



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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 18th / 19th September 2021

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Mass Times

Livestreaming—Sunday 9.30am by
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No Public Masses until Regional
Lockdown ends

If lockdown ends next Thursday 24
September mass will be celebrated on
Friday 25 Sept at 9.30am.



Our readings this Sunday speak about wisdom, but from different perspectives. We can see the First Reading as a prophecy of the Lord's Passion, where the 'godless' regard with contempt those who listen to and follow God's voice, condemning them to cruel death.

The Psalm also speaks of those who have no regard for God. Seeking God's protection from surrounding threats, the psalmist prays with certainty: 'I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life.' The Second Reading points out that jealousy and ambition cause division and rivalry, in contrast to the wisdom that comes from above. Such wisdom, which desires humility and not glory, brings us to peace with ourselves and can be attained through prayer. It is 'essentially something pure ... is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good.'

Jesus predicts his own death and resurrection to the disciples, who fail to understand what this means (Gospel). They have been arguing which of them is the greatest, but Jesus teaches them that true greatness lies in being the servant or slave of all, especially the weak and the helpless, symbolised by the child he embraces and places in their midst. By welcoming and serving the 'little children' we are welcoming God.

Let's ask this week for the wisdom to see Christ in all the 'little children' we encounter, and pray for a spirit of humility and peace.



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Pat O'Shaughnessy, Tony Whiting, Stanislawa Adamczewski, Tom Van Lieshout, Tom Dale 'Charlie' Francis, Vera Wright, Alma Terlikowski, Bill McNamara, Julie Morey, Patricia Riley, Eileen Oates, Maureen Whitty, Eileen Mitchell, Bruce & Kath Duck.

ANNIVERSARIES: Jock Gordon, Daryl Rickard, Gina Sanjuan, Sandra Syphers, Maureen Brady, Dorothy Fegan, Nicole Shirley, Bernard Rolfe, Neil Russell, Gwenith McSpadden, Keith Fegan, Amanda Bowen, Jill Mitch, Judith Taylor, Mary Egan, Kerry Osmond, Brad Carrick, Terry McCabe, Patricia Kernaghan, Geoffrey Thompson, Rose Ries, Sr Mary Aquinas, Ray Desmond, Ivy Binding, Noel Rothe, Dawn Tenteye, Glen Simpson, Wayne Scott, Michael Conroy, Paul Holmes, Tom O'Brien, Mary-Rose Tynan, Thelma Clancy, Les Ryan.

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: 25th / 26th September

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Adrian Mitchelhill	Richard Parkinson
Lector 1	Colleen Day	Liz Phegan
Lector 2	Paula Waters	Sr Patricia Weekes
Eucharistic Ministers	Michael Regan	Sue Betts
Cantor	Brian Waters	Ann & Lachlan McIntyre
Musicians	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
Counters: Gemma Whitehead		

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"As stewards of God's creation, we are called to make the earth a beautiful garden for the human family. When we destroy our forests, ravage our soil and pollute our seas, we betray that noble calling."



Prayer during this COVID Time

Jesus, we pray for your love and compassion to abound as we walk through this challenging time of COVID. We ask for wisdom for those who bear the load of making decisions with widespread consequences. We pray for those who are suffering with sickness and all who are caring for them and for those who have died. We ask for protection for the young, the elderly and the vulnerable to not succumb to the risks of the virus. We pray for misinformation to be curbed, that fear may take no hold in hearts and minds. As we exercise the good sense that you in your mercy provide, may we also approach each day in faith and peace, trusting in the truth of your goodness towards us. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

Parish News

Albury Regional Lockdown

During the coming week if you have the opportunity watch the wonderful movie Groundhog Day. Its themes resonate with the revolving door situation we once again find ourselves experiencing.

Weekend and weekday masses with a congregation will resume only when permitted according to NSW Health Regulations.

In the meantime our Sunday 9.30am celebration of the Eucharist continues to be livestreamed. This can be accessed on our website:

<http://sacredheartnorthalbury.com/>

Go gently in the coming week before the AFL Grand Final. Heath Norton will be getting very nervous. Perhaps some divine intervention from Fr Kevin will help!

Enjoy the spring sunshine, the opportunity that confinement gives us for prayer and reflection. Stay in touch with one another. Please contact our parish office if we can be of assistance to you in any way.

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.

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, Lyn Hamilton, 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.

Xavier Vinnies Team Virtual Sleepout

Ed Brown, the Vinnies Youth Team and a number of staff members participated in the Virtual Sleepout on a wet and windy Friday 3 September. So far over \$12,000 has been raised to help those experiencing homelessness in our community. A big thank you to the participants and all donors.

Double Your Impact For Vulnerable Women Around The World—Caritas Australia (17-23 September)

You can help raise a quarter of a MILLION dollars to support vulnerable women around the world! Thanks to a group of very generous supporters, all donations until Thursday 23 September will be matched, until we reach our target of \$250,000.

Your donation can help to provide education, develop livelihoods and improve healthcare and protection for some of the most vulnerable women and girls in marginalized communities. Donate before 23 September, or until we meet \$250,000, and your donation will be matched dollar-for-dollar. **Double your donation today at**

www.caritas.org.au or call 1800 024 413.

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 6.00pm

Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Ordination to the Priesthood of Connell Perry

Connell was ordained to the ministry of the priesthood last Saturday 11 September in St Michael's Cathedral Wagga Wagga. We received the following email from Connell during the week.

'Thank you for the letter and I am looking forward to travelling down to Albury at some stage to see you all. I am grateful for the experience I had at Sacred Heart last year and for the support you have all shown me. You are in my prayers'. God Bless! Connell.

Connell has been initially appointed to the Cathedral awaiting a permanent placement in early 2022.

Contact details for Connell are:

connellfrancisperry@gmail.com or St Michael's Cathedral Presbytery PO Box 133 Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

Spirit Weavers

Spirit weavers Wagga Wagga Diocese, formerly the Council for Australian Catholic Women (CACW) launched its website on 28 August, 2021. You are invited to explore this excellent website at <https://spiritweaverswagga.com.au/>

Spirit Weavers aims to include spiritual growth, learning together, friendship, connecting, community building, challenging ourselves and others, guiding our journey, praying and celebrating. Its' website promotes activities and events of, by and for women across the Diocese and provide a range of useful resources to foster creative action in spirituality and growth.

Liturgy of the Word

First reading: Book of Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after—we have his word for it.'

Responsorial Psalm 53

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

Response: The Lord upholds my life

O God, save me by your name;
By your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth. **R**

For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. **R**

But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. **R**

A reading from the Letter of St James 3: 16-4:3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!
God has called us with the gospel,
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 9: 30-37

After leaving that place they made their way through Galilee; and Jesus did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again'. But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, they must make themselves last of all and servant of all'. He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me, but the one who sent me'. The Gospel of the Lord.

**Whoever
welcomes
one of these
children
welcomes
me**

Mark 9:30-37

