



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 27th / 28th 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.

Visitation of Bishop Mark Edwards

As previously mentioned Bishop Mark has indicated his willingness and intention to visit the various parishes of the diocese before his installation on Wednesday 22 July.

We have been informed that Bishop Mark will visit the parish of Sacred Heart, North Albury this Thursday 2 July during the morning. Visitation will begin with the celebration of Eucharist at 9.30am followed by morning tea which will be catered for. With church renovations and reconstruction continuing this will necessitate Mass being held in Sacred Heart Hall.

Because of COVID-19 regulations governing the number we can accommodate you are asked to indicate your attendance by phone or email to the parish office by this coming Wednesday 1 July.

You are most welcome to participate but we need to know of your intention to gather with us, instead of simply arriving unannounced. Between 11.00am—12.15pm Bishop Mark will visit the school communities of St Anne's and Xavier High School. After lunch in the presbytery he will depart for visitation at Holy Spirit by 1.15pm. 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.



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Paulette Maury, Sr Maureen

Hummerston, Anne Whitty, Elizabeth Blaskic, Betty Muntz, Fr Wilf Plunkett, Fr Noel Connolly, Alan Ofak, Murray McCooke, Alan Lehmann, Joe Kolek, Maureen Wesley, Joan Doolan.

ANNIVERSARIES: Maria Azzi, Matt McIntosh, Timo Van Kerk -Oerle, Janice Phelps Alan Henshaw, Kellie-Anne Wall, Braedon Hensel, Mary Powell, Max Liston, Carmel Roach, Joan Thompson, Adrienne Walls, Kevin Delphin, Joseph Hanrahan, Amy Allen, Marjorie Bohr, Lucy Takle, Reg Packer, John Sheehan, Keith Heran, Catherine O'Brien, Tim Mitchelhill, Eileen Gawen, John Herring, Fr Harry Josco, Timothy Stephenson, Verna Roberts, Donna Bartholomew, Jack Wynack, Hazel McEwan, Catherine Duffy, Robert Hartley, Damian Keenan, Eugene Cavanagh, Youssef Ghosn, Patrick Gannon.

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

"Prayer for a Just Future" by Common Grace's Justice for People Seeking Asylum Team

Creator God, you are the giver of life.

Saviour Jesus, you have shown us what it is to love.

Guiding Spirit, you awaken us to justice.

Show us how to build a just future, where all people have equal opportunity to belong and to flourish in your vitality and love.

We ask for mercy for people in limbo on temporary visas, for safety for those seeking permanent protection, for reunion for families who are separated by borders, and for relief for those losing hope within our detention systems.

We pray for First Nations Peoples fighting for justice on their own Lands, for survivors of domestic violence and for creation groaning under climate disruption.

Help us to live out your inclusive love. Help us to live into your Kingdom where all people have equal opportunity to belong and flourish. Work through us, towards a just future.



A Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

‘The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel.’

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

Update on Capital Works and Church Maintenance

Thankfully, the new roof on the church which is now complete survived the 35mm of rain that fell from the sky last weekend without any leakage.

A meeting with the Project Manager and those involved in the installation of the heating/cooling system confirmed that all should be completed within the next two weeks.

Electrical maintenance and improvements to interior/exterior lighting are now complete.

The removal of all old concrete from the pathway around the memorial garden has begun. The reconstructed path should be paved this coming week.

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

Stay tuned—hopefully we will be able to resume our celebration of the Eucharist weekdays and weekends by mid July (end of NSW school holidays) as long as we comply with COVID-19 gathering regulations.

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!

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.

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

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

Facebook: www.facebook.com/togetherwagga

Pastoral Planned Giving

This weekend marks the end of the current financial year. Thanks for your ongoing support of our parish community in this regard. The parish is reliant on your generous monetary contributions to meet its financial commitments and to engage in pastoral activities.

2020/2021 planned giving envelopes (green) are ready for collection at the church office. If you are not already contributing to our parish community in this way and are able to do so please contact the parish office by email/phone with the relevant details. Donations can also be made on a regular basis by direct debit. Details below.

Due to changes in taxation policy and our financial status we have been advised that you will not be able to claim your contribution to the planned giving as a tax deduction. Statements will still be provided for all contributors on request.

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.

Online Mass and Prayer Resources

Options for viewing Mass online:

Website: northsydney Catholics.com then 'Mass on Demand' (Mass 9.00am every day) can be viewed anytime after that. Lavender Bay, North Sydney.

1. Daily Mass: Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn: www.catholicvoice.org.au *Mass celebrated specifically for viewing online.*

2. Daily Mass: Archdiocese of Melbourne: <https://Melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

Daily Mass: *The 1.00pm Mass is streamed live daily (Mon-Fri) from St Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne and is then available as a recording on demand until one hour prior to the next 1.00pm Mass.*

Sunday Mass: *On Sundays, the 11.00am Mass is streamed & also available as a recording on demand.*



Liturgy of the Word



A reading from the second book of the Kings 4:8–11, 14–16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.' The Word of the Lord

A reading from St Paul to the Romans 6:3–4, 8–11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus. The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 88:2–3, 16–19

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.

Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R.**

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R.**

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 10:37–42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.' The Gospel of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia , alleluia!

**You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.
Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his
marvellous light.**

Alleluia!

