



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time *20th 21st June 2020*

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Mass at Sacred Heart North Albury

Join our virtual celebration of the Eucharist each Sunday while coronavirus restrictions remain which is broadcast from Xavier High School Chapel.

Simply click on the YouTube link provided on our website. Will be available for your participation by Saturday afternoon. Thanks to Nick Manning from the IT department at Xavier, Cameron Adam, to Ed & Marg Brown and James Burke (website) for their assistance in this regard.

Prayer Resources: Located on parish website under "Latest Newsletter".

From Liturgy Brisbane: The first document contains the Sunday readings with associated commentaries and prayers. It is suggested that families gather to read the scriptures aloud together.

The second resource is designed for families with young children. An extract from the Sunday gospel is provided, along with some reflection questions, a family activity and a worksheet for children.

Reflecting on this Refugee Week

In a world where people naturally turn inwards, those who seek protection from persecution receive little public attention or sympathy. It becomes all the more important to reflect on the world of which refugees are part and why their lives matter to us.

A starting point of reflection is to compare the present situation of refugees now with that of 30 years ago. At that time public conversation about refugees normally paid at least lip service to the UNHCR Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees. Underlying the Convention was the United Nations Universal Declaration on Human Rights, which demanded respect for the human dignity of each human being, so forbidding the treatment of them as means to an end. In the case of refugees this implied that to respect the rights of refugees was the responsibility of all nations.

In practice, it was discharged by neighbouring nations who received refugees, and by other nations which, generally through the UNHCR, supported them with shelter, food and safety, assessed their claims for refugee status, and so opened pathways to life outside their own nation.

Despite this cooperative and principled framework, however, it was not a golden age for refugees

In Australia an early fateful decision was to detain indefinitely people who came by boat to claim protection. Initially a stratagem to prevent access to the protection of law, the certainty of detention was soon seen as a means to deter others from seeking protection. The corrupting force of this practice and its rationale has worked its way through Australian public life since.

Refugee Week this year is celebrated in a very different world. People continue to seek protection from persecution and from wars, but the nations involved in fighting or supplying weapons take no responsibility for the refugees they create. The UNHCR is inadequately funded to support the people who need protection.

For society the treatment of refugees is the canary in the mine. In Australia the creation of the Manus Island system and the sophisticated regime of dehumanisation that it spawned have presaged the creeping growth of control, secrecy and militarisation in other areas of public life.

When seen against this background it is understandable that refugees have little place in the minds and hearts of Australians. Those seeking protection are shut out. They are not seen, not heard. **PTO**

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Wilf Plunkett, Fr Noel Connolly, Alan Ofak, Murray McCooke, Alan Lehmann, Joe Colek, Maureen Wesley, Judy Sutherland, Martin Smith, Brenda Glasgow, Margaret Locke, Ella Pallot, Jack Williams.

ANNIVERSARIES: Matt McIntosh, Ron Turner, John Flood, Warner Hogan, Stan Taylor, Ann Purvey, Phillip Adams, Brian Gawen, Brian McNamara, Christopher Nuttall, Thomas Heuts, Mary Dale, Ena Joseph, Mary Packer, Eileen Muldoon, Reg Watson, Jessie Cullen, Eileen Seymour, Denis O'Reilly, Jan Duke, Jake & Maddison Murray, Des Kennedy, Hannah Evans, Eileen Brown, Jaquelyn Parker, Phyllis Mott, John Purtell, Kathleen Halyday, Ignatius Kane, Wally Zerbst, Catherine Dale, Marie Fromholtz, Josie Tynan, Jack Dynan, Sheila Jarvis, Adele Massey, Melissa Harris, Betty Bartlett.

Gather our loved ones into your arms. Quiet our doubt and anger and send us your healing grace. Through Christ our Lord.

Reflecting on this Refugee Week cont.

Where to from here? Perhaps the principal challenge to us in our concern for refugees is to hold together companionship with people who seek protection and attention to the larger movements in Australian society and the world over which refugees have no control, but which nevertheless shape their lives. The risk of fragmentation that the coronavirus threatens and its embodiment in the unfair and divided society in the United States are a warning of dystopia. But they also represent an opportunity to envision a hospitable society in which the dignity of all human beings is respected.

The lives of refugees depend on the resolution of that larger choice between dystopia and hospitality. Once again refugees will be canaries in the mine of society. Both for that reason and also out of respect for their humanity, they call for the small kindnesses of support, advocacy, visits and support for the legal and other agencies that have stuck by them and given them hope. They also call for critical attention to the world which we by participation or by silence will shape.

(Andrew Hamilton SJ)



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: on the street, in a city square, during work, on a journey.’

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

Prayer for Our Sacred Heart Parish

God of Love, Source of all hope and good things;

You call us in love, to share in the work and ongoing life of our Sacred Heart Parish.

Bless this parish of ours and lead us to be confident and joyful in serving those around us, so that through us, the world may catch a glimpse of the love you have for each one of us.

Make us instruments of your love to everyone that we encounter in our parish community, at home, at work and in our neighbourhood. Help us to grow in gratitude so that we can recognise and thank you for all the good things you have given us.

Each day may we come to know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parish News



Bishop Mark Edwards—New Bishop of Diocese of Wagga Wagga

On Tuesday 26 May Bishop Mark Edwards OMI, auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of Melbourne was appointed sixth Bishop of Wagga Wagga.

He intends remaining in Melbourne to complete his commitments and say farewell until the end of June. The installation ceremony for Bishop Mark Edwards as the sixth bishop of Wagga Wagga will take place on Wednesday 22 July at 11.00am in St Michael's Cathedral. COVID-19 restrictions will govern the attendance numbers and these details will be finalised closer to the date. Bishop Mark has indicated his willingness and intention to visit the various parishes of the diocese in July before his installation. A video message from Bishop Mark Edwards to the people of our diocese can be downloaded at:

<https://vimeo.com/4246235589/0c59d05bbe>

Let us pray for Bishop Mark as he prepares to lead our Diocese at a very important time in the life of the Catholic Church in Australia.

Plenary Council—Release of Writing Group Papers

Six Discernment and Writing Groups, one each for the national themes for discernment that emerged from the Council's Listening and Dialogue phase, were tasked with writing papers to bring some major themes and issues into focus.

Each paper provides a reflection on some elements of the relevant pastoral reality, articulates in theological vision outlines a number of challenges to be overcome, suggests prioritised questions to be answered and develops some proposals for change. They will be foundational to the next stage of discernment toward the Plenary Council the development of the working paper and ultimately the agenda for the Council assemblies.

The Discernment Papers can be accessed at: plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au scroll down to 'Towards Assembly 1' click on this and then go into THEMATIC PAPERS.

Each paper is lengthy—approximately 20 pages each. Excellent COVID-19 restrictions reflective readings—but alas, more dead trees!

Update on Capital Works and Church Maintenance

The new roof is now in place on the church.

The four units for the cooling system are in place on the roof and holes have been cut in the ceiling for the vents. Installation of the heating system is making very slow progress in the church interior.

The improvements to electrical maintenance and lighting are almost complete.

The tricky weather—great rain for farmers but not for concreters has stalled this project.

A reminder that it is not practical for us to resume our physical celebration of Eucharist at Sacred Heart Church until the internal / external capital works project is completed and it is safe to do so.

Parish Pastoral Council

The next meeting of Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Thursday 25 June at 6.00pm. Members are asked to attend by physical presence in the presbytery or through zoom technology. If you have any agenda items for discussion they need to be sent to the Pastoral Council Secretary Karen Purtle bevis-purtle@internode.on.net or contact Parish Office.

Albury/Wodonga Winter Solstice Event

Help us Shine a light on the darkest night. Gather in the warm embrace of community for one night to support those affected by suicide. Be inspired and uplifted by the stories and songs of our guest speakers and performers. Guest speakers: Lauren Jackson, Pat McGorry, Jonny Benjamin, Shane Fitzsimmons. Due to the COVID-19 situation the usual physical event in QEII square cannot take place. Instead, Winter Solstice will live stream on Facebook page. Go to wintersolstice.org.au for further details. Sunday 21 June from 6.00pm.

[@alburywodongawintersolstice](https://www.facebook.com/alburywodongawintersolstice) (Facebook)

Lector & Eucharistic Ministers Roster

The new roster for when we explode back into action is being prepared. New readers and volunteers for Eucharistic Ministers most welcome. Please contact the parish office if you wish to be added to the list or have your starting position changed or deleted.

Sacred Heart Bank Account for Parishioner Depositing Church Account Second Collection

Pays insurance and utility accounts. Covers all maintenance and pastoral/liturgical activities expenses.

Internet Transfer

Account Name: Sacred Heart North Albury Church Account

BSB: 066-789; Account Number: 100005574

Description: Surname & Envelope or Planned Giving No.

The latest **Together** diocesan newspaper is available on:

Website: www.wagga.catholic.org.au/diocesan-paper-together.aspx

Facebook: www.facebook.com/togetherwagga

Liturgy of the Word



A reading from the prophet Jeremiah 20:10–13

Jeremiah said: I hear so many disparaging me,
“Terror from every side!” Denounce him! Let us denounce him!
All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall,
‘Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!’
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.
But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart,
let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy
from the hands of evil men. The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 68:8–10, 14, 17, 33–35

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother’s sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me. **R.**

This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. **R.**

The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needs
and does not spurn servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures. **R.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 10:26–33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

‘Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

‘So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven’. The Gospel of the Lord

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 5:12–15

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of ‘law-breaking’, yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man’s fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia , alleluia!

**The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord,
and you also will be my witnesses.**

Alleluia!