



Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
16th November / 17th November 2019

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAYS: NO weekday masses scheduled during Fr Martin's absence.

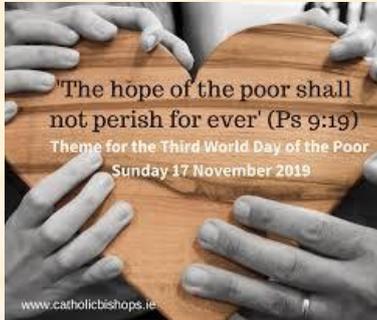
Sr Carina will lead a liturgy of the word with holy communion each Wednesday at 9.30am
The next sacrament of Anointing is Tuesday 3rd December at Mercy Place at 11.00am

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.

Preparation Course: 0411 883 661



*World Day
of
the Poor
17th November
2019*

Pope Francis calls us to: 'Go out to meet the poor, listen to them, and speak to them with the heart of Jesus.'

For a better world Generous God, we thank you: For the gifts you have given us, the abundance of your Creation, and the beauty that surrounds us.

For the people whose lives have touched ours, for the love they show, the burdens they lift, the hopes we share.

Compassionate God, we ask you: to fill us with your love, to place in our hearts a spirit of courage, to move us to reach out to others in need. And lead us to play our part, so that now and in generations to come all your children may share in our hope for a better world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Shane Fifield, Sr Cabrini Knott, Simon Harders, Frank Bowyer, Sue Churcher, Kevin Esler, Peter Freeman, Bernadette Hodda, Annabel McInnes.

ANNIVERSARIES: Les Coward, Wally Patterson, Karen Bin, James Hollis, John Gaudry, Jean Painter, Irene Monk, Ita Whitty, James Briscoe, Frank Esler Jnr, Joyce Patterson, Hugh McKenzie-McHarg, Wally Hirst, Laurence Wenke, Brian Oliver, Ellen Esler, Vera Peric, Wolly Lawrowicz, Mary Fox, Raymond Dickenson, Frank Wyatt, Bob Thompson, Bishop John O'Loughlin, Josie Konacik, Fred Howard, Peter Koswisky's, Victor Amy.

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: 16th / 17th November

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Anthony Foley Karen Purtle Barbara Godde	Richard Parkinson Wendy McFerran Michael Stephenson
Eucharistic Ministers	Michael Regan Pat Hopkins Jim Deanshaw	Pamela McIntosh Mary Lefevre Kansas Michael Sue Betts Ann McIntyre Sr Patricia Weekes Sue McLaurin
Cantor Musicians	Catherine & Judy Judy Foley	Simon Goss Val Hayes
Counters: Brian & Carmel Butts		

Sat /Sun: 23rd / 24th November

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Nano Clancy Justin Clancy Jasmine Gordes	Chris Lewis Lachlan McIntyre Terry Hillman
Eucharistic Ministers	Jeneice Harding Pat Hopkins Judy Lindsay	Fran Kernaghan Ann Marie Whiting MACE Sisters Cathy Nyhan Moiria Porta Gemma Whitehead Noelene Cruise
Cantor Musicians	John van Lint Judy Foley	Anne & Lachlan McIntyre Val Hayes
Counters: Michael Byrnes		

National Drought Prayer Campaign

Eternal God,

In wisdom and love you created our earth to sustain us and give us life. We turn to you now in faith, hope and love, asking you to look with favour on our drought-stricken land, on our starving animals, on our failing crops. Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers and to all who are affected by drought; be with those who support them.

In you loving providence, send abundant rain and restore our parched earth. Father of all compassion hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son in whom the promise of new life has dawned and through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life; Renew your faithful people; Renew the face of the earth.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Mary Help of Christians—pray for us. St Mary of the Cross MacKillop—pray for us

A Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

" We have to state, without mincing words, that there is an inseparable bond between our faith and the poor. May we never abandon them. "

Parish News

Church Announces National Drought Prayer Campaign

Parishes, schools, families across the country are being encouraged to participate in the National Prayer Campaign for Drought during the month November. Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green, Wilcannia Forbes Bishop, is encouraging all to participate in this month of prayer. Each weekend we will pray this prayer during November. The prayer is on our Mass sheet. Further prayer resources can be accessed at: www.catholic.org.au/drought

Fr Martin—Annual Leave Arrangements

Fr Martin will be on annual leave from Friday 1 November until Friday 29 November. If you require the urgent pastoral ministry of a priest you will need to contact Fr Joel Wallace, Fr Christian Obiekwe, Fr Marco Killingsworth at St Patrick's Presbytery 6041 2588 or Fr John Fowles at Thurgoona on 6043 2222.

Parish office hours will remain as usual.

Sr Carina Morton will lead a Eucharistic service each Wednesday at 9.30am. Please note that the sacrament of Reconciliation will not be held on Saturday afternoons during Fr Martin's absence.

We thank you Fr Bernie for your willingness to celebrate weekend Eucharist with us during November.

2020 Call For Volunteers

Mercy Access, part of Mercy Works and under the auspices of the Sisters of Mercy, provides assistance to Aboriginal children in schools within the Sandhurst Diocese.

We invite volunteers to assist in this In-School Programme at St Monica's Primary School, Wodonga. Starting in Term 1, 2020. Hopefully volunteers would have had previous experience and/or interest in the field of education. Adherence to Child Safety Standard Protocols required.

For more information contact Project Coordinator Mobile: [0417 674 919](tel:0417674919) or Email: wodongamercy@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE - Family Group Mass & Luncheon 2020

Family Group has been in the Sacred Heart Parish North Albury for thirty years. We would like to invite all present and past members from North Albury, Albury, Lavington and Thurgoona to a Mass at 9.30am **Sunday 29th March 2020** followed by a luncheon in the Sacred Heart Hall at 12noon. The cost will be \$30 per person. Please phone Gordon Bryant 0488 654 254 for bookings. Payment and your attendance must be in by the 9th March 2020. For further information phone Kaye Deanshaw on 0474 132 970.

Memorial Plaques

Plaques in the Sacred Heart Memorial Garden in remembrance of loved ones are still available. The cost is usually around \$250. It takes approximately eight weeks from the time of ordering to delivery. If you are interested in purchasing a plaque please contact the parish office

You maybe aware of the sudden death of Shane Fifield. Shane & Louise Fifield and their children Clancy and Johnny are much loved and valued members of our Sacred Heart Community.

Louise is a member of our Parish Pastoral Council and children's liturgy.

Shane often helped out with matters of the quality of our sound system.

Please keep them along with Shane's parents and siblings in your prayers during this time of great trauma and sadness.

November Book of Life

November is traditionally the month to remember the Holy Souls. Our Book of Life will be displayed at the front of the Church during November. If you would like to add family members to this book there are sheets of paper and sleeves inside front of Book.

November Mass Envelopes are available at Church entrances if you wish to request a Mass or prayers for your deceased family members of friends.

Catholic Mission Church Appeal

Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal through your kind gifts and prayers, and for reaching out to children and communities in need in Ghana and throughout the world.

Your generosity makes it possible for programs such as the Nazareth Home for God's Children to provide love and support for children rescued from life-threatening situations.

Your generous contributions have amounted to \$3,431.40.

Palms Australia—A Profoundly Rewarding Mission

Working in Education, Health and Trades? Assist to reduce poverty in overseas communities by sharing your skills. Mutual development assured! **There are five places left** on Palms Australia's January 4th—12th Orientation Course. You must apply now for a position beginning anytime in 2020. Call or text 0422 4PALMS palms.org.au

Australian Catholics—The Mystery of God

'Talk to Him, even if you feel silly...include Him in everything. And one bright day, you will discover just how much God loves you.' Mother Hilda Scott, 'Prayer that changes lives' p 14.

In this edition, we explore what we can learn from the mystical tradition to help us better connect with God.

Please take and distribute your free copies from church entrances.

Liturgy of the Word

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Readings: Mal 3: 19-20; 2 Thess 3: 7-12; Luke 21: 5-19

Responsorial Psalm:



The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see;

your redemption is near at hand.

Alleluia!

Reflection on the Readings

For as long as I can remember there have been people predicting the end of the world. Whenever there is a tidal wave, cyclone, hurricane, earthquake or other natural disasters, someone declares that 'the end is nigh'. Just recall the Year 2000. Never mind that the dating of our calendar is out and so that the 2000th year occurred in 1996. The truth rarely gets in the road of the doomsday story. Sadly for us they usually invoke today's Gospel to support their case. The good news for us is that we are still waiting for the end of time. The good news for doomsday prophets is that one day they're going to be right!

We know from a variety of documents around the time of Jesus that the people of Palestine thought the world was soon coming to an end. Given they were being persecuted under an occupying Roman army and that their nation was in tatters, they seemed to have a better cause for this view than we do. In today's Gospel Jesus speaks to a demoralised people who thought, and maybe hoped, that it would all be over soon. In such a context people are liable to follow the loudest voice to what appears like the safest place and so Jesus offers us the hope of God's fidelity whatever suffering we may endure. We are challenged to counter despair, not place our trust in things or institutions which we can see but to not be afraid and stand up for faith and hope.

When bad things happen to good people, when they happen to us, we have choices. We can give into desolation, depression and despair. Some of us make a life-long career out of it. This is understandable and tragic. Or we can choose to hope. Christian hope is not about 'pie in the sky when we die'. It is not about 'putting on a happy face, come what may'. St Augustine tells us hope is based on the justice God wants in this world, and will see done in the next. Interestingly, one of the signs Jesus speaks about in today's Gospel is famine. We have known for thirty years that if we all lived justly and shared from our abundance, we could have seen an end to starvation. We choose otherwise and sometimes blame God.

St Thomas Aquinas teaches us that hope, along with faith and love, is one of the prongs in the anchor of Christian belief. No matter how stormy are the waters, how much we are tossed and buffeted by life's winds, this anchor keeps us rooted in God until calmer seas return. Hope is about holding on, come what may.

Today's Gospel is not interested in a timetable for disaster. It's about encouraging us to drop the anchor of hope overboard when the times get tough.

May this Eucharist help us to keep choosing to hope until the end of time.

(Fr Richard Leonard SJ)

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