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Sacred Heart Parish

NORTH ALBURY

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

17th/18th August 2019

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm
SUNDAY: 9.30 am

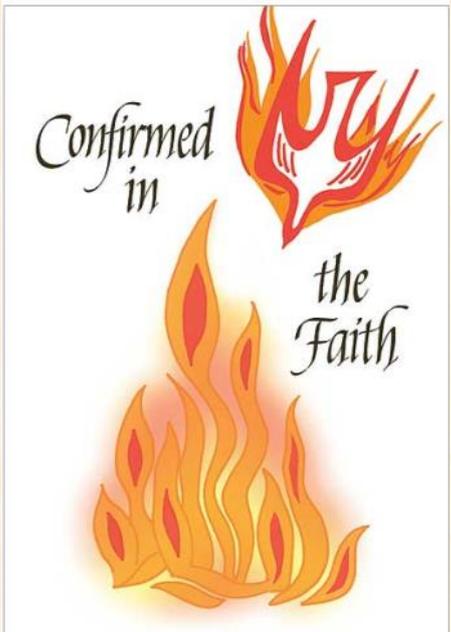
WEEKDAY MASSES: This Week:
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30am
First Tuesday of the month: 11.00 am Mass at Mercy Place.

RECONCILIATION
SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM
BAPTISMS—By appointment.
Preparation Course: 0411 883 661



Congratulations to the Candidates being Confirmed this weekend

Spirit of God, grant them:
The gift of **WISDOM** to see the world through your eyes.
The gift of **RIGHT JUDGEMENT** to make difficult decisions.
The gifts of **KNOWLEDGE** and **UNDERSTANDING** to use their minds to know you and to love you.
The gift of **COURAGE** to have the courage to live in the faith despite difficulties and disappointments.
The gift of **REVERENCE** to be able to express their special love and commitment to you.
And the right kind of **AWE and WONDER** that makes them pause to wonder and revere God's Love.
Amen.



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Samantha Tobin, Alice Poole, Eva Cole, Maisie Miller, Margot O'Donnell, Sue Pollock, Mark Awburn, Jim Purvey, Maria Terhaar, Bob Corrigan, Gavin Livermore, George Bradford, Kristen Devine, Matt McIntosh, Daryl Rickard.

ANNIVERSARIES: Bernie Cudmore, Nan Doughty, Joyce Doolan, Jack Doyle, Mavis Hills, Werner Pallman, Maria Douba, Thomas Hunt, Iris Pierpoint, Joan Carthew, Jeffrey Amy, Mary Mullavey, Carmel Onley, Mary Bradford, Daniel Chandler, Annie Phillips, Neville Crowther, Herbert Hudson, Sean Ryan, Jim Rice, Harry Cooper, Clare Matthews, Timothy O'Leary, Pat Deveney, Peter Mathew, James Purvey Snr. *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: 17th /18th August

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Confirmation	Leanne Michael Roy Thompson Michael Stephenson
Eucharistic Ministers	Confirmation	Pauline Willis Peter & Dianne Treacy Fran Kernaghan MACE Sisters Ann Marie Whiting
Cantor Musicians	Confirmation	Catherine & Judy Val Hayes
Counters: Nardia Scarvell & Liz Simon		

Sat /Sun: 24th /25th August

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Kellie Gordes Sr Patricia Weekes Volunteer	Jane Murtagh Gavin Dykes Cathy Nyhan
Eucharistic Ministers	Lyn Hamilton Pauline Mulquiney Jeneice Harding	Sue Hayhoe Richard & Trish Parkinson Frank Glennon Gemma Whitehead Moira Porta
Cantor Musicians	Brian Waters Judy Foley	Bernadette & Wendy
Counters: Desmond Lum & Jane Togher		

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, eternal Love of the Father and the Son, kindly bestow on us:

the **fruit of love**, that we may be united to you by divine love;
the **fruit of joy**, that we may be filled with holy consolation;

the **fruit of peace**, that we may enjoy tranquillity of soul;
the **fruit of patience**, that we may endure humbly everything that may be opposed to our own desires.

Infuse in us the **fruit of kindness**, that we may willingly relieve our neighbour's necessities;
the **fruit of goodness**, that we may be benevolent toward all;

the **fruit of faithfulness**, that we may not be discouraged by delay but may persevere in prayer;
the **fruit of gentleness**, in all our dealings with our neighbour.

Creator Spirit, graciously impart to us the **fruit of self-control**, that we may rely with assured confidence on the word of God; according to the words of the Gospel, to see God eternally in the glory of his kingdom.
Amen.

A Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"Listen to the Holy Spirit because he is giving people the good news that God loves them and can renew, purify and transform their lives.."

Parish News



Parish Office Hours

While Gemma is on holidays the Parish Office will operate on Wednesday and Friday from 9.00am to 2.00pm. No Mondays until the end of August.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation lay the foundation for every Christian life and together are known as the sacraments of Christian Initiation. This weekend in our parish community many of our young people will renew the promises made for them in baptism.

Confirmation emphasises that we live out our baptismal commitment under the power of God's gift of the Holy Spirit. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation creates for us a Pentecost event which transforms us just as it transformed the lives of the apostles. Like them, the newly confirmed are called into the unity of the church and a participation in its mission and ministry.

Before the laying on of hands we pray together that God's Holy Spirit will come upon the candidates to be their helper and guide; that they will be given a spirit of wisdom, understanding, right judgement, courage, knowledge, reverence, wonder and awe. Through anointing with the oil of chrism these gifts are sealed and imprinted into the fabric of their lives.

May the grace of the Holy Spirit strengthen these young people, their parents, sponsors and families and our whole parish community to be living witnesses of the good news of Jesus Christ in our world.

Special thanks to all those involved in the preparation of these children for the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation - Lauren McLeish, Anna Hamilton, Rhiannon Dolahenty, Alysha Barraclough and Cassandra Jones, our R.E. Co-ordinator at Anne's.

Diocesan Spirituality Day for Women

The Council for Australian Catholic Women (CACW) Wagga Wagga Diocese are holding a spirituality day for women on Saturday 31 August at Kildare Catholic College Wagga Wagga from 9.00am—3.30pm. Morning tea and lunch provided. Cost: Donation only. It is a day of reflection where women can come together to listen, ponder and pray with hope. Registration: [Eventbrite.com.au/e/60036624159](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/60036624159) Further details: Anne Brown 0499 425 970 or email cacw.waggawagga@gmail.com

Outreach Group Meeting

Will be held for members this Sunday 18 August in the Hall after the 9.30am Mass. If unable to attend please contact Barbara on 6021 7868 for discussion.

Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council AG Meeting

The annual general meeting will take place on Thursday 12 Sept at 6pm in the Parish Hall. All interested parishioners welcome to attend. Drinks & nibbles will be offered at the conclusion of the meeting.

This weekend we welcome to the community of the church through the sacrament of baptism Peter Ocean Eady son of Adam & Rebecca; Nash Nicholas Hulme son of Nicholas & Samara; Jackson Frederick Cotte son of Jayden & Kimbalee.

Plenary Council 2020

About 40 people attended the sessions led by Fr Bernie Thomas as updates on the discernment process involved in the next stage of preparation for the plenary council. We are asked to reflect on how is God calling us to be a Christ-centred church in Australia that is:

1. Missionary and evangelising
2. Inclusive, participatory and synodal
3. Prayerful and Eucharistic
4. Humble, healing and merciful
5. Joyful, hope-filled and servant community
6. Open to conversion, renewal and reform

Roadworks Around Church

Council roadworks involving kerb and guttering in Swan Street and resealing of the road are progressing. This continues to make parking and movement around the church boundary rather challenging. Please be extra careful when parking, reversing and alighting from vehicles either on the street or in the car parking area.

Palms Australia - Discover Volunteering

With over 50 years experience, Palms Australia is the leader in matching experienced, skilled Australian's with community development projects in Asia, Africa and the Pacific. They provide training and support, a basic living allowance, return airfares and a comprehensive insurance policy.

Join us to discover more on Sunday 1 September at Lockhart Ex-Servicemen's Club, 83 Green Street, Lockhart from 2.00pm—3.30pm. Leeton teacher Mary McPhee will demonstrate how parishioners can share their skills to help develop communities as she did over two placements in PNG. For further information contact Palms Australia 02 9560 5333 or www.palms.org.au.

Sacred Heart Church - Capital Works & Mainten.

We have been informed by Ian Bennett who works for the diocese and the catholic schools office in the area of capital works and maintenance that a proposed detailed plan for heating/cooling in the church and the roof replacement will be delivered this week. As soon as this plan materialises a meeting will be organised with some members of the finance committee and the engineer to discuss the proposal so that we can move forward as quickly as possible.

Liturgy of the Word

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C

Readings: Jer 38: 4-6,8-10; Heb 12: 1-4; Luke 12: 49-53

Responsorial Psalm:



Lord, come to my aid.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord:

I know them and they follow me..

Alleluia!

Reflection on the Readings

This gospel is both a stark reminder of the costs involved in following Jesus and a comfort to us in the church today. Sometimes we can domesticate the Christian community into a 'feel-good' society. Our religious words and actions, however, are always meant to have an edge; our faith should 'afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted'. If Christians at home, at work, in society and on the international stage just go along with what is trendy or current because we're frightened of conflict or because we want to be seen to be part of the crowd, then we are not worthy of this Gospel.

Sometimes when we hear Jesus use the metaphor of a blazing fire we can see a violent image, but I am not sure if it has to be exclusively interpreted this way. Fire is sometimes necessary and good to clear out the layers of undergrowth built up over time that smother the soil of a forest and prevent new growth. Fire is a beacon that gives guidance and attracts attention. A blazing fire can attract everyone to its light, warmth and power. So maybe this Gospel is a call to purge the weight of old growth that can stop fresh thinking. Maybe it gives guidance to us in the justice we are meant to live and the attention we must call to the needs of all God's children. And maybe it is a reminder that the life of our Christian community is meant to be attractive through its gentle power and warmth. If the price we pay for witnessing to any of these values is that we divide the crowd, so be it.

What's comforting about this gospel is that it recognises conflict as a necessary part of the Christian life. There are some who want to pretend that the followers of Jesus should never disagree with one another or with those outside the Church. Conflict in itself, Jesus teaches us today, is an element of our commitment to the kingdom of God. What marks out the way we should disagree with one another inside and outside the Church, however, is that it is conducted with charity, dignity, careful listening and compassion. Christians always look to put the best possible interpretation on the opinions of those with whom we disagree and to be reconciled to those we have hurt, to heal divisions where we can.

May this Eucharist give us the courage to divide the crowd for the right reasons. May we be a blazing fire that casts light on darkness where people are exploited and injustice smothers the growth Christ wants to see in the human family. No one promised us that Christian faith was ever going to be a picnic! (Fr Richard Leonard SJ)

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