



Sacred Heart Parish, North Albury, pays respect to the Wiradjuri people, the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather to celebrate our faith and worship God. We acknowledge with respect elders past, present and emerging.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

17th / 18th July 2021

Parish Clergy

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

Live streaming Sunday 9.30 by accessing our website.

WEEKDAY MASSES: This Week:

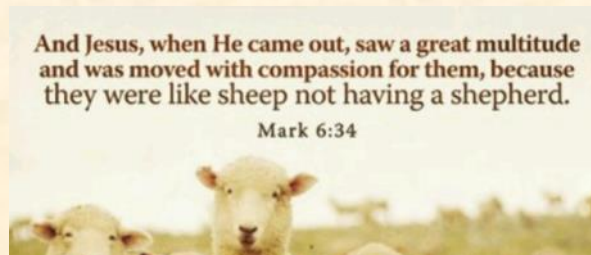
Wednesday & Friday 9.30am

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.

Preparation Course: 0411 883 661



The readings this week offer a welcome invitation to spend more time with our loving Lord who is our shepherd, and in whom we find nourishment, shelter, and peace for our minds and bodies. In the First Reading, the prophet Jeremiah introduces the image of the Shepherd-King, who gathers, nourishes, and sets us free from fear. The image of a God who restores, revives, guides, protects, feeds, anoints, and longs for us to dwell in God's presence forever, is proclaimed in today's beautifully familiar Psalm. The Second Reading reinforces the image of a people being gathered in and restored to a peaceful relationship with and through Christ Jesus. Through this relationship we are all united in the Spirit with the Father.

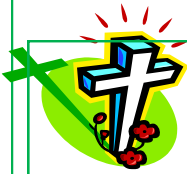
The Gospel scene is a perfect example of the Spirit at work in Jesus, as he compassionately responds to both the needs of his disciples and of his needy flock. Jesus recognises both the need for his beloved followers to be refreshed and restored in the stillness of his presence, and the need to respond with compassion to those who feel lost and are in need of his guidance.

Perhaps we can recognise this same dynamic in the expression of our own faith, as we ourselves need to make time to be still with the Lord, yet are also called to be active participants in his ongoing mission.

Let us pray for each other. May we have the wisdom to spend our time in a sustaining balance of both contemplation and action as we live out our faith, trusting that Jesus the Good Shepherd will be our guide. 'Come ... rest for a while in his presence ...'



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Reg l'Anson, Julia Nation, Madge

Mullen, Ann Delarue, Sr Marie Harris, Fr John Ware, Mary Dodd, Kathryn McCormack, Stan Lechmere, Teresa Caruso, Doug Oxbrow, Betty Gard, Michael Assenti, Bill O'Keefe, Francisca Lichtenburg, Shirley Sandral, Barbara Arnold.

ANNIVERSARIES: Daniel Moylan, Sr Kathleen Cudmore, Patricia Matthews, Tamern Emmett, Sr Elizabeth Mitchell, Noel Murphy, Sr Teresa Tanner, Tom Leddin, Trent Jones, Alf Croft, Valerie Ashworth, Jean Murphy, Br Michael Foran, Sarah Walshe, Cec French, Vera Hanlon.

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: 17th /18th July

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Adrian Mitchelhill	Gavin Dykes
Lector 1	Michael Byrnes	Sue McLaurin
Lector 2	Justin Clancy	Cathy Nyhan
Eucharistic Ministers	Kaye Deanshaw	Sue Hayhoe
Cantor	John Van Lint	Val Hayes
Musicians	Judy Foley	

Counters: Lachlan McIntyre & Wendy McFerran (Sunday) Group 1

Sat /Sun: 24th / 25th July

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Colleen Day	Roy Thompson
Lector 1	Sr Carina Morton	John Dowling
Lector 2	Volunteer	Mary Hunt
Eucharistic Ministers	Pauline Mulquiney	Dianne Treacy
Cantor	Brian Waters	Simon Goss
Musicians	Judy Foley	

Counters: Carey Menz-Dowling & John Dowling (Sunday) Group 2

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Pope Francis has proclaimed the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated on the Fourth Sunday in July each year—July 25 this year. It is marked near the feast of Saints Joachim & Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. Next weekend's masses, will contain prayers and reflections related to giving thanks for the blessing that grandparents and the elderly are to our communities.

God of all life...

May your love and light shine in and through me today in a way that no mask can hide.

May my eyes dance with the laughter and joy replacing my hidden smile.

May my actions of care and concern speak louder than my muffled voice ever could.

And may the generosity of my heart

radiate out through who I am

and how I respond to the world around me so that others may not see my mask but your image shining out moving in and through me today.

Amen.

(Br Michael Herry fms)



Parish News

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. Our Sunday 9.30am celebration of the Eucharist continues to be live streamed.

This can be accessed by website:

<http://sacredheartnorthalbury.com/>

It makes our digital processing of attendees much easier if you use the QR code provided at all church entrances.

Otherwise, please continue to use the paper register provided or have your name and contact details ticked off by one of our parish welcomers.

Additional COVID-19 Protocols

As announced by the NSW government effective 26 June, 6.00pm 2021 until Friday 30 July 2021:

- Attendance at places of worship is limited to one person per four square metres.
- Physical distancing is to be practiced. People from different households are to remain 1.5m apart.
- Masks are to be worn in all indoor non-residential settings (ie churches).
- Singing by the congregation at indoor places of worship is not allowed.

Planned Giving 2021-2022 (Second Collection)

Thank you for your ongoing support of our parish community in this regard. The parish is reliant on your generous monetary contributions to meet its financial commitments and to engage in pastoral activities.

We have received 2021/2022 planned giving envelopes (red) and due to the decrease in those using envelopes you may not be allocated the same number.

If you would like to contribute to our planned giving and are not currently doing so please complete a form and place it in either collection basket. We also have the option of direct deposit into our parish account. Please contact the Parish Office to receive details to enable you to do this.

Planned Giving Envelopes for the 2021-22 Financial Year are now available for collection on the table near the Sacred Heart window.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Due to ever changing Covid-19 protocols we need to adjust the schedule for the conferring of this final sacrament of initiation. Bishop Mark Edwards will celebrate this sacrament for candidates and their families on:

Friday 6 August at 6.00pm; Saturday 7 August at 6.00pm; Sunday 8 August at 11.00am at Sacred Heart Church. Each family will be limited to a maximum of 6 in attendance.

Therefore, if you are not directly connected to a candidate/family it would be best to avoid attending 6.00pm Mass on Saturday 7 August if at all possible.

The parish mass will remain undisturbed on Sunday 8 August at 9.30am.

Temporary Change to Office Hours

Gemma will be away enjoying the sun and surf on annual leave from Tuesday 20 July returning Monday 23 August. Therefore, the Parish Office will be staffed during this time on Wednesday and Friday from 9.00am—2.00pm.

AGM for Sacred Heart Parish

The Annual General Meeting for the Sacred Heart Parish Council will be held on Thursday 5 August at 6.00pm in the Parish Hall. The Parish Council warmly invites all interested parishioners to attend. We are very fortunate to have secured David Clancy as our guest speaker for the evening. David as the Director of Emergency and Intensive care services at Albury/Wodonga Health as well as being with his family a Sacred Heart parishioner. He has been invited to reflect upon his role particularly in these Covid challenging times, his faith and its impact on his day to day work. All parishioners are welcome to attend. However, due to Covid restrictions attendance numbers are limited. Please indicate your intention to attend by emailing the parish at: sacredheartna@gmail.com or by phone **6025 1516**. A light supper will conclude the evening.

Parishioners are often not aware of the role of our Parish Council. Our Council's role is to participate in God's mission to live and communicate the love and values of Christ in the world around us. Our Parish Council shares in the responsibility for the ongoing life and development of our parish community, working together with parishioners to provide support for their efforts to live as followers of Christ. The purpose of the Parish Council is to:

- ◆ Provide the opportunity for members of the parish community to share the responsibility of parish life.
- ◆ Act as a vehicle for communication between the parish and the diocese.

The Parish Council is open to all parishioners & is enriched by a varied representation. Please consider offering your gifts, knowledge and experience to the Parish Council to enable it to be a vital and effective body within the Church community, assisting all in their ongoing efforts to live their baptismal call, discovering, embracing and proclaiming Christ within every aspect of life.

Spirituality Day for Women

'Who is My Neighbour?' (Luke 10-29)- *Let us dream—Let us weave a new path.*

Saturday 28 August at Narrandera High School. Time: 9.00am—3.30pm. Cost: donation, morning tea & lunch provided. Speakers: Michele Connolly RSJ and Marilyn Bellett. Facilitator: Andrea Dean, president Woman and the Australian Church. Registration: Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/spirituality-day-for-women-tickets-147212467453> Contact: Anne Brown **0499 425 970** or email cacw.wagga.wagga@gmail.com

If you intend attending the Spirituality Day for women and have room in your vehicle for others please advise the parish office.

Liturgy of the Word

First reading : Jeremiah 23:1-6

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks!

This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them.

Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks! See the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.' The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm 22

(When the Psalm is sung, the words will vary slightly but the meaning remains the same.)

Response: *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

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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 the Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 2: 13-18

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them and they follow me.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 6:30-34

The apostles re-joined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat.

So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like a sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length. The Gospel of the Lord.