



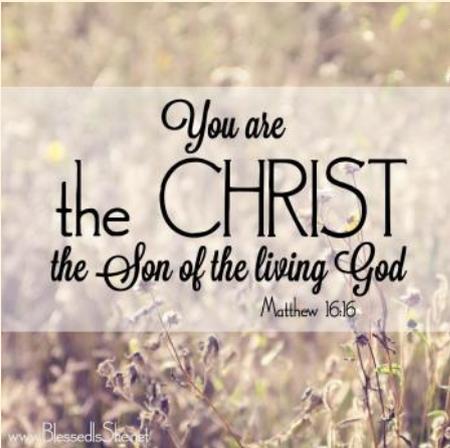
*Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
22nd / 23rd August 2020*

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Mass at Sacred Heart North Albury
Weekend Mass Times:
Saturday 6.00pm and Sunday 9.30am.
Thanks to our I.T. gurus the 9.30am celebration of the Eucharist will be live streamed. The mass will then be downloaded on YouTube as per normal. Simply click on the YouTube link provided on our website.
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.

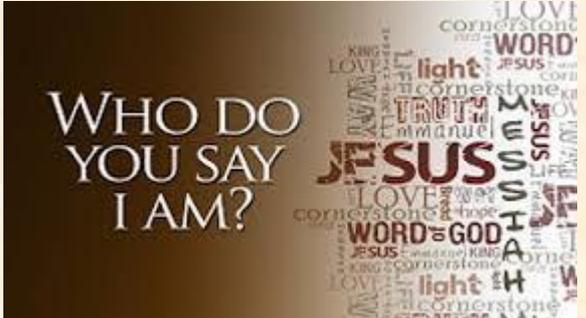


Today's readings give thanks to God who, though from on high, looks to the lowly. The Gospel reveals a God whose choice of the human Peter shows that the wisdom of God is indeed unfathomable. By reflecting on the way God builds on the faith of this ordinary man, whose name would be similar to 'Simon Johnson' in English ('bar Jonah'), our own faith can be deepened allowing us to proclaim, along with Peter, 'You are the Christ'!

The prophet Isaiah (**First Reading**) appears to foretell this choosing of Peter. The Lord will entrust a servant with authority, and this servant will become as a father to the nation and as a throne of glory for the kingdom.

The **Psalm** continues this theme of choice: through the Lord's faithful love for us, we are indeed chosen and our strength increased.

St Paul (**Second Reading**) speaks of love and wisdom, the motives behind God's choice, the depths of which are impossible to comprehend. And our response to that? Simply to be grateful for that all is freely given and to trust God's choice of us. Let's do that this week, both in our prayer and in our joyful response.



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: George Chomatek, Eulalie Gleeson, Marjorie Wallace, Louis Koschel, Frank Egan, Brian Savage, Sr Kathleen Cudmore, Brenda Konecnik.

ANNIVERSARIES: Maria Paizis, Maria Carnovale, Barry Godde, Valerie Wynack, Kathleen Slattery, Mary Cox, Tom Quade, Mavis Hills, Monty Meyer, Edna Gibson, Thomas Hunt, Sydney Flegeltaub, Flo Mitsch, Richard Malez, Joe Packer, Mary Bradford, Annie Phillips, John Worsley, Bill King, Frank McLaughlin, Herbert Hudson, Thomas Pass, Mark Fraser, Jim Rice, Colin Hodda, Joyce Nichols, Timothy O'Leary.

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

First Communion 2020

I have been working in recent weeks with Cassandra Jones (REC, St Anne's) and Bede Hart (Principal) on how we might address the reception of sacraments for primary school age children during the COVID-19 pandemic. Obviously, the reception of sacraments needs to meet the requirements of state based and diocesan protocols, which seem to be ever changing.

In order to fulfil social distancing and spatial requirements it has been decided to celebrate the sacrament of First Holy Communion over a series of evening gatherings in Sacred Heart Church.

Dates are as follows: Monday 14 September, Tuesday 15 September, Thursday 17 September, Friday 18 September.

All masses will begin at 6.00pm. Each candidate has been invited to bring with them those family members who comprise their household.

Unfortunately, no additional parishioners will be able to attend.

If there is any parent of a child not attending St Anne's and wishing them to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion at Sacred Heart please contact the parish office of Fr Martin as soon as possible.

Social Justice Sunday 30th August To Live Life to the Full Prayer for Mental Health

Jesus, you invite us all into the fullness of life. May we support one another to flourish in body, mind and spirit. Strengthen our commitment to ensure that nobody falls through gaps in our systems of care.

People called you mad. Help us to recognise you in those who suffer mental ill-health today. Show us how to eliminate stigmatisation of mental ill-health from our parishes, schools, communities and organisations. You drew near to those who were suffering in body or mind.

May we too feel your nearness when we struggle with mental health challenges. May we be one as members of Your Body. You invite us to share in your ministry of love and true compassion. May we be empowered by your Spirit to reach out to all people in need. May we build communities of welcome and inclusion.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Parish News

UPDATED COVID-19 DIOCESAN PROTOCOLS

(Effective 24 July 2020)

If you are feeling unwell, have a cough or cold, sore throat or flu like symptoms please do not attend our physical gatherings as this puts others as well as yourself at risk.

Parish Protocols

After having your name registered or ticked off please use the hand sanitiser located at the four entrance points of the church at the beginning of our liturgical celebration and as you leave the church building.

This week we will trial a new way of processing for the reception of Eucharist which should help social distancing.

Communion will begin with those on the Swan St side and then move to those seated on the car park side. Please allow space between each recipient.

1. Maximum Attendance

Places of worship are limited to 100 people, subject to the **one person per four square metre rule** (excluding clergy and liturgical ministers).

2. Register of people upon entering the church, hall

Name, phone number and / or email to be recorded.

To be kept in a safe place (respecting privacy laws) for at least 28 days.

3. Hygiene practices

Sanitisation of hands before entering the church, hall.

Wiping down pews and common areas at conclusion of Mass or gathering.

Priest and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to purify hands with sanitiser before and after offering Holy Communion.

4. Eucharist

Holy Communion in the hand only.

Sacred Host to be offered only, not the Precious Blood.

No touching at the sign of peace.

No offertory procession.

No congregational singing.

No collection plates are to be used, but money/envelopes placed at collection points.

5. Face Masks

From Bishop Mark Edwards (18 August 2020)

Evidence is clear that close contact at church, or at weddings or funerals, has resulted in community transmission of COVID-19 in Australia and overseas. Evidence is also clear that face masks dramatically reduce the risk of spread. (See attached article or follow this link: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-08-06/mask-order-helped-avert-corona-virus-outbreak-in-sydney-aged-care/12527518>)

Health authorities recommend the use of a mask in situations where social distancing is difficult, eg on public transport and at religious gatherings. The premier has asked (but not yet required) that churchgoers wear masks at church. Rather than get to the point of having further restrictions placed on our attendance numbers or of having mask-wearing imposed on all church attendees, I ask that in addition to all requirements around social distancing and hygiene, **parishioners be exhorted to wear masks at Mass.**

6. COVID-19 Testing

Under no circumstances should anyone awaiting COVID-19 test results (even without presenting symptoms) attend a

Church or parish setting until a negative diagnosis is confirmed. Additionally, under no circumstances should anyone who is closely connected to people who are awaiting test results or who have tested positive attend.

Farewell Mary Lefevre

Mary and her husband Derek will be moving in the coming week to be closer to their children in Sydney. We thank Mary for her involvement and commitment to the pastoral and prayer life of our parish community. Mary has been a participant in a local prayer group and has been one of a number of women who have faithfully carried out the duty of sacristan. Often on a Sunday morning she has helped with the setting up for our celebration of Eucharist. We will miss her cheerful, friendly and prayerful presence.

We wish both Mary and Derek continued good health and happiness in their new surroundings.

Social Justice Sunday

Social Justice Sunday will be celebrated on 30 August. *The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. In the Social Justice Statement 2020-21, 'To Live Life to the Full': Mental health in Australia today, the Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. Download the A Statement at:*

<https://agora.catholic.org.au/e/576423/>

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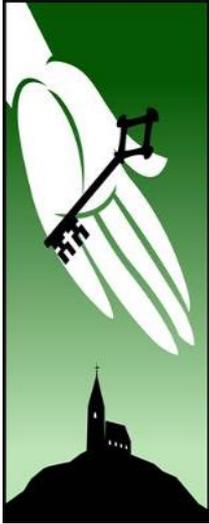
Weekend Celebration of Eucharist

Weekend celebration of mass has returned to Sacred Heart North Albury subject to COVID-19 protocols: Saturday evening 6.00pm; Sunday morning 9.30am..

Thanks to the technical team of Nick Manning (Xavier High School) and Cameron Adam with liturgical support from Ed Brown we were able to live stream our celebration of 9.30am Eucharist which is then downloaded onto YouTube. The team will attempt to streamline the process so that others may be able to help each week with the production. On the Liturgy front, our proposal is to have taped music (3 hymns/songs) one week and then an organist/cantor the next.

If you are able to help on the liturgy or technical side at either mass please contact our parish office or Ed Brown.

Liturgy of the Word



A Reading from the prophet Isaiah 22: 19-23

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiyah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 137 (138)

R: Your love, O Lord, is eternal, do not forsake the work of your hands

**I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the word of my mouth.**

Before the angels I will bless you.

I will adore before your holy temple. **R**

**I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.**

On the day I called, you answered;

you increased the strength of my soul. **R**

**The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.**

Your love, O Lord, is eternal,

discard not the work of your hands. **R**

**A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew 16: 13–20**

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven.

So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ. The Gospel of the Lord

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
11:33-36**

How rich are the depths of God—how deep his wisdom and knowledge—and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia , alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my church

The gates of hell I will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!