



Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time *17th/ 18th 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.

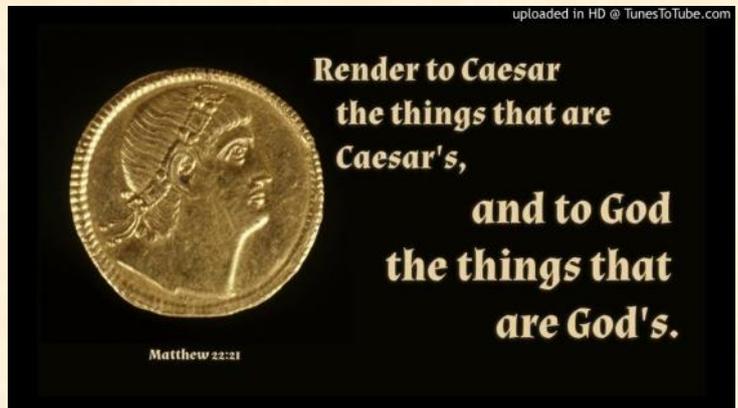
The mass will then be downloaded on YouTube as per normal. Simply click on the YouTube link provided on our website.

Weekday Masses This Week:

While Fr Martin is away on the Diocesan Retreat a Liturgy of the Word with holy communion will be held on Wednesday 21 October ONLY at 9.30am.

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**



Today's readings concentrate on God as ruler over all the world. The **First Reading** teaches us about the relationship between God and Cyrus, one of the most powerful earthly rulers. Even though Cyrus did not know God, God works through him, giving Cyrus all that he needs to help accomplish God's plans. The **Psalms** is a song full of praise for the Lord, who is 'above all gods', and who will judge fairly. The psalmist calls us to speak of the Lord's greatness and glory throughout the world, and to pay him worship and honour.

In the **Second Reading**, St Paul gives thanks to God and prays for the Christian community in Thessalonica. Chosen and loved by God, the community – aided by the power of the Holy Spirit, and strengthened by its faith and hope in God – continues in its work.

The **Gospel** message is that we belong completely to God and are therefore called to offer God our entire selves. Jesus is aware that the Pharisees and Herodians are trying to trip him up when they ask if Jewish people should pay taxes to the Romans. Although he confirms that this is reasonable, at the same time he also affirms that our first duty is to serve God, and to give God what is due.

This week, maybe we can pray for the rulers and leaders of our world, particularly during these difficult times, asking that God will work through them towards justice and peace. We ask too that the Holy Spirit will guide each of us in how we can serve God best.

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Vincent Murphy, Colin Young, Aurelien Thomas Walsh, Christine Barber, Joy Beckinsale, Peter Lawler, Lesley Harbick, Therese Galanakis, Andrew Lindner, Brian Savage.

ANNIVERSARIES: Nicholas McLeod-Nibbs, Mac Terlikowski, Lindsay Beck, John Howard, Pasquale Carnovale, Lauren Flegeltaub, Sr Gabriel Sheahan, James Murphy, June Harrison, George McIntosh, Stella Boyd, Nella O'Brien, Kate Hallam, Margaret Morrow, Mary-Ann Packer, Arthur Deanshaw, Charles Walton, Matthew Walshe, Eileen Maher, Jack Clegg, Craig Jackson, Bill Murphy, John Carroll, Bernard Miley, Martha Wilson, Frank Corrigan, Elizabeth Flanagan.

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

Baptism



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

Charlie Jude Toohey son of

Christopher & Rachael; Thomas Gregory Miller son of Corey & Kimberley; Hamish Frederick Miller son of Jordan & Rachael; Archie Peter Miller son of Todd & Melita.

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.

A Thought for the Week Pope Francis):

"The Christian is someone who can decrease so that the Lord may increase, in his heart and in the heart of others."

Parish News

Fr Martin will be attending the annual diocesan **Priests Retreat at Galong** from Monday 19 October—Friday 23 October. Catherine Cutler will lead a liturgy of the word with holy communion on Wednesday 21 October at 9.30 am. Please be aware that there will be no other weekday celebration of the Eucharist or liturgy of the word.

Connell Perry—Ordination to the Diaconate

Bishop Mark Edwards has indicated that Connell Perry will be ordained a deacon in a ceremony to be held at St Michael's Cathedral on Friday 11 December at a time to be set. Due to hard cap on numbers this will be a ticketed event. The ceremony will be live streamed for those unable to attend. Please keep Connell who was with us for a short time in your prayers as he completes his formal studies and prepares for diaconate ordination.

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 this 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)

Heartbeat—Spring Edition

The long awaited publication of Heartbeat has arrived. Thanks to Karen Purtle and others involved in collecting and collating articles. It is intended that a Christmas issue will be produced. If you have ideas, relevant articles or wish to help out please contact Karen Purtle: bevispurtle@internode.on.net

Hard copies of the spring edition are available in the church or can be read/downloaded from parish website.

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

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**.

Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 45:1, 4–6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 95:1, 3–5, 7–10

R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples.

R.

The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. **R.**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R.**

Worship the Lord in his temple, O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king,' He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**



A reading from St Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 1: 1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace.

We will always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers and sisters, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction. And you observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction..

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia , alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 22: 15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a person's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's,' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God'. The Gospel of the Lord