



## *Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 3rd / 4th October 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.

#### **Weekday Masses This Week:**

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 9.30 am in the Church.**

### **Gospel Discussion/Reflection**

In today's climate of social distancing here is an opportunity to meet via Zoom and discuss and reflect on the following Sunday's gospel. Each meeting is on Friday evening at 5.00pm and is for 30 minutes. If you are interested please email Catherine Cutler at:

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**This week's readings remind us that the Lord of the vineyard is the God of hosts, the master of creation and the giver of all gifts.**

The texts invite us to reflect on the Lord's giving of such gifts and on our acceptance of them. We, the beneficiaries, are totally dependent on the one giving (**Psalm**). And God gives to us too, so that we can respond in a way worthy of praise (**Second Reading**).

As we read and ponder, we see that, sometimes, the gifts are met with unproductivity (**First Reading**); at other times they are even misused (**Gospel**). This week, let's pray that the God of peace, who has already promised to be with us, may find in us a 'noble' and 'virtuous' response.

# Parish Community



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Peter Lawler, Lesley Harbick, Therese Galanakis, Andrew Lindner, Santina Battellino, Sr Dominica Sheahan, Corazon Ivill, Mary Scholtens, Brian Savage.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Reece Tehan, Maureen Stirling, Reginald Gard, Louise Sowrey, Tony Chappell, Sr Francesca Parkin, Jenny McLaurin, Kathleen Yensch, Dawn Rixon, Vicky Gyoles, Paul Hagan, Josephine Frauenfelder, Tom Whitty, Thomas Smith, Raymond Neal, Arnold Corte, Leslie Grenda, Mary Powell, John Bereza, Vera Smith, Shirley Thomas, Emilie Lauten–bacher, Drahoslov Molinek, Phyllis Jones, Gladys Hodgson, Franka Schnitzer, Alice Conroy, May Everett.  
*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

Thanks to our Year 4 teachers at St Anne's, Gemma Burke, Jessica Shephard and Allyson McDonald for preparing our children for the celebration of First Eucharist. Gratitude is expressed to Cassandra Jones, our Religious Education Co-ordinator for planning and assembling our creative and engaging liturgy and to the St Anne's leadership team and staff who by their attendance demonstrated the importance of communal prayer and worship.

Please keep these children in your prayers and their parents and families that through participation in the Eucharist their faith may be nurtured and strengthened.

## Prayer for the Children Who Made Their First Communion

*Lord Jesus Christ, bless the children who have received Holy Communion for the first time.*

*May this day be a step toward a life-long love of the Eucharist.*

*Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance and wisdom as they grow.*

*Nurture in them a desire to give and not simply to take . . .*

*But to bring your love to those whom they meet, to develop a Christ-like love for all people . . .*

*As a Parish Community may we support these children and their families so that we may all work together in coming closer to You.*

*May you always know the peace of Jesus, the light of His love and joy of His life within you.*

*Through Christ Our Lord. Amen*

## Prayer of St Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of  
your peace  
Where there is hatred, let me sow  
love  
Where there is injury, pardon  
Where there is doubt, faith  
Where there is despair, hope  
Where there is darkness, light  
And where there is sadness, joy

O Divine Master, grant that I may  
Not so much seek to be consoled  
as to console  
To be understood, as to  
understand  
To be loved, as to love  
For it is in giving that we receive  
And it's in pardoning that we are  
pardoned  
And it's in dying that we are born  
to Eternal Life  
Amen

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

*"Some people want to know why I wished to be called Francis. For me, Francis of Assisi is the man of poverty, the man of peace, the man who loves and protects creation."*

# Parish News

## **Return of Fr Bernie Thomas**

From the safety of the Border bubble Fr Bernie Thomas returns to celebrate Eucharist with us this weekend. Bernie has been living a cloistered life since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic so if he preaches too long be kind to him!

## **VINNIES COMMUNITY SLEEPOUT**

*Be Part of the First Ever Virtual NSW Vinnies Community Sleepout.*

On Friday 23 October, participants across NSW will sleep out at home in their cars, backyards or couches and come together in a state-wide effort to help those in our local communities who are doing it tough.

Trish Parkinson—President of St Clare's Conference North Albury will be sleeping on the floor in the Care & Support Centre Office and invites you to join her/or sponsor her.

All funds raised from the Albury Vinnies Community Sleepout will go towards Vinnies Care & Support Centres in Albury, Nth Albury, Corowa, Holbrook and Lavington, providing vital support to those who need it.

To sponsor Trish please use link below:

**<https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/vinnies-community-sleepout-albury-2020/trisha-s-sleeping-rough>** or contact Trish on **0418 167 644**.

## **Message received from Connell Perry**

I am so thankful to everyone for my short time at Sacred Heart Parish. It went away too fast and I am grateful Martin for everything you did for me over the two weeks. I certainly learned a lot and enjoyed my time with you. Thank you to all the wonderful parishioners who were so welcoming and kind. It was a blessing to be part of the parish community and it was nice to meet so many people.

I am particularly thankful to Ed, Gavin, teachers and students of Xavier for the chance to be involved in their classes and school community. I am also thankful to Bede and all teachers and students at St Anne's for being able to participate in their school activities as well.

I hope that I was able to be of service, even if it was only very small. Please spare a prayer for me every now and then as I finish my final term in the seminary.

Regards and prayers, Connell Perry

## **Message received from Mary Lefevre**

Thank you so much for my gift. Hopefully I will get a chance to spend it when we get to one of the bigger shopping malls.

Still feeling our way around here and a bit wary of using buses. Our Lady of Good Counsel is a fair walk from here so at the moment I am following mass from Sacred Heart—and all the news.

Missing you all, especially the prayer group, but you will always be in my prayers. The reason for being here is proving to be the right choice as we are now seeing the families more often and they are able to help us out when necessary. Take care, love and God bless, Mary

## **UPDATED COVID-19 DIOCESAN PROTOCOLS**

**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.**

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.

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

### **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.

### **Face Masks**

In public spaces and religious and social gatherings where social distancing is an issue it is recommended that face masks to be worn.

### **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.

## **FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE PARISH AND PRIESTS**

Instead of the usual way collections have been taken up in the past, baskets are located at the entrance and the middle of the body of the church.

### **Second Collection**

Envelopes & Direct Debit (Pastoral Planned Giving) and loose money are the only source of meeting the parishes financial commitments. This includes insurance, church and presbytery utility expenses, diocesan levies, repairs and maintenance, liturgical and pastoral activities, payment of secretarial staff.

### **First Collection**

Used for presbytery household and housekeeping expenses. At the conclusion of each quarter the surplus is sent to diocesan chancery and placed in a central pool. It is from this central fund that each priest's designated stipend is paid. It is the responsibility of each priest to purchase and operate a motor vehicle from their given stipend.

### **Men's Breakfast**

Next Saturday 10th October at St James's Hall Lavington. Welcome and grace 8.00am. Cereals etc followed by hot food. Speaker Tony Smit. Cost donation. All welcome.

# Liturgy of the Word

## First reading Isaiah 5: 1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedges for it to be grazed on and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain, no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm 24

*The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel. R*

You brought a vine out of Egypt  
To plant it you drove out the nations.  
It stretched out its branches to the sea:  
To the Great River it stretched out its  
shoots **R**

Then why have you broken down its walls?  
It is plucked by all who pass by.  
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,  
Devoured by the beasts of the field. **R**

God of hosts turn again, we implore.  
Look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
The vine your right hand has planted. **R**

And we shall never forsake you again:  
Give us life that we may call upon your name  
God of hosts, bring us back  
Let your face shine on us and we shall be  
saved. **R**

## A reading from St Paul's Letter to the Phil 2: 1-5

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you. The word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia , alleluia!  
I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you everything I  
have learnt from my Father.  
Alleluia!

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 21: 33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way.

Finally, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son' he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance.' So, they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?'

They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.' The Gospel of the Lord.