your sleeves and getting on with the job.

Despite appearing second, Mark's gospel is now recognised as being the first written of those that appear in the Bible. The shortest of the four gospels, it begins with Jesus' entry into public life and, in its original form, ends with the discovery of the empty tomb. It is sometimes called a gospel 'in a hurry' as the movement between events is almost abrupt. The gospel writer identifies almost immediately that Jesus is God's 'beloved Son' and then spends the rest of the gospel describing the gradual revelation of this fact and the disciples' growing awareness.

(Greg Sunter)

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