



*Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*12th October / 13th October 2019*

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**Mass Times**  
SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm  
SUNDAY: 9.30 am  
WEEKDAY MASSES: This Week:  
Wednesday & Friday 9.30am

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

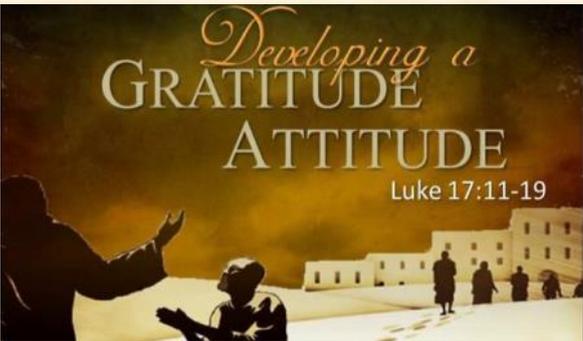


The leprosy of Naaman and the ten men in the gospel serves as a metaphor for sinfulness, the condition that makes us unfit for the presence of God and despicable in the eyes of others. Separated from God and alienated from society, we are truly in a deplorable state, a state out of which we are unable to extricate ourselves. Into these seemingly hopeless conditions step the prophet Elisha and Jesus. Each in his own way brings the healing power of God, the saving grace of God. Paul is such a mediator as well. He brings the gospel to those who are in need of salvation. When people are open to his preaching, they are transformed and made ready to receive eternal glory.

After healing come gratitude and praise. Both Naaman and the lone Samaritan are so filled with gratitude that they return to the one responsible for their healing. They are not so preoccupied with their good fortune as to forget that it came to them as a gift. Their response is the kind of thanks and praise that is proclaimed in the psalm and that is also celebrated at each Sunday Eucharist. We have been saved from our alienation from God and from each other so let us give thanks to the Lord.

Those who know that they have been healed, who realize that this was a gift freely given to them, and who return to give thanks have, by these acts of devotion, stepped over a threshold into a new way of living. Their thanks and praise usher them into a new age, the age of eschatological promise.

(Dianne Bergant CSA)



# Parish Community



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Sally Ingram, Ronald Bruton, Kath Lechmere, Sandra Syphers, Joan Maloney, Lesley Fulford, Jenny O'Flaherty, Rebecca Collins, Tom Christian.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Margaret Newman, Nicholas McLeod-Nibbs, Bill Toohey, John Stapleton, Jack Daly, Allie Quinn, Ron Healey, Matthew Walshe, Eileen Maher, Raymond Piltz, Andreas Christy, Shirley McNuff, Gladys Smith, Martha Wilson, Arnold Quick, Leo Plunkett, Joseph & Jule Plasto, John Tynan, Norman Cos, Elizabeth Flanagan, Helen Murray, John Bourke, May Lonergan, 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: 12th / 13th October

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Kellie Gordes	Rosalie Martin
<b>Lector 1</b>	Jasmine Gordes	Richard Parkinson
<b>Lector 2</b>	Barbara Godde	Terry Hillman
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Jim & Kaye Deanshaw Catherine Cutler	Mary Lefevre Marjorie Serbinek Kevin Kennedy Moira Porta Sr Patricia Weekes Peter & Dianne Treacy
<b>Cantor Musicians</b>	John Van Lint Val Hayes	Bernadette & Wendy
<b>Counters: Brian &amp; Carmel Butts</b>		

### Sat /Sun: 19th / 20th October

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Anthony Foley	Leanne Michael
<b>Lector 1</b>	Karen Purtle	Michael Stephenson
<b>Lector 2</b>	Ed Brown	MACE Sisters
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Judy Lindsay Michael Regan Lyn Hamilton	Trish Parkinson Ann Marie Whiting Sue Betts Ann McIntyre Marissa Hart Fran Kernaghan Noelene Cruise
<b>Cantor Musicians</b>	Margaret & Ed Brown Val Hayes	Simon Goss Judy Foley
<b>Counters: Michael Byrnes</b>		

## Prayer of Thanks

Gracious God, in the busy-ness of my day, I sometimes forget to stop to thank you for all that is good in my life.

My blessings are many and my heart is filled with gratefulness for the gift of living, for the ability to love and be loved, for the opportunity to see the everyday wonders of creation, for sleep and water, for a mind that thinks and a body that feels.

I thank you, too, for those things in my life that are less than I would hope them to be. Things that seem challenging, unfair, or difficult. When my heart feels stretched and empty, and pools of tears form in my weary eyes, still I rejoice that you are as near to me as my next breath and that in the midst of turbulence, I am growing and learning.

In the silence of my soul, I thank you most of all for your unconditional and eternal love.

Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

## A Thought for the Week ( Pope Francis):

“Creation is not a property, which we can rule over at will; or, even less, is the property of only a few: Creation is a gift, it is a wonderful gift that God has given us, so that we care for it and we use it for the benefit of all, always with great respect and gratitude .”

# Parish News



*This weekend we welcome to the community of the church through the sacrament of baptism Arlie Grace Digney daughter of Dalan & Tegan.*

## Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council

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 next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place this Thursday 17 October at 6.00pm in Sacred Heart Hall.**

## Catholic Mission Church Appeal

*Do Not Fear for I am with you*

Next weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal. This year we are invited to partner with the Church in Ghana, as they provide ongoing protection and development of children who are vulnerable.

In line with traditional beliefs, in parts of Ghana, children born with a disability, or whose mother passes during childbirth, are considered to be 'spirit children', and thus at risk of being harmed or killed. The Church in Ghana is dedicated to protecting these children and educating families to ensure every child has a chance to live a full life. Next week you will learn more about Sister Stan and the Nazareth Home for God's Children, which is leading these efforts in the diocese of Yendi.

In June our parish community hosted the visitation of Bishop Alfred Agyenta and Dr Joseph Ayembilla who shared their insights on the response of the local church to areas of urgent need.

Please consider supporting their work through contributing to the leaving collection or using one of the other envelope or electronic means of processing your generous donation.

## Wagga Wagga Diocese Priests Retreat

Fr Martin will be attending the Diocesan Retreat at Galong from Monday 21 October—Friday 25 October. Sr Carina will lead a Eucharistic Service on Wednesday 23 October at 9.30am. No other weekday masses / services scheduled.

If you need the urgent ministry of a priest during this time please contact St Patrick's Presbytery 6040 2588.

## Updating Parishioner Details

Thank you to all those Parishioners who updated their details last weekend. We find that so many people use mobiles and/or e-mails that we don't have access to. If you have not already advised us of your personal details you may do so by **completing the forms in the Church or emailing to [sacredheartna@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartna@gmail.com)**. These can be placed on the collections plates at any time.

## **THE GREAT FETE**

**This Friday, 18 October 3.30-7.30pm**

**St Anne's Primary School  
Curlew Crescent, North Albury**

BBQ - DEVONSHIRE TEA - HOT FOOD - RAFFLE  
FACE PAINTING - CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES - SPINNING WHEEL PLANT  
STALL - CAKE STALL - TRASH & TREASURE STALL—DONUTS - FAIRY  
FLOSS - JAMS & PRESERVES—DODGEMS - CHA-CHA - GIANT SLIDE -  
TEA-CUPS - JUMPING CASTLE .

**Please come along and support this major fundraiser**

## **6th Annual Alb/Wod Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast**

Wednesday October 23 at The Waratah Room Albury Commercial Club 7.00am-8.30am. Guest speaker: Karl Faase author of 'Jesus the Game Changer' \$25 per person. Book online [www.awpb.com.au](http://www.awpb.com.au) Bookings close 22nd October.

## **Heartbeat**

It is intended to put together an issue of this parish journal in time for our celebration of Christmas. The format is yet to be decided. It may be as simple as a broadsheet. If you have concrete and practical suggestions, or are willing to help with the compilation of the newsletter please contact Karen Purtle on:

[bevispurtle@internode.on.net](mailto:bevispurtle@internode.on.net) or the parish office.

## **Concerned Catholics Wagga Wagga Diocese**

A public forum on the topic

'Accountable, Inclusive & Transparent'

A Gospel—Centred Church for Australia! Will be held on Thursday 24 October in the RJ Hall Room, Commercial Club, Wagga Wagga at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Contact: John Goonan on 0428 970 445 or Kerry Carmichael on 0411 222 205. Email: [concernedcatholics.wwd@gmail.com](mailto:concernedcatholics.wwd@gmail.com). Guest presenters: Professor John Warhurst and Marilyn Hatton.

## **Aid To The Church In Need**

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Aid to the Church in Need is hosting a prayer campaign on 18 October titled: "One Million Children Praying the Rosary."

The prayer initiative invites teachers, priests, parents and grandparents to pray the rosary together with children for peace and unity around the world. If you would like to participate, information & resources can be found online at: [www.millionkidspraying.org](http://www.millionkidspraying.org)

# Liturgy of the Word

*Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C*

*Readings: 2 Kings 5: 14-17; 2 Tim 2: 8-13; Luke 17: 11-19*

*Responsorial Psalm:*



**The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**For all things give thanks to God;**

**because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.**

**Alleluia!**



## Reflection on the Readings

The Gospel of Luke was written about 60 years after the death of Jesus, most probably for the Gentile community at Antioch in Syria. It has four major themes: compassion, healing, prayer, and the outsider. Luke loves telling stories about the Gentiles, not only because they are outsiders, but also because they often show up the faith of the Jews. The story of the ten lepers has Luke at his best.

Lepers were until this century treated as outcasts. Also, in Jesus' day, they were considered sinful and ritually impure. If one touched a leper one incurred that same fate. The leper who comes back to Jesus, however, was also a Samaritan! This guy can't win a trick! He is a leper, a Gentile and a Samaritan. He would have been rejected and despised by everyone, even the other Jewish lepers.

The story of the ten lepers is not just about asking for what we need and being grateful when we get it, as important as that is. In this rich and multi-layered story, Jesus does three things: he reaches out to the untouchables of his day; he heals them and enables them to be welcomed back into the community; he draws attention to the fact that the poorest of the lepers, a Samaritan, is the only one who can recognise the source of the healing and has the humility to return and praise God for it.

As well as the virtue of gratitude, then, Jesus also announces that the Christian community is the place where there is no such thing as an unclean or untouchable person. Jesus touches the lepers and then goes about his business. In doing so he rejects centuries of ritual taboos. We are called to do the same today. We are challenged to get our hands dirty with the most unclean groups of our society, confront the assumptions that marginalise and oppress them, and defend their rights to dignity and participation. Not surprisingly Christians who do this often report the same experience as Jesus: they are staggered at the gratitude and faith of the people society has rejected.

May this Eucharist then be a celebration of the fact there is nothing in our life or in our world that Christ won't touch and heal. All we have to do is say 'please' and 'thank you'. May it also give us strength to go out and do likewise in the name of Him who has healed us, finding the humility to keep singing that great old hymn, 'We give thanks to Jesus with all our hearts'. (Fr Richard Leonard SJ)

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