



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
14th September / 15th September 2019

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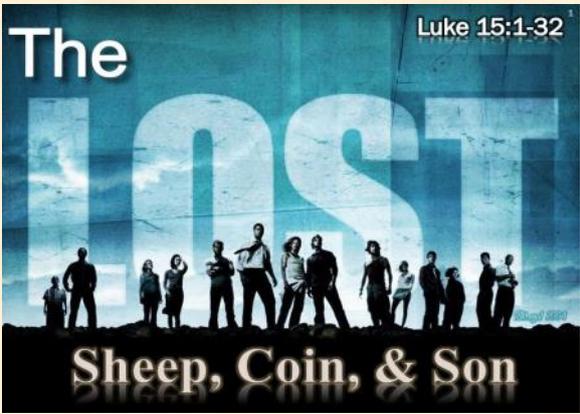
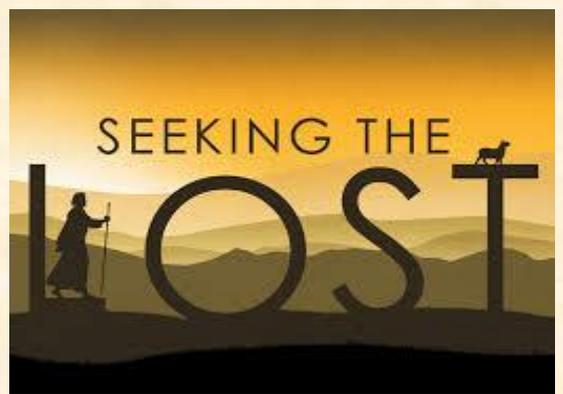
Mass Times

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



The God who spoke to Moses is pained by the depravity of the people yet moved to show them mercy. Who could ever have imagined such a God? The God depicted in the gospel actually searches for what is lost. He seems to abandon the safe ones for the sake of the one who has strayed. She goes to great lengths to find one coin. As a spurned yet loving father, God patiently waits until we come to our senses. Who could ever have conceived of such a God?

Our God seems consumed with an insatiable desire to re-establish a relationship with us after we have turned our backs on God, have chosen to commit our loyalties elsewhere, have thoughtlessly wandered off into danger that threatens our well being, not God's. What is it about us that makes us so desirable? The answer has less to do with us than with the magnanimous character of God. It is almost as if unconditional love is not simply a characteristic of God, but God's very essence and no human frailty or depravity can change this.

Paul insists that it is through Christ that all of this is accomplished. It is through the sacrifice of Christ that the depraved are forgiven, that sinners are saved, that the lost are found. It is through Christ that we are sought by God, and Christ is the very gift of mercy, the forgiveness of our sins, the celebration of our return. (Dianne Bergant CSA)

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jenny O'Flaherty, Rebecca

Collins, Tim Fischer, Tom Christian, Julie Hannan, Moya Perret, Gerald Agosta, Samatha Tobin.

ANNIVERSARIES: Bernard Rolfe, Eileen Gill, Niel Russell, Tess Dynan, Gwenith McSpadden, Norm McLaurin, Judith Taylor, Mary Egan, Mario Fabbro, Brad Carrick, Terry McCabe, Patricia Kernaghan, Irene Shanahan, Bill Ditchfield, Emily Clark, Geoffrey Loulson, Noel Rothe, Fr Brian McEwan, Dora Drennan, Paul O'Loughlin, Mary-Rose Tynan, Les Ryan, John Lindner, Wilhelmine Dempsey.

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: 14th / 15th September

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Kellie Gordes Michael Byrnes Colleen Day	Chris Lewis Michael Stephenson Rosalie Martin
Eucharistic Ministers	Catherine Cutler Jeneice Harding Pauline Mulquiney	MACE Sisters Cathy Nyhan Fran Kernaghan Ann Marie Whiting 2 volunteers
Cantor Musicians	Margaret & Ed Brown Judy Foley	Simon Goss Val Hayes
Counters: Michael Byrnes		

Sat /Sun: 21st / 22nd September

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Anthony Foley Sr Patricia Weekes Barbara Godde	Sr Carina Morton Gavin Dykes Jane Murtagh
Eucharistic Ministers	Lyn Hamilton Jim & Kaye Deanshaw	Kevin Kennedy Marisa Hart Sue Hayhoe Sue Betts 2 volunteers
Cantor Musicians	Brian Waters Catherine Cutler	Simon Goss
Counters: Nardia Scarvell & Liz Simon		

Prayer for Rain

Loving God, we pray for rain to renew the ground, to replenish our dams, to bring some chance of feed, to bring the possibility of some reward to those who have toiled so hard over many years.

We pray for all those whose lives are under the shadow of drought. We think first of those who work with the land, for farmers and their families, for those who rely upon the land for their life and relationships.

During this time of drought, we pray for the cooling, gentle rain that will once again bring life to the fields and crops that feed us and sustain the lives of those who cultivate the land.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

A Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"Mercy makes us pass from the recognition that we have received mercy to a desire to show mercy to others."

Parish News

St Lorenzo Ruiz Mass

To be celebrated at St Patrick's Church, Albury on Saturday 28 September at 3.00pm.

A potluck / merienda-cena will follow in the Meeting Room. Please share.....

Plenary Council 2020

Let's Listen & Discern—*How is God calling us to be a Christ centred church that is Humble, Healing & Merciful?*

Pray:

"Lord, You once told us, 'Just as you did it to one of the least of these, who are members of my family, you did it to me.' May our eyes be opened to the hungry, thirsty, naked, sick and imprisoned. May our minds be freed from the bounds of self-interest, fear and prejudice. May our hearts be moved to recognise and respond to the needs of your people. May we be open to the fruits of your Spirit, so that our thoughts, words and actions can be infused with love, peace, compassion and selflessness."

What actions do you feel strongly called towards?

What actions could really help us to move toward becoming a Christ-centred Church that is Humble, Healing & Merciful? What is the most loving response that the Spirit is calling us to?

What ideas do you have that can nourish our local faith community?

For more information and ideas for reflection and response on this stage of the plenary process go to:

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Australian Catholics—Spring Edition

Has arrived and in this edition we explore family life. Many of the articles have been planned and written by young people. Their insightful contributions explore some of their own ideas, questions and concerns about what family is about in today's world.

Family life is at the centre of our faith. For many of us, its where faith was first planted and nurtured and is hopefully a place where we learn about the 'little gestures' that lead to holiness. As Pope Francis says: *'These little gestures are those we learn at home, in the family; they get lost amid all the other things we do, yet they do make each day different. They are the quiet things done by mothers and grandmothers, fathers and grandfathers, by children, by siblings. They are little signs of tenderness, affection and compassion.'* Please take and distribute your free copies.

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors Roster

Our next roster for the months of October, November, December & January 2020 is being compiled. If you wish to serve as a Eucharistic Minister or Lector and are not already on the roster please contact the parish office. If you are already rostered please advise of your unavailability during this time.

Children's Liturgy

During Spring, on Sundays 15 Sept; 20 Oct & 17 Nov where we share in children's liturgy, families are invited to join in an after-mass get together at the playground alongside Riverdeck Café, Noreuil Park, Albury.

This is an opportunity for families in our parish to connect with one another, particularly families with younger children. All welcome and questions may be directed to Louise 0439 449 714 or Genn 0406 002 241.

Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council AGM

On Thursday evening 12 September the Annual General meeting of our Parish Pastoral Council was held. Thanks to those parishioners who were in attendance to support the work of our pastoral council. Having completed his term on the council Justin Clancy stepped down from his position as chairperson. The parish owes Justin a great debt for his wise and sensitive leadership during the period of Fr Kevin's declining health and subsequent death, the tenure of Fr Gabriel and my assuming the role of parish administrator. On your behalf I thank Justin for his deep spirituality, personal integrity and uncanny ability to encourage others to express their gifts and talents in service of others. While respecting our faith traditions he has always been a driving force for innovative practices that continue to bring life and energy to this faith community. Mr Ed Brown has accepted the role of chairperson of our pastoral council for the next twelve months. Mrs Virginia Sykes will continue in the role as minute secretary for an interim period. Thanks to those who have agreed to continue their ministry as pastoral council members: Sr Anne Hagan, Barbara Godde, Bede Hart, Brian Waters, Catherine Cutler, Jane Ward, Louise Fifield, Lyn Hamilton, Margaret Gawen, Michael Regan and Narelle Naughton.

The continued support of Tony Smit in the financial governance and supervision of all contributions and expenditure as regards the second collection (envelopes & loose) is much appreciated. Thanks to your ongoing generosity we are able to respond to pastoral, liturgical and ongoing maintenance needs.

A copy of the financial report tabled is printed on the back of this week's newsletter.

St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal Thank You

We would like to thank the Parish Council and parishioners for their wonderful support to the Vinnies Winter Appeal. The total to date is \$4,770.00 (this includes \$893 from Xavier High School) together with the many blankets and doonas. This has supplemented our stores to assist the needy in our community.

Trish Parkinson, President St Clare's Conference

Feast Days

Monday 16th September— St Cornelius and Cyprian

Friday 20th September—St Andrew Kim Tae-gon

Saturday 21st September—St Matthew

Liturgy of the Word

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Readings: Ex 32: 7-11, 13-14; 1 Tim 1: 12-17; Luke 15: 1-32

Responsorial Psalm:



I will rise and go to my father.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
 God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself,
 and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
 Alleluia!

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PARISH OF SACRED HEART - NORTH ALBURY

Statement of Receipts and Payments

For Year ended 30 June 2019

2018			\$	\$
	Receipts			
86,554	Collections		88,783	
13,968	Interest		12,437	
4,119	Hall Hire		5,575	
2,610	Donations		13,004	
7,552	Rebates		7,512	
455	Wall Plaques less payments -		429	
1,567	Other Income		3,320	
6,414	Special Collections		7,636	
123,239				137,838
	Payments			
7,958	Administration		4,860	
26,726	Insurance		16,840	
10,740	Office		10,594	
23,895	Employment		25,341	
4,871	Liturgy		6,391	
4,652	Diocesan Levies		4,756	
	Property			
8,794	Church	27,810		
5,444	Hall	5,480		
42,342	Presbytery	16,729	50,019	
135,422	Total Payments			118,801
-12,184				19,037
- 6,414	Special Collections			- 7,417
- 18,598	Surplus			11,620
- 14,400	Contributions to St Anne's School			- 9,600
- 856	McGrath Scholarship			- 899
- 33,854	Net Cash Surplus/-Deficit			1,121
1,665	2nd Collections - Weekly Average			1707

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