



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

25th January / 26th January 2020

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAY MASSES: This Week:

Wednesday 9.30am

Friday 9.30am (opening school Mass at

Xavier High School, Main Hall)

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.

Preparation Course: 0411 883 661



Discipleship is not something that we take upon ourselves. We are called to it. Some people are very conscious of this call. They are aware of it in their aspirations and dreams; they recognise it in the events of their lives. They hear the call as clearly as Simon, Andrew, James and John heard the voice of Jesus. For others, the call to discipleship is not so clear. They may experience an undefined restlessness, a dissatisfaction with their lives. People can respond to the call in one of two ways. They can consider the mere suggestion of discipleship an intrusion into their plans, or they can drop what they are doing, leave their former concerns behind and follow Jesus.

There is a misunderstanding about being called and leaving everything behind. Although the gospel says that the four men left their occupation of fishing in order to follow Jesus, this kind of 'leaving behind' was not, and still is not, required of all, for it is in the ordinary events of life that our salvation unfolds. For most people, this is precisely where they are to function as disciples. Still, disciples of Jesus are called to leave behind certain ways of living as they follow him. They are called away from lives of pettiness and division. They are called away from the kind of factionalism that seems to have threatened the unity of the Corinthian community. They are called away from narrow-mindedness and mean-spirited competition. It is much easier to leave nets than to leave the web of one's prejudices.

(Dianne Bergant)



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mary Casey, Norm Wighton, Brian Mawson.

ANNIVERSARIES: Royce Boyd, Bryan Palmer, Kevin Murphy, Donald Murphy, Mary McPherson, Kevin Houlihan, Jack Whitty, Frank Douba, Garth Clifford, Kevin McAlroy, Joan Cruikshank, Brian Lane, Hilda Joynson, Peter Carroll, Charles Thome, Norman Lane, Mary Miglionico, Edna Hudson, Gilford Hailstone, Norman Gray, Ian Miller, Reginald Scammell, Jim Berkley.

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: 25th / 26th January

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 Kaye & Jim Deanshaw	Mary Lefevre Marisa Hart Sue Hayhoe Sue McLaurin Carmel Butts Marjorie Serbinek Volunteer
Cantor Musicians	Margie & Ed Brown Judy Foley	Catherine Cutler & Judy Lindsay
Counters: Brian & Carmel Butts Wednesday 29/1/2020		

Sat /Sun: 1st/ 2nd February

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Jasmine Gordes Kellie Gordes Ed Brown	Gavin Dykes Lorraine Willis Chris Lewis
Eucharistic Ministers	Catherine Cutler Anna Farrell Judy Lindsay	Kevin Kennedy Noelene Cruise Marjorie Serbinek Sue Betts Moira Porta Gemma Whitehead Volunteer
Cantor Musicians	John Van Lint Judy Foley	Anne & Lachlan McIntyre Val Hayes
Counters: Michael Byrnes		

Prayer for our Country Australia

Lord God, your Spirit has moved over the face of Australia, and formed from its dust a rolling brown land. Your Spirit has moved over its warm tropical waters and created a rich diversity of life.

Your Spirit has moved in the lives of men, women, and children, and given them, from the dreamtime, an affinity with their lands and waters. Your Spirit has moved in pilgrim people and brought them to a place of freedom and plenty.

Your Spirit moves still today in sprawling, high rise cities, in the vast distances of the outback, and in the ethnic diversity of the Australian people.

Lord God, in the midst of this varied huddle of humanity you have set your church.

Give us, the people you have so richly blessed, a commitment to justice and peace for all nations; and a vision of righteousness and equality for all people in our own country.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

A Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

“Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place.”

Parish News

Australia Day Weekend Special Collection

Archbishop Christopher Prowse and the Australian Bishops have asked that special collections be taken up on Australia Day weekend to support bushfire-affected communities. Money raised from this collection will support the Vinnies' bushfire appeal. Parishioners wishing to donate individually and receive a tax-deductible receipt can donate at www.vinnies.org.au. Thank you to those who have already contributed to support affected communities.

We are also called to pray for those affected, especially those who have lost loved ones, for those fighting the fires and for an end to the ongoing crisis. Prayers and other resources can be found at www.catholic.org.au/bushfires

Volunteer Pastoral Care Training Opportunity

This Spiritual Care Series is for those with a pastoral heart to provide social, emotional and spiritual support for older people residing in Fresh Hope Care facilities—Borella House in Albury.

The program is nationally recognised and will run over 9 weeks (2 hours per week). NO COST.

Course commences March 17th at the River Community Church David Street, Albury. Please contact Colleen Day on 0447 664 608 or colleen.day@freshhopecare.org.au

Parish Morning Tea

Our Parish Morning Tea returns next Sunday 2 February at the conclusion of our celebration of Eucharist in the parish hall. For this occasion if possible please bring along something to share.

If you or your group are able to help cater for a future morning tea please fill in the roster located on the table at the Swan Street entrance or contact our parish office.

Children's Liturgy

Our children's liturgy returns on the third Sunday of the month 16 February during our celebration of Eucharist. Each week liturgy worksheets for younger/older children related to the gospel reading/theme are available for use on the shelves at all the church entrances.

Concerned Catholics for Renewal-Reforming Our Church Together

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

Additional information is available on the websites:

www.concernedcatholicswagga.com

www.catholicsforrenewal.org.au

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Roster

New rosters are now available on side table at Swan Street entrance to church. Please make a swap if you are unavailable on the allotted days.



We welcome into the community of the Christian faith through the sacrament of baptism of Violet Maryam Bird daughter of Breanna & Andrew and Carson Dawson.

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.

Parish Pastoral Council

The first meeting for 2020 of the Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council will be held on Thursday 6 February at 6.00pm in Parish Hall. Any agenda items need to be referred to the secretary of the council Virginia Sykes vmesykes31@gmail.com or the parish office.

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 or Fran Kernaghan parish office.

Website: Australia.alpha.org



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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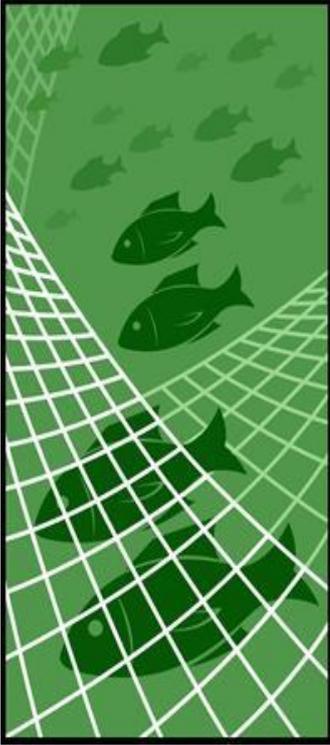
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The breath entered them
and they came to life
Exodus 31:10

Thank you to Les and Judy Murray & Murray Signs for amending details on our Church sign. It is very much appreciated.



Liturgy of the Word

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Readings: Is 8: 23-9:3; 1 Cor 1: 10-13, 17; Matt 4: 12-23

Responsorial Psalm:



The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Alleluia Verse:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.**

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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