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# Sacred Heart Parish

NORTH ALBURY

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 16th / 17th January 2021

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### Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAY MASSES: This Week

Wednesday 9.30am

Friday 9.30am

### RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.

Preparation Course: 0411 883 661



As with the people in today's readings, we, too, are called by Christ: called to spend time with him; to work with him; to offer our bodies, hearts and minds in loving service of God's will.

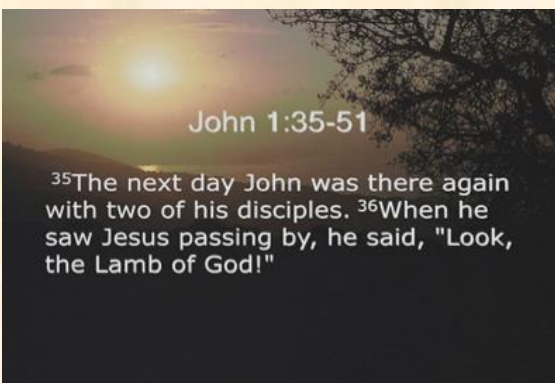
The **First Reading** tells the delightful story of God's initiative in the life of the boy Samuel, who is open to the call of the Lord despite his youth, signalling the beginnings of a close relationship with God.

The Psalmist invites us to a personal knowledge of and intimate relationship with God. God desires 'an open ear', bidding us to make Samuel's prayer our own: 'Speak Lord, your servant is listening'.

Writing to those in Corinth, a city notorious for its vice, Paul emphasises that both our bodies and our souls are meant for the glory of God. The physical body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, and we come together in unity as the cosmic body of Christ (**Second Reading**).

John the Evangelist describes the call of the first disciples, where Jesus asks the searching question addressed to every reader of the Gospel: 'What do you want?' Here begins the journey of getting to know Jesus, as the disciples (and we ourselves) follow on the path of deepening faith towards an understanding of who is Jesus Christ.

This week, we, too, may ask for the grace of an open ear and an open-hearted response to Jesus's invitation to 'Come and see'. We also remember those of our sisters and brothers who, as with Samuel, as yet have 'no knowledge of the Lord', and ask that they may come to know the safety and peace such knowledge can bring in an uncertain world.



John 1:35-51

<sup>35</sup>The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. <sup>36</sup>When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

# Parish Community



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Kath Duck, Bill Freestone, Grace

Margaret Mackie, Pat Flynn, Dianne Brown, Allan Crothers, Jamie Nelson, Dr Josef Hruz, Corrie Van Lint.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Paul l'anson, Brian Mawson, Louis Payne, Sr Christopher Ryan, Bill Cromarty, Gregory Sutherland, Geraldine Krautz, Hilda Brewster, Rosemary Cossor, Marianna Kalenikovs, Gilford Hailstone, Gus Mitsch, Norman Gray, Gertrude Heppner, Ian Miller, Frank Esler.

*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*

## Australian Catholic Mass Attendance Report 2016

The National Centre for Pastoral Research has released the full Australian Catholic Mass Attendance Report 2016. The report combines the national count of Mass attendance, plus data from the National Church Life Survey and the Australian national census of 2016.

What do our latest Mass attendance statistics - already five years old - tell us about where the Church in Australia is headed?

Imagine a church in Australia with 100 people in it. As you look around, you will see:

- ◆ 62 of those present are women, and 38 are men.
- ◆ Just six of the 100 present are aged between 15 and 24 years.
- ◆ 45 are over 60 years of age, and 13 are over 80.
- ◆ 57 were born in Australia.
- ◆ 67 are married. 11 are widowed, and five are separated or divorced.
- ◆ 38 have achieved a university education.

## Prayer to be Disciples of Jesus

*Loving Father, you alone are the source of every good gift. We praise you for all your gifts to us, and we thank you for your generosity.*

*Everything we have, and all that we are, comes from you. Help us to be grateful and responsible. You have called us to follow your son, Jesus, without counting the cost.*

*Send us your Holy Spirit to give us courage and wisdom to be faithful disciples. We commit ourselves to being good stewards. Help us to be grateful, accountable, generous, and willing to give back with increase.*

*Help us to make stewardship a way of life. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

AMEN

## Thought for the Week ( Pope Francis):

*"A disciple of the Lord, is called to set out on a journey that isn't a "stroll," but a mission to proclaim the Gospel and spread the good news of salvation."*

# Parish News

## Visitation of Bishop Mark Edwards

Bishop Mark Edwards has expressed his intention to visit all the parish communities in our diocese as soon as is practically possible.

Bishop Mark will be visiting our parish community over the weekend of February 6—7. He will be the main celebrant at both masses over that weekend.

As he has expressed his willingness to meet parishioners in a social context we will hold gatherings in our Parish Hall at the conclusion of our celebration of Eucharist on both Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

Proposal:

Saturday Evening: BYO salad to share. Parish will provide drinks / cold meat / chicken.

Sunday Morning: Morning tea as per usual. Bring something to share. Tea / coffee provided.

If you have any better or additional ideas speak up quickly!

## Farewell Kath Duck

Kath Duck entered eternal life after a short illness last Sunday morning. Kath, Bruce and their family have always been parishioners here at Sacred Heart since arriving in Albury many moons ago. Kath was our resident florist for more than 30 years and took communion to the sick and homebound with great faithfulness. The tribute placed in the BMM perhaps says it all "A kind, caring, beautiful lady with an immense capacity for love and compassion".

Our prayerful support is extended to Bruce, their children Jeff and Jackie and grandchildren Tom, Grace, Harry and Ben during this time of great loss and grief. Nevertheless, our Christian faith reminds us that death is not the end, but a door to another world, a bridge that joins here with the hereafter. Kath's vibrancy and grace is not lost but is now transformed into the fullness of life eternal.

## Continuing COVID-19 protocols Re: Recording Church Attendance

In line with current state government requirements QR Codes are available at all the church entrances. Choose either the NSW Govt or the Diocesan model available on your phone. For those without an electronic device we will continue to use the manual way of recording the required information.

Please ensure that each time you attend a church service the necessary attendance requirements are recorded.



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

***Eliza Rose Chamings** daughter of Nathan and Bethany.*

## 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.

## Sacred Heart Bank Account for Parishioner Deposits 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 & Envelop or Planned Giving Number

### Presbytery Account First Collection

Pays for household expenses and Priest's Stipends.

### Internet Transfer

**Account Name:** Sacred Heart North Albury Presbytery Account

**BSB:** 066-789; **Account Number:** 100005575

**Description:** Surname

## Return of the Roster System

### Commentators/Readers/Eucharistic Ministers/ Counters Needed

As a new year begins within the confines of a COVID-19 world we will try to return to a roster system for Readers/Commentators/Eucharistic Ministers and Counters from early February.

Next weekend you will be able to volunteer your services to be a Reader/Commentator/Eucharistic minister at either the 6.00pm or 9.30am Mass.

We urgently need to restock our supply of counters (2nd Collection). While usually this has been completed on Monday morning (9.00am) in the parish office, it is also possible to carry out this ministry of service after mass Sunday morning.

Please consider sharing your gifts and talents and contributing to the pastoral life of our parish community as you are able.

Alternatively, you can email the parish office with your preference for participating in any of these ministries of service.

# Liturgy of the Word

## **A Reading from the first book of Samuel 3:3-10, 19**

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord, where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

## **Responsorial Psalm 39:2, 4, 7-10**

***Response: Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.***

I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry.

He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God. **R**

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,  
but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim.  
Instead, here am I. **R**

In the scroll of the book it stands written  
that I should do your will.

My God, I delight in your law  
in the depth of my heart. **R**

Your justice I have proclaimed  
in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed;  
you know it, O Lord. **R**

## **A reading from the first letter of the St Paul to the Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20**

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord and the Lord for the body. God who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too. You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him. Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are omitted outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

The word of the Lord.

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia , alleluia!

We have found the Messiah;

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

## **A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 1:35-42**

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see', he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

The Gospel of the Lord.