

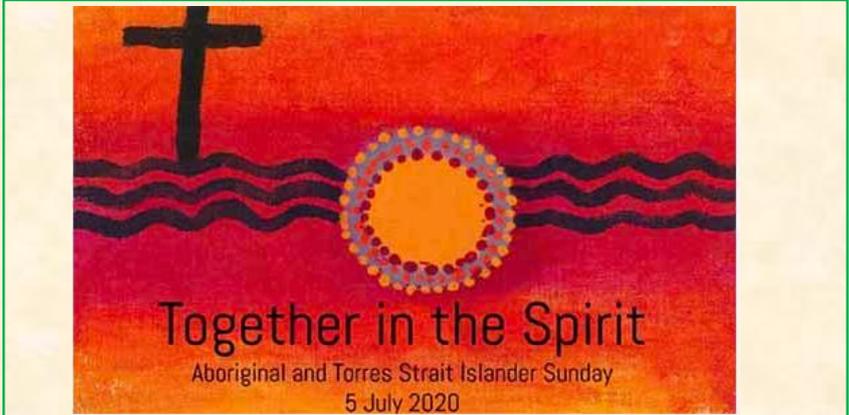


Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4th / 5th July 2020

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On this day 250 years ago, 5 July 1770, Captain Cook’s Endeavour was stranded in what was then named the Endeavour River undergoing repairs. Tupia the Tahitian navigator and the English botanist Joseph Banks were ashore looking at botanical specimens. But Tupia was happy to try out using a gun, hunting for wildlife. According to Banks’ journal, they encountered two natives ‘digging in the ground for some kind of roots; on seeing him they ran away with great precipitation’. The popular writer Peter Fitzsimons describes the ‘two natives peacefully collecting bush tucker as Tupia stands about them, gun brandished’. Tupia went on hunting, firing many shots at wildlife. What must the local Guugu Yimithirr people have thought? Their first encounter with foreign cultures – English and Tahitian. Their first sighting and sounding of a gun. What sort of beginning was this for coming ‘Together in the Spirit’ – the theme of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday exactly 250 years later?

Today we hear those consoling words of Jesus, ‘Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest.’ We gather ‘Together in the Spirit’ during the COVID-19 pandemic and in the wake of riots and protests in the US following on George Floyd’s death under the knee of a white police officer. Here in Australia we have joined the chorus that ‘Black Lives Matter’, drawing attention yet again to the appalling statistics of Aboriginal deaths in custody.

At this Eucharist, we gather in the hope expressed by the prophet Zechariah in today’s first reading when the Lord says: ‘He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.’ Despite the chaos and uncertainty of these days, we gather, uplifted by the message of the Amazon Synod, and hoping for better times in our Church with the coming of the 2021 Plenary Council.
(Fr Frank Brennan SJ)

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.

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Albertina Elias, Paulette Maury, Elizabeth Vlaskic, Sr Maureen Hummerston, Anne Whitty, Betty Muntz, Fr Wilf Plunkett.

ANNIVERSARIES: Geoff Morgan, Daryl Richard, Irene Adams, Br Maurice Esler, Patricia Higgins, Maureen Bullivant, Sinclair Parkinson, Kath Quirk, Sr De Pazzi, William Parker, Dorothy Finlayson, Nicholas McBrien, Denise Godde, Sr Antonia, Martha Hodda, John Ziebarth, Leah Treloar, Dr Donato Savickis, Maude Smith, Mary Therese Rowe, Bill Drum, Michael Nagle, Patrick Mulquiney, Phoebe Ley.

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

Prayer for Reconciliation

God of all creation, as we journey together in this Great Southern Land, we pray for healing, forgiveness and unity, creating a path of good will, with justice and compassion.

Jesus, through the power of your love, you have given us the courage, wisdom and strength to share our gifts and talents in humility.

In peace and understanding we reconcile with each other.

Creator Spirit, we come together in prayer and thanksgiving for the many blessings we have received. Allow your Spirit to wash over us and give us strength to walk together as one.

Reconciliation Church prayer was written by a small group of Aboriginal Elders and Reconciliation Church staff members in 2014.

PRAYER OF THE ABORIGINAL PEOPLE

Father of all, You gave us the Dreaming,

You have spoken to us through our beliefs, You then made Your love clear to us in the person of Jesus.

We thank You for Your care. You own us, You are our hope.

Make us strong as we face the problems of change.

We ask You to help the people of Australia to listen to us and respect our culture.

Make the knowledge of You grow strong in all people, So that You can be at home in us and we can make a home for everyone in our land.

Amen

A Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

‘Your culture, which shows the lasting genius and dignity of your race, must not be allowed to disappear. Do not think that your gifts are worth so little that you should no longer bother to maintain them. Share them with each other and teach them to your children. Your songs, your stories, your paintings, your dances, your languages, must never be lost.’



Parish News

Report on Visit of Bishop Mark Edwards

Bishop Mark Edwards, bishop-elect of the diocese of Wagga Wagga visited our parish community on Thursday 2 July. We were first cab off the rank—first Eucharist celebrated, first parish community, primary and secondary school visited on the whirlwind tour before his installation on Wednesday 22 July.

We had a full house for the celebration of Eucharist and morning tea. Thanks to Gemma and Fran for their co-ordination of the numbers so that we were able to comply with COVID-19 guidelines for gatherings. Gratitude is extended to Sandra Dick for both preparing and presenting morning tea and lunch.

Continuing COVID-19 restrictions will limit the number able to attend Bishop Mark's installation on Wednesday 22 July at 11.00am. However, the liturgical installation can be viewed online at: www.thestreamingguys.com.au/production/liturgical-reception/

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!

Women's Life Centre—Information Day

The Women's life centre is hosting an Information Day. Information session for all people interested in the mission of the women's life centre, 18th July 2.00pm—4.00pm at 327 Urana Road Lavington (Esencia Café/Women's Life Centre) Coffee and light afternoon tea provided.

RSVP BY 17 July to: Andrew Pech 0466 568 680 Email: esenciafe1@gmail.com

Update on Capital Works and Church Maintenance

We are gradually getting closer to being able to resume weekend/weekday masses in the body of the church. The installation of the heating system continues to make slow progress.

Necessary equipment has been installed on carpark side—carpet and pews need to be put back. Then, whole process reciprocated on Swan Street side. The good news is that all roofing, concreting and electrical work has been completed.

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.

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 prophet Zechariah 9:9-10

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!

Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!

See now, your king comes to you;

he is victorious, he is triumphant,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will banish chariots from Ephraim

and horses from Jerusalem;

the bow of war will be banished.

He will proclaim peace for the nations.

His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,

from the River to the ends of the earth.' The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14

**R. I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.**

I will give you glory, O God my King,

I will bless your name for ever.

I will bless you day after day

and praise your name for ever. **R.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,

slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,

compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,

and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign

and declare your might, O God. **R.**

The Lord is faithful in all his words

and loving in all his deeds.

The Lord supports all who fall

and raises all who are bowed down. **R.**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:9, 11-13

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live. The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia , alleluia!

**Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of
the kingdom.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.' The Gospel of the Lord