

# Sacred Heart Parish

NORTH ALBURY

## First Sunday of Lent

29th February / 1st March 2020

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As we move into this holy season of Lent, the readings slowly begin to prepare us to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at Easter.

The First Reading teaches us how God created a good world, giving life to man and woman. But Eve and Adam had ambitions for equality with God, leading to the beginning of our sense of alienation from the Divine.

The Psalm is recognised as a prayer of penitence, particularly suited for the Lenten season. It sees sin not purely in individual terms, but as an evil that can affect the whole community.

For Paul (Second Reading), the imagery of life and death provides a key to understanding what Jesus has done for us. Death signifies being cut off from a relationship with God, whereas life invokes an image of friendship and union with God. Through the life of Jesus, the new Adam, we are all restored to that friendship.

In the Gospel, Jesus, though genuinely tempted in the wilderness, remains faithful to his Father. He is resolute in resisting the devil's seductive, reasonable-sounding temptations.

Let's begin the season of Lent by inviting God to show us how to find the freedom of spirit to live with open-hearted generosity, and to rediscover the joy and freedom in living for others, as did Christ himself.

**“Feasting  
on the Word  
in the Desert.”**  
Matthew 4:1-11

Guest Speaker: Dr  
Dale Lewisell

# Parish Community



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Wayne Edwards, Pat Scott, Fr Frank Bell, Trish Morrish, Patricia Welsh, Brett Hammond, Sr Ann McRae, Margo Murray.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** John Mills, Bill Stirling, Jan Hodge, Billy Clarke, Ken Ovington, Geoff Frauenfelder, Graham Ledwidge, Jessie Klipper, Philippa Hailey, George Devich, Denis Maloney, Henry Carter, Milton Mulholand, Thelma Conroy, Esther Smith, Kevin Gordon, Vic Dolenc, Roy Quin, George McArdle, Tim Robb, Bridget King, Fred Brooner, Dave Murray, Mary Jory, Dorothy Ryan, Moya Buckhorn, Adelaide Pite. *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: 29th February /1st March

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b> <b>Lector 1</b> <b>Lector 2</b>	Jasmine Gordes Kellie Gordes Sr Patricia Weekes	Chris Lewis Rom Hayes Rosalie Martin
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Anna Farrell Jeneice Harding Volunteer	Richard & Trish Parkinson Moira Porta Peter & Dianne Treacy Pauline Willis Ann Marie Whiting
<b>Cantor</b> <b>Musicians</b>	Brian Waters Judy Foley	Catherine & Judy Val Hayes
<b>Counters:</b> Brian & Carmel Butts		

### Sat /Sun: 7th /8th March

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b> <b>Lector 1</b> <b>Lector 2</b>	Brian Waters Paula Waters Anthony Foley	Richard Parkinson Jane Murtagh Wendy McFerran
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Kaye & Jim Deanshaw Lyn Hamilton	Gemma Whitehead Fran Kernaghan Sue McLaurin MACE Sisters Dianne Treacy Mary Lefevre Marjorie Serbinek
<b>Cantor</b> <b>Musicians</b>	Margy & Ed Brown Judy Foley	Simon Goss
<b>Counters:</b> Michael Byrnes		

## Project Compassion 2020

### Prayer

God of all peoples and nations,

As you accompany us on our Lenten journey,

May our fasting strengthen our commitment to live in solidarity,

Our almsgiving be an act of justice,

And our prayers anchor us in love and compassion. Awaken our hearts and minds that we may be one human family

As we all go further together.  
We ask this in Jesus' name,  
Amen

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

"Lent is a favourable time for letting Christ serve us so that we in turn may become more like him. This happens whenever we hear the word of God and receive the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. There we become what we receive: the Body of Christ."

# Parish News

## World Day Of Prayer

World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome all to join in prayer and action with over 150 countries participating. This year we are praying for Zimbabwe.

Our local service this year will be held at Trinity Uniting Church, Mate Street North Albury on Friday 6 March at 10.00am. This is an hour long service followed by morning tea. All welcome. Please bring a plate.

## Project Compassion 2020

This year Project Compassion focuses on the theme based around hope of encouraging everyone to 'Go Further, Together' and each week a new story highlights the issues being faced in that country and how Caritas Australia is working together with vulnerable people, empowering them to develop their strengths and create change in their own communities.

This week is about Shirley from the Philippines with her story on the back of this bulletin.

**Project Compassion boxes/envelopes** are available for collection at the church entrances or [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phone 1800 024 413.

## Swing In Motion Dance Lessons

Beginning in Sacred Heart Church Hall, Mate Street, North Albury on Monday 2 March. This is a great family event suitable for all ages.

Swing in Motion is about learning from basic footwork to natural body movements. Our unique teaching style is new and exciting following European & American trends. We guarantee our classes will be manageable, fun & exciting. Classes will run each Monday from 7pm—10pm. We encourage you to wear comfortable, flat and non-grip shoes. Cost \$10 first session or \$15 for 3 sessions.

Phone George on 0466 099 997 for enquiries.

## Alpha Programme

The Alpha programme will be conducted in our parish from the beginning of May. In preparation a time of prayer will be held on Wednesday's after

Mass for 1/2 hour (10.00am—10.30am during the Lenten season). This includes exposition and adoration of the blessed sacrament.

**Prayer Intention:** That God's spirit will guide and open the hearts of our parish community as it prepares to welcome the Alpha programme.

For further details about Alpha please contact Michael Regan 0419 982 574 or Fran Kernaghan 0408 268 518

## Parish Morning Tea

Our parish morning tea will be shared today after our celebration of Eucharist. All welcome. Thanks to the Deanshaw family group for helping with the catering and hospitality.

## Lenten Groups & Prayer Cards

A wonderful response to our Lenten reflection groups with 38 people attending so far. This year we are using the Archdiocese of Brisbane programme titled '*Be Opened—A Journey to New Life!*' Gatherings continue this week in Sacred Heart Church Hall: **Tuesday 7.00pm; Thursday 7.30pm**

**(For this week only—please note change of time)**

You are most welcome to join either the Tuesday or Thursday group at any stage along the Lenten journey.

Each week a different **prayer card** will be made available for collection and use, please collect from each of the church entrances.

## Parish Pastoral Council

The next meeting of the Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council will take place this Thursday 5 March at 6.00pm in the Hall. Agenda items need to be recorded with the Secretary Virginia Sykes [vmsykes31@gmail.com](mailto:vmsykes31@gmail.com)

Finger food and drinks will be catered for in appreciation of Virginia's contribution to the work of the Council over a long period, as her term ends.

**The Stirling Family** have requested that a memorial service for Maureen be held at Sacred Heart next Saturday 7 March at 2.00pm. Maureen's funeral was held in Bowral but both she and her husband Bill were long term parishioners here. All welcome to attend.

## Sacred Heart Footy Tipping Competition

AFL Round 1 begins Thursday 19 March—I can hardly wait! Our revamped and revitalised Footy Tipping Comp is ready to spring into action and cost \$1 a round = \$23 all up.

Please register your interest by contacting the parish office by phone/email or by adding your name to the sheet located at the Swan Street entrance.

## Australian Catholics

Leadership—Leading From The Heart is the focus in Australian Catholics magazine this Autumn. When making choices, how do we know whether we're being guided by a concern for the common good, or other more selfish concerns? How do we know that the decisions we make are the right ones for our community and our world? In this edition we explore leadership in the footsteps of Christ, and how the Holy Spirit can help us discern our path forward. Please take a copy from church entrances.

**Gratitude** is extended to Sean McDermott (SJM Computers) for his prompt and generous service in resolving the computer / screen crisis in the church.

# Liturgy of the Word

First Sunday of Lent—Year A

Readings: Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Rom 5: 12-19; Matt 4: 1-11

Responsorial Psalm:



**Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

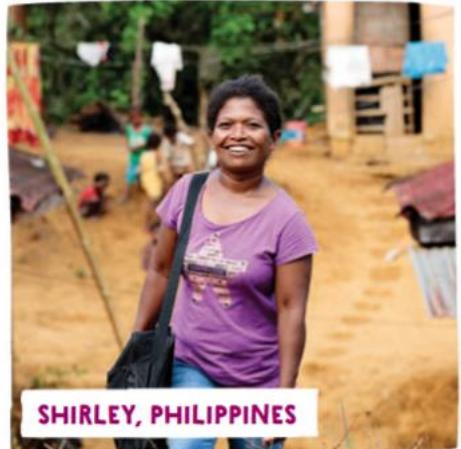
**Gospel Acclamation:**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

## Project Compassion Stories—SHIRLEY, PHILIPPINES

Shirley, thirty-six, is an indigenous Manide woman living in a remote province of the Philippines. She is a mother of four and the sole breadwinner of the family, as her husband is sick. But Shirley was struggling to support the whole family and keep her children in school.

Indigenous minorities in the Philippines face regular discrimination and disadvantage, limiting their access to education, employment and healthcare. But thanks to Caritas Australia's Supporters, Shirley's life has transformed.



**SHIRLEY, PHILIPPINES**

She is now leading her community to take a stand against discrimination, improve health and education, and pave the way for a better future. Unequal access to health services means that many indigenous children and families cannot access basic medical care. Preventable diseases, such as tuberculosis and measles are common among their community, and there is a high maternal and new-born mortality rate.

With Caritas Australia's support, Shirley trained to become an indigenous health worker and a leader in her community. She has learnt to supplement her income so she is able to feed her family. The program has also helped Shirley's children with school fees, uniforms and supplies. Shirley says there's still a long way to go to fight for better employment opportunities for the Manide tribe and to reduce discrimination, but together they'll get there. Your support is life saving for people experiencing poverty and oppression.

We pray for our brothers and sisters throughout the world who are pushed to the edges of society and whose value and potential are not recognised; that their silenced voices may be raised in hope.



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