



*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.*

## *Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### *11th / 12th September 2021*

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#### Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

Live Streaming—Sunday 9.30am by accessing our website

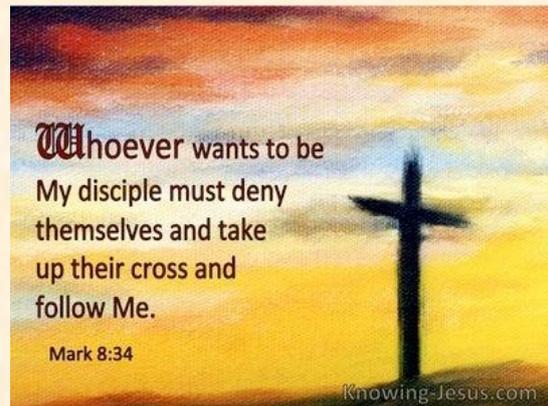
WEEKDAY MASSES: This Week:

Wednesday & Friday 9.30am

#### RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

**BAPTISMS**—By appointment.



This Sunday we contemplate Jesus, who is, as Peter declares, the Christ, the anointed one of God. Our readings help us to understand the journey Jesus takes to show his love for us.

The First Reading from Isaiah is part of the song of the Suffering Servant. He is to suffer much but he retains his complete confidence and trust in God. The section of the Psalm given today complements this reading. The psalmist suffers greatly but gives thanks because the Lord has heard his cry and saved him. James, in the Second Reading, underlines the practical consequences of our faith: the loving response the faithful follower must give.

In the Gospel, Jesus questions his disciples about what people are saying of him. When Peter declares that he is the Christ, Jesus reveals the suffering ahead of him and also, that we his disciples, are to follow the same path.

In our prayer this week, perhaps we can be conscious that we are disciples of Jesus, living out our lives in his name.



# Parish Community



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Tony Whiting, Dale 'Charlie' Francis, Vera Wright, Alma Terlikowski, Bill McNamara, Julie Morey, Patricia Riley, Eileen Oates, Maureen Whitty, Eileen Mitchell, Bruce & Kath Duck

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Sr Margaret Schmetzer, Jenny O'Falherty, Teresa Dynana, Jan McNamee, Anne Twomey, Allan Wessen, Norm McLauren, Irene Shanahan, Bill Ditchfield, Emily Clark, Geoff Hore, Bob Kirkwood & John Austin.

*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: 11th / 12th September

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Sr Carina Morton Sr Loretta Corrigan Adrian Mitchelhill	Ed Brown John Dowling Sr Patricia Weekes
Eucharistic Ministers	Anna Farrell	Gemma Whitehead
Cantor Musicians	Catherine & Judy Judy Foley	Bernadette & Wendy
Counters Anne Gordes & Lorraine Willis (Sunday)		

Sat / Sun: 18th / 19th September

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Jasmine Gordes Michael Byrnes Kellie Gordes	Margy Brown Gavin Dykes Sue McLaurin
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Hopkins	Kevin Kennedy
Cantor Musicians	John van Lint Mary Hunt	Ed, Margie, Heath & Don
Counters: Judy Tuckwell & Michael Byrnes		

## Prayer for Safeguarding Sunday 12th September 2021

Gracious God, you love and care for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable.

We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk who have been sexually abused, and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed. Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken. Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard. We pray that with the help of your grace communities and families will find understanding and support, their wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace. Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk, giving them the inner and resilience to seek out assistance We ask this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen

## Thought for the Week ( Pope Francis):

**"The Church's aim will be to hear, watch over, protect, and care for abused, exploited, and forgotten children, wherever they are."**

# 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 11 September 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.

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

AGM 2021 report is available for viewing on our website under Parish News.

The new Parish Council of Sacred Heart 2021/2022 are as follows: Ed Brown (President), Fr Martin (Parish Priest), Karen Purtle (Secretary), Bede Hart (St Anne's), Catherine Cutler, Louise Fifield, Sr Anne Hagan, Joseph Kipper, Susan McLaurin, Carey Menz-Dowling, Adrian Mitchellhill, Narelle Naughton, Cathy Nyhan, Michael Regan, Brian Waters, Chris Wenke & Lorraine Willis.

Thanks to those who have accepted the responsibility of serving our parish community in this way.

## Australian Catholics

In this edition, we celebrate the past, present and future of Catholic education in Australia.

On connection to schools is an important part of many of our stories as Catholics, and for many connection goes back generations. The 200th anniversary is a good opportunity to reflect on how Catholic schools have shaped our own experiences of the world, along with the impact they have had on our society as a whole.

We also welcome a group of current students of Catholic schools as the guest editors of this edition. We hope you enjoy their articles which explore the theme of this anniversary—faith in the future.

Please take and distribute your free copies.

Ordination to the Priesthood of

*Reverend Connell Perry*

St Michael's Cathedral Wagga Wagga

Saturday 11th September 2021; 10:30am



To watch live follow this link:

<https://www.thestreamingguys.com.au/production/rev-connell-perry/>

Please keep Connell in your prayers in the days ahead.

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## **TOGETHER**

Due to the current Covid restrictions affecting churches and schools, the August edition of Together is available in electronic format only.

The Together is available for viewing or downloading from the Diocesan website:

<https://wagga.catholic.org.au/together-paper/>

## Sacred Heart Parish—Phone Tree

In the coming weeks you may receive a phone call from a member of the Outreach group or the parish pastoral council. This phone call will simply be to touch base with how you are going during the changed reality of these COVID times. You won't be asked for money or to do anything. It is a practical way of offering our support. We will begin with those more senior and those living alone.

## First Holy Communion—Change of Dates

Once again in order to fulfil current state government Covid-19 regulations it has been necessary to amend the dates for the celebration of the Sacrament of First Eucharist.

New dates as follows: All in Sacred Heart Church

**Monday 11 October 6.00pm**

**Tuesday 12 October 6.00pm**

**Thursday 14th October**

Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

## **Xavier Vinnies Team Virtual Sleepout**

This took place on a windy and wet Friday 3 September. So far an incredible \$12000 has been raised to help those experiencing homelessness in our community.

If you would still like to leave a donation here is the link to the [Fundraising Page](https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/vinnies-school-sleepouts/xavier-high-school-albury-1). -<https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/vinnies-school-sleepouts/xavier-high-school-albury-1>

Alternatively, you can leave donations at the Xavier high School Office during school hours or place your donation in an envelope marked "Vinnies Sleepout" in one of the

# Liturgy of the Word

## First reading : Book of Isaiah 50: 5-9

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?  
The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm 145

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

*Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

I love the Lord for he has heard  
the cry of my appeal;  
for he turned his ear to me,  
in the day when I called him. **R**

They surrounded me, the snares of death,  
with the anguish of the tomb;  
they caught me, sorrow and distress.  
I called on the Lord's name.  
O Lord my God, deliver me!. **R**

How gracious is the Lord and just;  
our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts;  
I was helpless so he saved me. **R**

He has kept my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears  
and my feet from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living. **R**

## A reading from the Letter of St James 2: 14-18

Take the case, my brothers and sisters, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that they have faith.

Will that faith save them? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty', without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.' The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.  
Alleluia!

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 8: 27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said; 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.'

'But you', he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And Jesus gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But turning and seeing his disciples, Jesus rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but as human beings think.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let them renounce themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save their life will lose it; but anyone who loses their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

The Gospel of the Lord.