



*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.*

## *Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop 7th / 8th August 2021*

### **Parish Clergy**

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### **Mass Times**

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

Live Streaming—Sunday 9.30am by accessing our website

WEEKDAY MASSES: This Week:

Wednesday & Friday 9.30am



## *Congratulations to all those candidates being confirmed over these days*

Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them.

We pray that you send your Spirit to enlighten, guide, strengthen, console, and open their hearts as they continue to seek a closer relationship with you.

Help them to truly know the deep and abiding love you have for each of them and fill them with the joy of your presence

Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit. Help them to experience and trust your dwelling within, so that they may count on your guidance today and every day. Show us all the way to help one another become better disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing your love with our world and with each person we encounter. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

### **RECONCILIATION**

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

**BAPTISMS**—By appointment.

Preparation Course: 0411 883 661



# Parish Community



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Bruce & Kath Duck, Lachlan Fitchett, Ron Fraser, Leo McInerney, Sr Mavis Hanlon, Reg l'Anson, Fr John Ware, Stan Lechmere.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Josephine Carter, Siobahn Harte, Ada McDonell, Dell Flanagan, Margaret O'Rourke, Dimpy Weston, Beverley Bungey, Joe Keighran, Pat Sheehan, Frank Grice, Sally Guthrie, Cindy Rohick, John Miles, Christopher Burdack, Bill Thompson, Bon Phefley, Lena Tregupis, Patrick Roche, Lila O'Leary, May Hudson, Nellie Gaudry, Richard Bye, Beatrice Walker, George Palmer, Jean Bailey, Rita Bognell.

*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: 7th / 8th August

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Confirmation	Volunteer John Dowling Gavin Dykes
Eucharistic Ministers	Confirmation	Sue Betts
Cantor Musicians	Confirmation	Ed & Margy Brown Heath Neville, Don Hillam
Counters: Jane Togher Group 4		

Sat /Sun: 14th / 15th August

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Colleen Day Kellie Gordes Jasmine Gordes	Richard Parkinson Mercedes Goss Ann McIntyre
Eucharistic Ministers	Pauline Mulquiney	Carey Menz-Dowling
Cantor Musicians	Catherine Cutler/Judy Lindsay Judy Foley	Ann & Lachlan McIntyre Val Hayes
Counters: Richard & Trish Parkinson (Sunday) Group 5		

### Invitation to Ladies of Sacred Heart Church

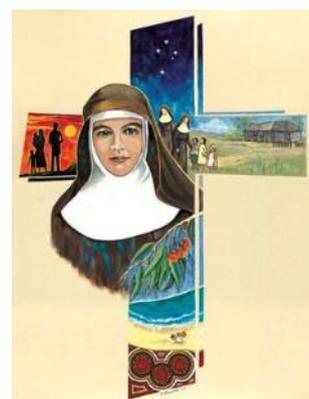
You are invited to St Peter's Women's Fellowship on Wednesday 8 September at 10.00am. Venue: St Peter's Lutheran Church Hall cnr Urana Road and Buchorn Street, Lavington. Please RSVP by Tuesday 31st August to Judy Lindsay 0418 403 505. All welcome. Cost \$10.

### Thought for the Week ( Pope Francis):

"This Spirit acts with strength within us, within all people and during one's whole life. When we receive him in our hearts, Christ makes himself present and takes shape in our lives."

## Prayer to St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Ever-generous God,  
You inspired St Mary MacKillop to live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and constant in bringing hope and encouragement to those who were disheartened, lonely, or needy. With confidence in your generous providence we ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with courage, trust, and openness. Ever-generous God, hear our prayer. We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.



# Parish News

## Welcome, Bishop Mark!

Bishop Mark Edwards returns to our parish community this weekend to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Mark also attended the annual general meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council which gave his a snapshot of what we are endeavoring to be as a community of faith, walking in the footsteps of Jesus.

## Sacrament of Confirmation

Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation lay the foundation for every Christian life and together are known as the sacraments of Christian Initiation. This weekend in our parish community many of our young people will renew the promises made for them in baptism.

Confirmation emphasises that we live out our baptismal commitment under the power of God's gift of the Holy Spirit. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation creates for us a Pentecost event which transforms us just as it transformed the lives of the apostles. Like them, the newly confirmed are called into the unity of the church and a participation in its mission & ministry. Before the laying on of hands we pray together that God's Holy Spirit will come upon the candidates to be their helper and guide; that they will be given a spirit of wisdom, understanding, right judgement, courage, knowledge, reverence, wonder and awe. Through anointing with the oil of chrism these gifts are sealed and imprinted into the fabric of their lives.

May the grace of the Holy Spirit strengthen these young people, their parents, sponsors and families and our whole parish community to be living witnesses of the good news of Jesus Christ in our world.

Special thanks to all those involved in the preparation of these children for the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation - Chris Lewis, Jessica Shephard, Marg Jessup.

Gratitude is extended to Nick Manning and Ed Brown from Xavier for helping to co-ordinate the live streaming and to Leanne Allibon the Vice Principal at St Anne's for managing the live feed at all Confirmation masses. Bede Hart, our Principal at St Anne's by his boundless energy and personal witness continues to illustrate the importance of leadership in faith. Finally, Cassandra Jones our Religious Education Co-ordinator receives the gold medal not only for her creative imagination and organisational skills but for her passion for enabling and encouraging children to discover and discern the movement of God's spirit in their lives.

## Men's Breakfast

You are invited to Men's breakfast on Saturday 14 August at St James Church Hall, Lavington. Time: 7.45am—8.00am Grace & breakfast. This month's speaker: Rev Alen Kelb. Please note RSVP is requested to enable us to ensure we can comply with changing Covid-19 regulations. All men welcome. Bruce James email: [bandjjames@yahoo.com.au](mailto:bandjjames@yahoo.com.au)

## Pastoral Letter—Bishop Mark Edwards

The Catholic Bishops of NSW have decided that 1 August 2021 should be celebrated as "Hope" Sunday. Bishop Mark has written a Pastoral Letter addressing the Voluntary Assisted Dying Legislation (VAD) that is expected to be presented to the NSW state parliament in September. Hope is a coalition of groups and individuals who oppose the legislation of euthanasia and assisted dying and supports measures that will make euthanasia and assisted dying unthinkable.

After reading and reflecting on the document Bishop Mark encourages you to contact your State Representative in the NSW Upper and Lower House to voice your opposition to any such legislation.

From Bishop Mark's Pastoral Letter:

'The VAD lobby has adopted the concept that assisted suicide promotes 'dying with dignity'. This is incorrect. The dignity of the human person requires an inexhaustible respect for the preciousness of EVERY human life, from conception till death. This respect for each individual does not prevent the removal of treatments no longer deemed to be beneficial, nor the activation of advanced care directives, such as a direction made by a patient that they do not wish to be resuscitated in the case of deterioration.

Our opposition to VAD, comes from deep compassion for those who are suffering. The members of the medical profession who have raised concerns about VAD care deeply for those with whom they work. Many of us carry precious memories of having been with a loved one at the moment of their death and have experienced it as painful and yet profoundly human, to share that journey with them until the very end. Our love of neighbor embodies our respect for the sanctity of human life, from its beginning right until the end - this is how each one of us, made in the image and likeness of God, deserve to be treated. We want to accompany and surround the life of the weakest with the cloak of love and, in this case, through the very best of palliative care'. (P3—4)

See Bishop Edwards' Pastoral Letter on Voluntary Assisted Dying for more information: <https://wagga.catholic.org.au/events/pastoral-letter-for-hope-Sunday/>

## Book Group

You are invited to join a **book group** to share, reflect & ponder on the message that Pope Francis in his Encyclical *Laudato Si'* calls our common home the earth.

To Brian Grogan SJ home means something at once far bigger and far, far smaller. In *Finding God in a Leaf* he thinks cosmically and mystically about the earth. Brian thinks of every leaf as a door opening into his home: his creation. Brian Grogan SJ is a well-known author and spiritual director.

**Every 2nd & 4th Monday of the month.**

**Dates: 23 August, 13 & 27 Sept, 11 & 25 October. Time: 2—3.30 pm at Sacred Heart Hall North Albury.**

**RSVP by 8 August to Catherine Cutler 0419 518 791 or [cmmc4321@gmail.com](mailto:cmmc4321@gmail.com)**

# Liturgy of the Word

**First reading** : First Book of Kings 17: 8-16

Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, 'Up and go to Zarephath, a Sidonian town and stay there. I have ordered a widow there to give you food.' So he went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks. Addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat and then we shall die,' she said. But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: 'Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth.' The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah. The word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm 63**

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

**Response: My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.**

O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water.  
So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
To see your strength and your glory. **R**

For your love is better than life  
My lips will speak your praise.  
So I will bless you all my life,  
In your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
My mouth shall praise you with joy. **R**

On my bed I remember you,  
For you I muse through the night  
For you have been my help.  
In the shadow of your wings I rejoice.  
My soul clings to you;  
Your right hand holds me fast. **R**

**A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Colossians 3: 12-17**

As the chosen of God, the holy people whom he loves, you are to be clothed in heartfelt compassion, in generosity and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other if one of you has a complaint against another. The Lord Jesus has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, put on love, the perfect bond. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts because it is for this that you were called together in one body. Always be thankful. Let the Word of Christ in all its richness find a home with you. Teach each other and advise each other in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and whatever you say or do, let it be in the name of the Lord Jesus, in thanksgiving to God the Father through him.  
The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Many women were there by the cross watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him.  
Alleluia!

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 6: 25-34**

'I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and how you are to clothe it. Surely life means more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, for all his worrying, add one single cubit to his span of life? And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin; yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his regalia was robed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the grass in the field which is there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you men of little faith? So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? How are we to be clothed?" It is the pagans who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.'

The Gospel of the Lord.