



Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
24th/25th August 2019

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm
SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAYMASSES: 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

Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council Annual General Meeting

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

Migrant and Refugee Day
25th August 2019

Luke 13:29

And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God.

‘Migrants, especially those who are most vulnerable, help us to read the “signs of the times.” Through them, the Lord is calling us to conversion, to be set free from exclusivity, indifference and the throw-away culture. Through them, the Lord invites us to embrace fully our Christian life and to contribute, each according to his or her proper vocation, to the building up of a world that is more and more in accord with God’s plan.’ (Pope Francis)

‘Those who have come and continue to come, to this country are a great gift and treasure from God. Our response must always be, to be respectful and faithful to the reason for our being and with joyful and hopeful hearts welcome all our brothers and sisters as members of our community.

The World Day of Migrants and Refugees is an opportunity to refresh or begin anew living the Gospel values.’
(Bishop Max Davis Bishops’ Delegate for Migrants and Refugees)

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Tim Fischer, Julie Hannan, Moya Perrett, Samantha Tobin, Alice Poole, Eva Cole, Maisie Miller, Margot O'Donnell, Sue Pollock, Mark Awburn, Jim Purvey, Maria Terhaar.

ANNIVERSARIES: Maria Lawrowicz, Molly McLaughlin, Maria Paizis, Maria Olympia Carnovale, Pat Boadle, Barry Godde, Valerie Wynack, Kathleen Slattery, Valda Cunningham, Mary Cox, Tom Quade, Montey Meyer, Edna Gibson, Robert Rossmann, Joseph Foley, Sydney Flegeltaub, Flo Mitsch, Joe Packer, John Worsley, Bill King, Frank McLaughlin Thomas Pass, Mark Fraser, Colin Hodda, Olive Thistleton, Frances King.
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: 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: Jane Togher		

Sat /Sun: 31st August / 1st Sept

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Ed Brown Nano Clancy Justin Clancy	Colleen Day Wendy McFerran Bede Hart
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Hopkins Judy Lindsay Volunteer	Mary Lefevre Sue McLaurin Kevin Kennedy Marjorie Serbinek Ann McIntyre Marissa Hart
Cantor Musicians	Margie & Ed Brown Val Hayes	
Counters:		

Prayer for Migrants and Refugees

God, no one is a stranger to you and no one is ever far from your loving care.

In your kindness watch over migrants, refugees and asylum seekers, those separated from their loved ones, those who are lost and those who have been exiled from their homes.

Bring them safely to the place where they long to be, and help us always to show your kindness to strangers and those in need.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, who too was a refugee and migrant who travelled to another land searching for a home.

Amen

A Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"Faced with the tragedy of tens of thousands of refugees who flee death from war and hunger, and who have begun a journey moved by hope for survival, the Gospel calls us to be "neighbours" of the smallest and the abandoned, and to give them concrete hope."

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.

STATEMENT FROM ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE, PRESIDENT OF AUSTRALIAN CATH BISHOPS CONFERENCE

The Victorian Court of Appeal has announced that, in a 2-1 decision, Cardinal George Pell's appeal against his convictions for child sexual abuse offences has been dismissed. The Catholic Bishops of Australia believe all Australians must be equal under the law and accept today's judgement accordingly.

Cardinal Pell's legal team has said it will examine the judgement in order to determine a special leave application to the High Court.

The Bishops realise that this has been and remains a most difficult time for survivors of child sexual abuse and those who support them. We acknowledge the pain that those abused by clergy have experienced through the long process of the trials and appeal of Cardinal Pell. We also acknowledge that this judgement will be distressing to many people.

We remain committed to doing everything we can to bring healing to those who have suffered greatly and to ensuring that Catholic settings are the safest possible places for all people, but especially for children and vulnerable adults. *August 21, 2019*

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 Further details: Anne Brown 0499 425 970 or email cacw.waggawagga@gmail.com

Sacred Heart Church - Capital Works & Maintenance

Representatives of the Parish Finance Committee met with Ian Bennett (Diocesan Projects Office) and a local engineering consultant last Monday.

It was agreed that modifications needed to be made to the presented plan for heating/cooling in the church. Once the plan has been adapted and a concrete proposal detailed a follow up meeting will be held.

Football Tipping: As of Round 22

Martin Cruickshank 126; Paula McEachern 125; Brian Butts & Joe Kipper 124; Cathy Nyhan & Noel Willis 123; Don Jones 121.

For the record Fr Martin's final round tips Collingwood, Sydney, Nth Melb, Geelong, GWS, W Coast, W Bulldogs, Richmond, Port Adelaide - all the favourites! Protecting my lead.

This weekend we welcome to the community of the church through the sacrament of baptism Emerson Billie Ritchie daughter of John & Shannon; Thomas George Griffiths son of Matthew & Grace.

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 Conor Willis and Roman Willis 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 our children who received the sacrament of Confirmation last weekend—Lauren McLeish, Anna Hamilton, Rhiannon Dolahenty, Alysha Barraclough and Cassandra Jones our R.E. co-ordinator at St Anne's. The continued pastoral and spiritual leadership of Bede Hart as Principal of St Anne's is much appreciated.

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.

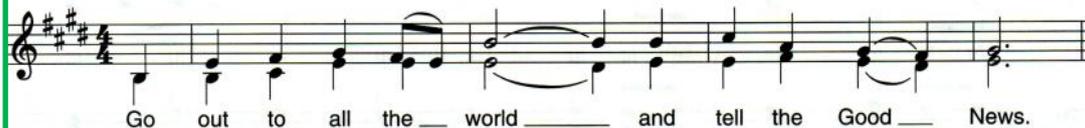
Join us to discover more on Sunday 1 September at Lockhart Ex-Servicemen's Club, 83 Green Street, Lockhart from 2.00pm—3.30pm. Leeton teacher Mary McPhee will demonstrate how parishioners can share their skills to help develop communities as she did over two placements in PNG. For further information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

Liturgy of the Word

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Readings: Is 66: 18-21; Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13; Luke 13: 22-30

Responsorial Psalm:



Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!



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.

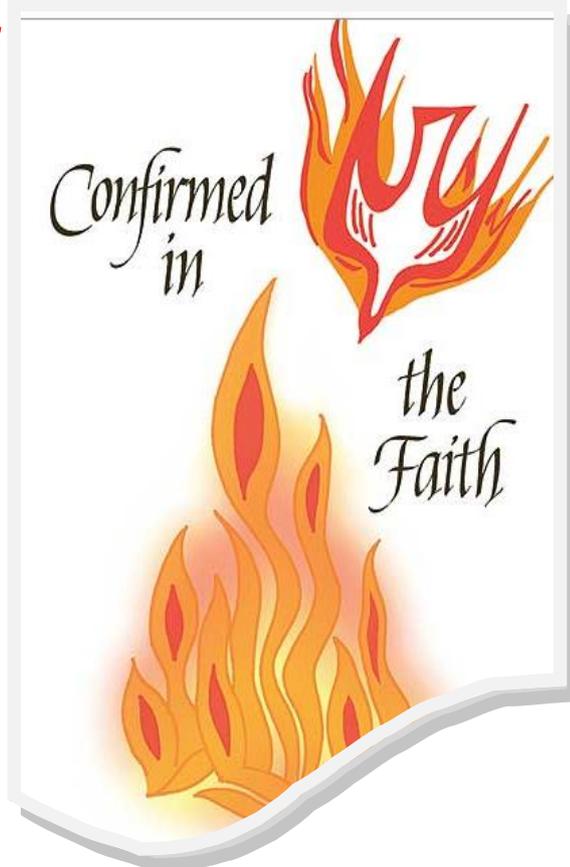
The gift of **REVERENCE**

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.



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