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Sacred Heart Parish

NORTH ALBURY

Third Sunday of Lent 6th / 7th March 2021

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SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm
SUNDAY: 9.30 am

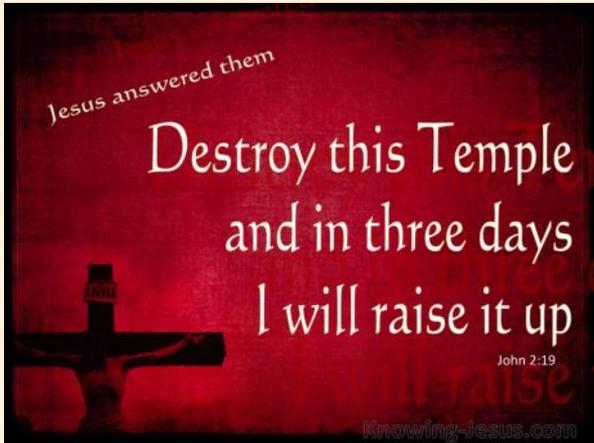
WEEKDAY MASSES: This Week:
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30am

RECONCILIATION
SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM
BAPTISMS—By appointment.
Preparation Course: 0411 883 661

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations is extended to Barbara and Brian McDermott who were married at Sacred Heart North Albury on 27th February 1971.

The celebration of 50 years of marriage commitment to one another is a source of blessing for their family, friends and our parish community.



Today, we dedicate ourselves anew to keeping God’s commandments, as we celebrate the mystery of God’s love for us, shown through the wisdom and power of Christ.

Having rescued his people from slavery, God gives them the Ten Commandments. These offer guidance for liberation and right-living, rather than oppression and burden (**First Reading**).

The **Gospel**, however, indicates that many have not remained faithful to God’s commandments. In their greed they have turned God’s house into a marketplace. As Jesus ejects the buyers and sellers, we are reminded that salvation will come about through the death and resurrection of Christ, the true temple of the Divine.

The **Psalm** is a hymn to the life-giving qualities of God’s Law. It shows the precepts and commands of God himself: God’s own essence.

Paul reflects on Jesus’s death, which is interpreted by many as a sign of weakness or foolishness. But it is in fact a demonstration to the world of God’s power and wisdom. (**Second Reading**).

This week, we pray to hear the Word of God afresh in our own being. As we try to offer the Word hospitality and space to take root within us, we ask with the psalmist that it might ‘revive the soul’. We also pray for the freedom of our brothers and sisters throughout the world who are victims of modern-day slavery.

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Pat Peel, Allen Jenkins, Bert Gogoll, Myles Borg, Kath Duck.

ANNIVERSARIES: Errol Edmonds, Juanita Jervois, Nora Roche, William Toohey, Keith Appleton, Roy Toon, Albert Finnister, Mina Bingham, Fr Tony Fitzgerald, Laurence Williams, Frank Kelly, George Devcich, Olga Howalczyk, Milton Mulholand, Basil Harrington, Colin & Dianne Surridge, Carl Vonthien, John King, Ida Murray, Joseph Amalfi, Nora Davern, Fred Brooner, Wilfred Fallet, Ned McSweeney, Mary Jory, Dorothy Ryan, Moya Buckhorn, Bob Trebley, Terry Conway, Pauline Harper.

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

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 6th . 7th March

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Adrian Mitchelhill Sr Carina Morton Paula Waters	Margy Brown Lorraine Willis Sr Patricia Weekes
Eucharistic Ministers	Michael Regan	Moira Porta
Cantor Musicians	Brian Waters Judy Foley	Ann & Lachlan McIntyre Val Hayes
Counters: Noelene Cruise & Jane Togher (Monday) Group 4		

Sat /Sun: 13th / 14th March

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Brian Waters Michael Byrnes Colleen Day	Ed Brown Cathy Nyhan Sue McLaurin
Eucharistic Ministers	Jeneice Harding	Di Treacy
Cantor Musicians	John Van Lint Judy Foley	Bob Mathews Val Hayes
Counters: Richard & Trish Parkinson (Sunday) Group 5		

Project Compassion Prayer

God of all peoples and nations, as you accompany us on our Lenten journey.

May our fasting strengthen our commitment to live in solidarity, our almsgiving be an act of justice and our prayers anchor us in love and compassion.

Through living simply and loving generously, may we care for our global family and our common home, as we "Aspire not to have more, but to be more." * We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

(*Saint Oscar Romero)

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"To experience Lent with love means caring for those who suffer or feel abandoned and fearful because of the COVID-19 pandemic. In these days of deep uncertainty about the future, let us keep in mind the Lord's word to his Servant, 'Fear not, for I have redeemed you' (Isaiah 43:1)



This weekend we welcome into the community of the Christian

*church through the sacrament of Baptism: **Tyler James Morgan** child of Jordan and Gavin*

Parish News

Notice to Choir Members (and other interested singers)

Because of current COVID restrictions we would like our choir members to indicate which of the Easter ceremonies they are available—Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and / or Easter Vigil. Hopefully next week we will be able to advertise practice times. Please phone either Judy Foley on 0419 420 278 or Val Hayes on 0422 953 771 to indicate your availability. **PS** If you enjoy singing but can't at the present time because of current restrictions then the choir is the place for you.

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.

If the people attending a religious service will be singing in an indoor area then a max capacity of one person per 4 square metre rule applies and everyone attending the service must wear a face mask during the singing.

Therefore, until this regulation changes we will not engage in congregational singing.

However, up to 30 people may participate in an indoor choir in accordance with social distancing protocols.

Lenten Discussion Groups

This year we are using ***It's All About Hope***. This year, author Chris Monaghan explores the theme of 'Hope', using prayer, a careful selection of readings, reflection and his own stunning personal photography.

Groups meet each Tuesday and Thursday at 7.00pm in Sacred Heart Hall. All welcome to participate and attend as you are able.

Sacred Heart Footy Tipping Competition

Thanks to Heath Naughton who has agreed to coordinate this year's Sacred Heart AFL Footy Comp following the retirement of Brian Butts. Our revamped and revitalized Comp is ready to spring into action at the cost of \$1 a round = \$23 all up. We still have some contributor's funds when last years comp went into lockdown.

Please register your interest by contacting the parish office by phone/email, by adding your name to the sheet located at the Swan St entrance or by emailing Heath directly on heathnaughton@gmail.com. First round begins Thursday 18 March.

Council of Priests

Under the stewardship of Bishop Mark Edwards the Council of Priests has been re-established.

Initially, one priest from each deanery was chosen by vote from those priests resident in that deanery.

Peter Murphy (Murray); Henry Ibe (Murrumbidgee); Reece Beltrame (Wagga) were elected.

Then a priest from each of the given age groups in years of ordination was chosen. All priests of diocese were eligible to vote in this category.

Paddy Sykes, Rick Micallef and Brad Rafter were elected.

The Council of Priests including its ex-officio members: Bishop Mark Edwards, Fr Kevin O'Reilly (Chancellor), Fr Joel Wallace (Vicar General) and elected members: Fr Peter Murphy, Fr Reece Beltrame, Fr Henry Ibe, Fr Paddy Sykes, Fr Rick Micallef, Fr Brad Rafter also at the Bishop's instruction constitute the Diocesan College of Consultors to assist him with the governance of the diocese.

Australian Catholics—Autumn Edition

Between the death and resurrection of Jesus, there was a time of waiting. The 'waiting place' is familiar to most of us. There are times in our lives when we experience great upheaval. We know that our lives have been changed, but while there may be some uncertainty it is also a time of hope and creativity. For some in our society, the waiting place is far more indefinite. Here, two, hope and creativity are required in order to find a way forward, to bring justice and reconciliation with those who have been excluded. In this edition, some time is spent lingering in the HolySaturday space—between what has been and what might yet be. Some excellent articles for reflection, thought and discussion including that of Michael McGirr on the journey of those diagnosed with dementia, their families and carers (P42).

Please take and distribute your free copies.

Project Compassion 2021

Aspire not to have more, but to be more

Oscar Romero

Oliva, 22, could not read, write or count, and her business was losing money. Then she attended Caritas Australia-supported literacy and numeracy classes, and set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours. Now her classes, business and family are thriving, and she aims to become a pastor and run for local leadership.

Heartbeat

It is intended to produce an Easter edition of our parish journal. All articles, photos and reports need to be sent to Karen Purtle by 14 March. Karen's email: bevispurtle@internode.on.net

March Morning Tea

It is intended to resume our monthly morning tea after the celebration of Eucharist on a Sunday morning.

Please join us for morning tea this Sunday 7 March in the Parish Hall.

WANTED: Three bedroom house wanted to rent for family of 6 needed before 15 April. Family has a very good rental record and current house is being sold. Contact presbytery on 6025 1516 or Tony on 0438 402 499.

Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from the book of Exodus 2:-1-17

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.' The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm 18:8-11

Response: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **R**

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. **R**

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **R**

They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold,
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb. **R**

A reading from the first Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1: 22-25

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 2: 13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up'. The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about anyone; he could tell what a person had in them. The Gospel of the Lord.