



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

18th January / 19th January 2020

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAYS: No weekday Masses scheduled.
Sr Carina will lead a liturgy of the word with
holy communion on Wednesday 22 January
at 9.30am this week.

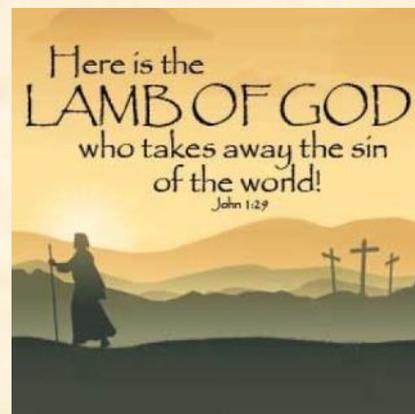
Next Children's Liturgy 16th February 2020

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.

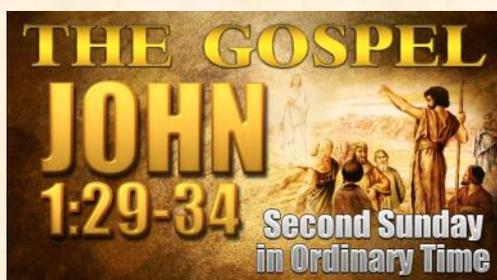
Preparation Course: 0411 883 661



Ours is an historical religion. It not only unfolds within the joys and disappointments of time and place, but it is rooted in actual events that took place in the lives of real people. The Christ to whom we commit ourselves is not a mythic character, a figment of communal religious imagination. He is someone who was born into history, at a specific period of time, in a particular place. He was known by real people like John the Baptist; he submitted himself to historical rituals like baptism. He had followers who testified to the truth of both his existence and his life. Jesus was a man of history.

Like Paul, we too have been called to be apostles. We received this call when we were baptised. The beginning of the year, with its custom of making new resolutions, is a wonderful time to remember to what we have committed ourselves. At times it seems that our own apostleship is no less daunting than was Paul's. However, it is no less immediate either. Whether the period of history is the first half of the first century, as was the time of Jesus, or the second half, as was the time of Paul, or the twenty-first century, as is our time, salvation unfolds within the events of time. Furthermore, the followers of Jesus always return to the events of his life in order to discover the meaning of the events in their lives. These past events are reinterpreted in the ongoing present. Discipleship is never otherworldly.

(Dianne Bergant CSA)



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Norm Wighton, Brian Mawson, Kelvin Duke, Phyllis Ward, Peter Conrick, Terry Quirk.

ANNIVERSARIES: Louis Payne, Paul I'anson, Sr Christopher Ryan, Ada Pertile, John Briggs, Zachary Peters, Alma Hancock, Hilda Brewster, Rosemary Cossar & Gus Mitsch

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: 18th / 19th January

| Ministry | Vigil | 9.30am |
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| Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2 | Kellie Gordes Jasmine Gordes Volunteer | Chris Lewis Michael Stephenson Rosalie Martin |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Catherine Cutler Jeneice Harding Pauline Mulquiney | MACE Sisters, Cathy Nyhan Fran Kernaghan, Peter & Dianne Treacy, Kevin Kennedy, & Ann Marie Whiting |
| Cantor Musicians | Brian Waters Judy Foley | Simon Goss |
| Counters: Gordon Bryant | | |

Sat /Sun: 25th / 26th January

| Ministry | Vigil | 9.30am |
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| Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2 | Anthony Foley Sr Patricia Weekes Barbara Godde | Sr Carina Morton Gavin Dykes Jane Murtagh |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Lyn Hamilton, Kaye & Jim Deanshaw | Kevin Kennedy, Mary Lefevre, Marissa Hart, Sue Hayhoe, Sue McLaurin Carmel Butts & Marjorie Serbinek |
| Cantor Musicians | Margie & Ed Brown Judy Foley | Catherine Cutler Judy Lindsay Volunteer please |
| Counters: Brian & Carmel Butts Wednesday 29/1/2020 | | |

Prayer to be Disciples of Jesus

Loving Father, you alone are the source of every good gift. We praise you for all your gifts to us, and we thank you for your generosity.

Everything we have, and all that we are, comes from you. Help us to be grateful and responsible. You have called us to follow your son, Jesus, without counting the cost.

Send us your Holy Spirit to give us courage and wisdom to be faithful disciples. We commit ourselves to being good stewards. Help us to be grateful, accountable, generous, and willing to give back with increase.

Help us to make stewardship a way of life. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

AMEN

A Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"A disciple of the Lord, is called to set out on a journey that isn't a "stroll," but a mission to proclaim the Gospel and spread the good news of salvation."

Parish News



Statement from Australian Catholic

Bishop's Conference

Australia is facing an unprecedented calamity as fire engulfs the land in many places. We have all seen the apocalyptic images, even if we are not in the areas most affected. Lives have been lost, homes and towns have been destroyed, smoke has shrouded large swathes of our country. And there is no end in sight to the horror which confronts us with our powerlessness before the devastating force of nature.

The efforts of firefighters have been heroic. The resilience of the communities affected has been extraordinary. This has been Australia at its best, and we all stand with those who have been most stricken and with those who are putting their lives on the line to fight the fires.

But we need more than words. Expressions of solidarity are important, but they are not enough.

To this end parishes across the country are asked to take up a special collection at Masses on the Australia Day weekend (Sat 25 Jan—Sun 26 Jan). All funds will be used to support the Vinnies bushfire appeal.

With broad and deep roots across the nation, the Church stands ready to walk alongside people throughout their journey of recovery.

Facing this exceptional crisis, we renew our call for insistent prayer for those stricken by drought and fire, for those who have lost their lives in the fires and their families, for rain to quench the parched land and extinguish the fires, and for the urgent action to care for our common home in order to prevent such calamities in the future.

A genuinely Catholic response to a crisis of this magnitude must draw strength from prayer which inspires concrete and compassionate action.

Bushfire Appeal envelopes available at all Church entrances.

We welcome into the community of the Christian faith through the sacrament of baptism Arlo Dudley Wilcox son of Stuart & Lucy.

Alpha Course

Sacred Heart Parish intends offering the Alpha course in 2020. Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explore the basics of the Christian faith. Exploring faith is a journey—no pressure, no charge.

In an informal, friendly and open environment, lives can be transformed. For further information please view the parish website or contact Michael Regan email: mjregan68@bigpond.com

St Vincent de Paul-Clare's Conference

On behalf of St. Clare's Conference, I would like to extend our appreciation to the Parish Council, parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish, together with our local Catholic schools for their generous support of Vinnies Christmas Appeal. We received \$3159.00 cash donations, together with toys, gifts & food. This enabled us to make Christmas more enjoyable for 100 families & 160 children. Many thanks, Trish Parkinson – President.

Concerned Catholics for Renewal-Reforming Our Church Together

Based on the model already existing within other dioceses a similar group has been formed within the Diocese of Wagga Wagga. It's mission is to help create a gospel-centred Australian Church which is accountable, inclusive and transparent.

Getting Back in Mission available through Garratt Publishing is the formal submission of Catholics for Renewal to the Australian Plenary Council. In its forward Robert Fitzgerald (Former Commissioner, Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse) writes, 'I hope and pray that the Plenary Council 2020/21 will be an opportunity for the Church in Australia to explore the evidence, engage in open dialogue and discern a new course for the Church. The time for resolute action is upon us. The time to govern out of hope not fear is now!'

A public forum is planned to be held in Albury on Thursday 20th February 2020 at 7.30-9.00pm at the Stanley Room Commercial Club.

Additional information is available on the website www.concernedcatholicswagga.com or www.catholicsforrenewal.org.au

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Please advise if you are unavailable for February-May 2020 to our e-mail or phone the Presbytery.



**FEEL LIKE A FEW HOURS FOR
QUIET REFLECTION
GRATITUDE FOR THE PAST
HOPE FOR THE FUTURE**

Saturday 1st February 2020

10am-1pm

Sacred Heart Parish Hall North Albury

All Welcome

RSVP: THURSDAY 30TH JANUARY

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The breath entered them
and they came to life
Ezekiel 37:10

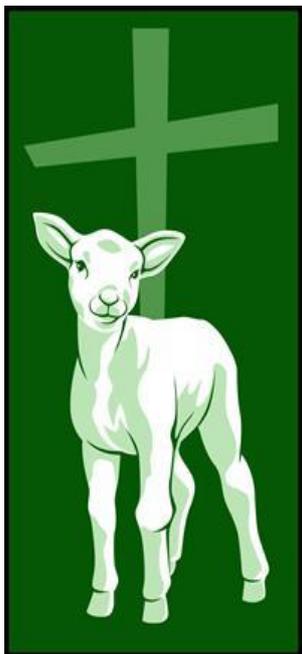
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Liturgy of the Word

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A

Readings: Is 49: 3, 5-6 1 Cor 1: 1-3; John 1: 29-34

Responsorial Psalm:



Here I am Lord; I come to do your will.

Alleluia Verse:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.

He enabled those who accepted him to become children of God.

Alleluia!

Prayer in the Face of the Terror of Bushfires

God our loving Father, we are subject to the whims and impulses of our natural world. You are the God of the plains, the hills, the rivers and the mountains of our country and we come before you to pray for those who fight fire; a good servant, but a terrifying master.

Like soldiers going to defend us, Lord, our volunteer fire fighters leave families, loved ones and their homes to protect us from the fires that ravage our land. We earnestly pray for them as they work so tirelessly against such a deadly foe.

We remember and pray for the volunteers and residents who have been killed, and we commend them to your merciful love. We pray for the volunteers and all who have been injured and we pray that you will stretch out your healing hands over them.

Father, be with all victims who have lost their homes, their animals, their crops and their livelihood.

Bless the many volunteers who support our fire fighters with food and drink, and all those who give to those left with nothing.

We pray for killed or injured wild life; both native and domestic, and for trees and plant life that have been destroyed.

Send out your Spirit and renew the face of our injured and wounded land and all her people.

May our gathering in prayer increase our solidarity with all who give so much of themselves to protect so many.

In your boundless love, watch over us all and keep us safe.

Our Lady, Help of Christians, pray for us

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us

St Florian, Patron Saint of Fire Fighters, pray for us

Prayer written by Fr Tony Hill

Parish Priest of Euroa

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