



Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 10th/ 11th 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.

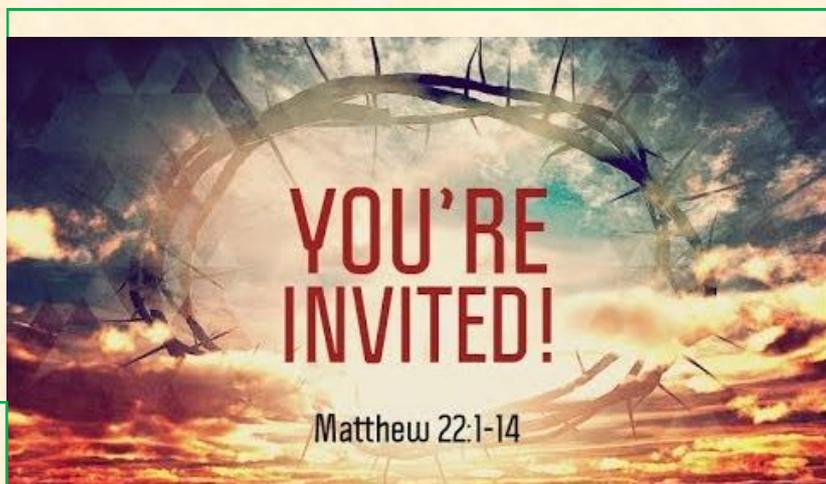
Weekday Masses This Week:

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:

cmmc4321@gmail.com or phone 0419 518 791



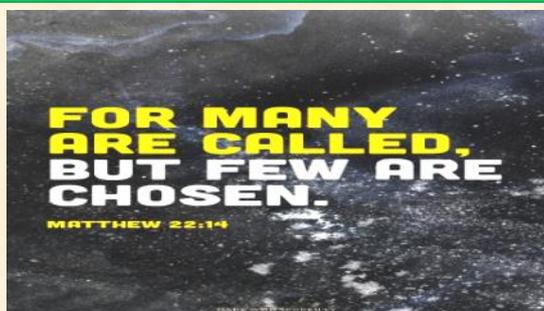
Images of banquets and feasting, of hospitality and generosity abound in this week's readings.

In the **First Reading**, the prophet Isaiah tells how God will prepare a banquet of rich food for all peoples. He will remove their sadness so that all will rejoice in the saving hand of God.

The **Psalm** echoes the theme of the care that God, as shepherd, has for all his people. It ends with an image of a banquet and generous hospitality.

St Paul, in the **Second Reading**, has utter confidence that God will give him strength as he faces hardship in prison. This is revealed through the generosity of others, who will be amply rewarded.

The **Gospel** from St Matthew offers us yet another parable of the Kingdom. The messianic banquet is offered to all, Jews and Gentiles – though some refuse and are rejected. All of us, good and bad alike, have only to respond to the invitation. The wedding feast is not just a heavenly banquet: the Kingdom is in the here and now. What invitations, in the banquet of life, will come my way this week?



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Aurelien Thomas Walsh, Christine Barber, Joy Beckinsale, Peter Lawler, Lesley Harbick, Therese Galanakis, Andrew Lindner, Santina Battellino, Brian Savage.

ANNIVERSARIES: Nicholas McLeod-Nibbs, Lindsay Beck, Reece Tehan, Marina Jones, Betty Healy, Bessie Stephenson, Sr Patricia O'Connor, Margaret Newman, Lois Ferris, Bill Toohey, John Stapleton, Jack Daly, Allie Quinn, Ron Healy, Fred Sheather, Raymond Piltz, Andreas Christy, Shirley McNuff, Gladys Smith, Algy Arendarcikas, Margaret Wills, Arnold Quick, Leo Plunkett, Mary & Les Davies, Jeffrey Mongan, Joseph & Jule Plasto, John Tynan, Norman Cos, Helen Murray.

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

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.

Prayer for Year 12s and those preparing for Exams

Loving God, be with our Year 12s, as they prepare for their exams.

We thank you for the many talents and gifts you have given them and for the opportunity of education they have experienced.

Calm their nerves and anxiety, help them to remember all that they have studied, to express it clearly and to answer the questions the very best they can.

Holy Spirit, sit with them in their exam and always in the years ahead.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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

Mission Prayer for October

Heavenly Father, when your only begotten Son Jesus Christ rose from the dead, he commissioned his followers to "go and make disciples of all nations" and you remind us that through our Baptism we are made sharers in the mission of the Church.

Empower us by the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be courageous and zealous in bearing witness to the Gospel, so that the mission entrusted to the Church, which is still very far from completion, may find new and efficacious expressions that bring life and light to the world.

Help us make it possible for all peoples to experience the saving love and mercy of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.



This weekend we welcome into the community of the church through the sacrament of Baptism:

Oscar Mark Douglas Smith son of Dominique and William.

Rorie-Mae Jayne French daughter of Danielle and Drew.

A Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"The mission of the Christian in the world is a mission for all, a mission of service, which excludes no-one; it requires great generosity and in particular the gaze and heart turned heavenward to invoke the Lord's help."

Parish News

Mission Sunday 18 October

'October is an opportunity for us to give particular attention to the work of mission. Through our prayerful support and solidarity, and through our generosity we are able to make resources available to mission churches, to help spread the gospel, and also to be of service to people who are often very vulnerable' Cath Mission National Director Fr Brian Lucas.

The Arrupe Centre and Outreach Program, run by Bishop Enrique 'Kike' Figaredo Alvargonzalez in the Apostolic Prefecture of Battambang in north-west Cambodia, is just one example of how the Church is empowering children and young adults with disability. Bishop Kike's approach to the vital work carried out at the Arrupe Centre is guided by his clear sense of mission.

'We are here for the common good . . . And to bring the joy of life everywhere . . . With hope and joy and happiness,' he says. *'We are giving back dignity to these children'*.

Giving support to people like **Chen**, who was just 16 yrs old when he lost both of his legs in a landmine accident near his home. Fearing that he would not be able to continue his education or help his family, Chen was grateful that Bishop Kike reached out to him in his time of need. Chen not only finished high school but continued into university study and gainful employment. Chen gives testament to the work carried out by the Arrupe Centre and sums it up perfectly when he says, *'It is like I have a new life.'*

Visit: <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/our-work/see-our-204k-in-action/wmm20-cambodia-appeal> for more information.

This year's mission appeal focusses on the work of the church in Cambodia which is reaching out to those affected by disability and giving them hope and support to live a fulfilling life.

You may like to take one of the envelopes provided and contribute as you are able or participate in the special collection next weekend.

If you wish your donation to be tax deductible you need to fill in the required information on the inside of the envelope. Freecall: 1800 257 296 or [catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia](https://www.catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia)

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.

Parish Pastoral Council

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council takes place this Thursday 15 October 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: bevispurtle@internode.on.net or contact Parish Office.

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.

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-room> or contact Trish on **0418 167 644**.

Liturgy of the Word

First reading Isaiah 25: 6-10

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be
said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 22

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R**

You have prepared a banquet for me.
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil,
my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R**

A reading from St Paul's Letter to the Phil 4: 12-14,19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I
have been through my initiation and now I am ready for
anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach,
poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with
the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same,
it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In
return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as
lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for
ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia , alleluia!
May the Father our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 22: 1-14 (shorter version)

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants, "Tell those who have been invited," he said, "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.'

The Gospel of the Lord.