



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 23rd / 24th January 2021

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAY MASSES: This Week

Tuesday (Australia Day) 9.30am

No services Wednesday or Thursday

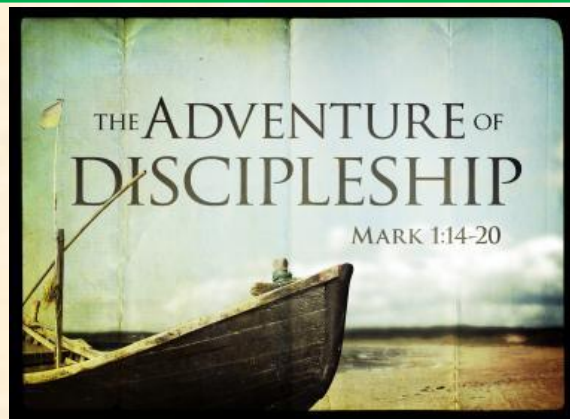
Friday 9.30am

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.

Preparation Course: 0411 883 661



In the weeks following Christmas, we have been invited to reflect on Jesus's call, beginning with him being drawn out of the waters of baptism and into his missionary life. This week (in Mark's Gospel) we see the fishermen – Peter, Andrew, James and John – respond immediately to that same call. They are drawn from the waters by Jesus to become fishers of people.

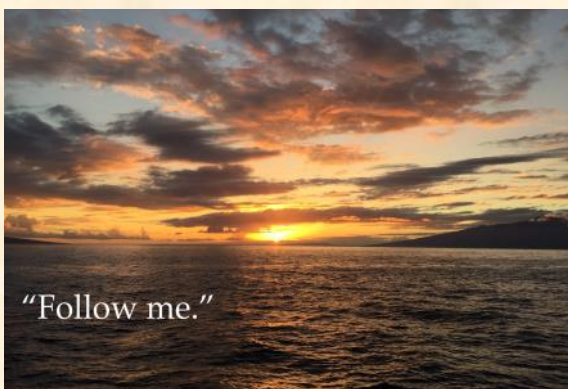
The **First Reading** tells of the second call of Jonah, who initially refuses the Lord's request, and tries to run away. Then, in a humorous reversal of fishing logic, Jonah is caught by an obedient fish. The Lord continues to be with him, however, for, at the command of the Lord, Jonah is saved from the water and is empowered to respond to the Word.

In the **Second Reading**, St Paul urges the Church at Corinth that nothing should be allowed to interfere with their obedience to the Word. He says that time is short and that everything, from domestic to international affairs, should be seen from the context of Christ.

There is much calling to which we are invited to respond. As with Jonah and the first disciples, we are called by the same voice, inviting us to take steps on the path toward that which is good and true.

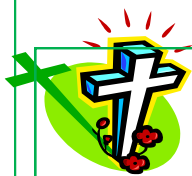
Today's **Psalm** also offers a simple, initial response for both new and not-so-new disciples alike. It is a good prayer for the coming week:

'Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths.'



"Follow me."

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Brian Rolfe, Frank Dunn, Harry

Struck, Mark Harrington, Kath Duck, Bill Freestone, Grace Margaret Mackie, Pat Flynn, Dianne Brown, Dr Josef Hruz, Corrie Van Lint.

ANNIVERSARIES: Royce Boyd, Joe Lawlor, Bryan Palmer, Ada Pertile, Mary McPherson, John Briggs, Kevin Houlihan, Albert Williams, Robert Watson, Jack Whitty, Frank Douba, Garth Clifford, Joan Cruikshank, Brian Lane, Zachery Peters, Alma Hancock, Hilda Joynson, Norman Lane, Mary Miglionico, Reginald Scammell, Jim Berkley, Edna Hudson.

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

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.



This weekend we welcome into the community of the Christian church through the sacrament of Baptism:
Aoife Therese Culligan
daughter of Aaron & Sarah.

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

Prayer for our Country **Australia**

Lord God, your Spirit has moved over the face of Australia, and formed from its dust a rolling brown land.
Your Spirit has moved over its warm tropical waters and created a rich diversity of life.
Your Spirit has moved in the lives of men, and women, and children, and given them, from the dreamtime, an affinity with their lands and waters.
Your Spirit has moved in pilgrim people and brought them to a place of freedom and plenty.
Your Spirit moves still today in sprawling, high rise cities, in the vast distances of the outback, and in the ethnic diversity of the Australian people.
Lord God, in the midst of this varied huddle of humanity you have set your church.
Give us, the people you have so richly blessed,
a commitment to justice and peace for all nations;
and a vision of righteousness and equality for all people in our own country. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love. Be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace. "

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 / sweet to share. Parish will provide drinks / cold meat / chicken. So we can calculate numbers please indicate your willingness to attend and indicate whether or not you are able to provide a salad / sweet.

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!

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.

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.

AUSTRALIA DAY

PRAYER

We bless you, God of the universe, for this land; for its contrasts of landscape and climate, for its abundance of wealth and opportunity.

We bless you for our history, its courage and hope. Give us, in our diversity, tolerance and respect for each other and a passionate commitment to justice for all.

Bless us so that we might be a blessing to others.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



Farewell Kath Duck

Kath Duck entered eternal life after a short illness on Sunday morning 10 January. 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.

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.

This 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.

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

Liturgy of the Word

First reading Prophet Jonah 3: 1-5,10

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sack-cloth, from the greatest to the least. God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 24:4-9

Response: Teach me your ways, O Lord

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **R**

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **R**

A reading from the first letter of the St Paul to the Corinthians 7:29-31

Brothers our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away. The word of the Lord.



Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia , alleluia!
The kingdom of God is near:
believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him. The Gospel of the Lord.