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# Sacred Heart Parish

NORTH ALBURY

*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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 25th / 26th September 2021

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#### Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

Live-streaming on Sunday 9.30am by accessing our Website

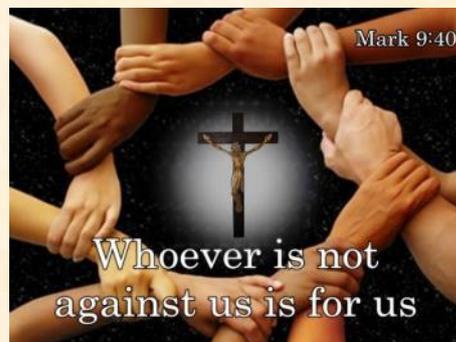
WEEKDAY MASSES: This Week:

Wednesday & Friday 9.30am

#### RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.



Today's readings sound a note of warning against the small-heartedness that seeks to limit God's love, or reject the action of God's Spirit in the world. They proclaim the indwelling of the Spirit in the lives of all.

Moses rejoices that two elders absent from the Tent for the official 'enrolment' could still receive the Spirit, and he reprimands those who oppose this. Like Jesus in today's Gospel, Moses upholds God's freedom to communicate freely where he wills. (First Reading)

In this collection of sayings about Christian discipleship (Gospel), Jesus challenges his followers to pay attention to their attitude and inner motivation. The true disciple will be the one who knows how to rejoice in good, whatever its source. Jesus also gives powerful warnings to 'anyone who is an obstacle ... to the little ones who have faith'.

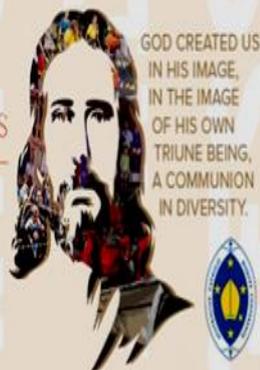
The Psalm meditates on the qualities of God's law, which reflect the characteristics of God himself. This is a 'model prayer' that helps safeguard the one who prays from both conscious and unconscious sin. The Second Reading emphasises that those who are attached to riches at the expense of the poor are utterly un-Godly. They will be held accountable for their selfish actions in the next life.

This week, I may bring to prayer our local and national leaders, that they may allow service and humility to inform their inner attitude and motivation. I ask too that I may grow in awareness of my own God-given potential to influence life around me, in little ways and maybe even greater ones, as God wills.

107th  
WORLD DAY OF  
MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

SUNDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2021

TOWARDS AN EVER  
WIDER "WE"



# Parish Community



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Margaret Doyle, Cath Goode, Jim Sheahan, Val Bullock, Pat O'Shaughnessy, Argentina Ranocchia, Noel Fielder, Stanislawa Adamczewski, Tom Van Lieshout, Dale 'Charlie' Francis, Vera Wright, Alma Terlikowski.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Jock Gordon, Braedon Hensel, Peter Lawler, Molly Livermore, Ron Brindley, Bernie Moncrieff, Edith Cane, Elinor Monk, Berta Bihler, Albert Terhaar, Betty Arendarcikas, Laurel Lindsay, Valerie Burton, Bill Stewart, John Richardson, Elsie Dunn, Cecil Murray, Alfred Jeffery, Frances Slater, Phyllis Ryan, Denes Todor, Mal McPherson, Bridget Delenc, Roy Clear, Peter Conroy, Armer Boyle, Joseph McKeown, Briget Mulquiney.

*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
<b>Commentator</b>	Adrian Mitchelhill	Richard Parkinson
<b>Lector 1</b>	Colleen Day	Liz Phegan
<b>Lector 2</b>	Paula Waters	Sr Patricia Weekes
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Michael Regan	Sue Betts
<b>Cantor</b>	Brian Waters	Ann & Lachlan McIntyre
<b>Musicians</b>	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
<b>Counters: Michael Byrnes &amp; Judy Tuckwell (Monday)</b>		

Sat /Sun: 2nd / 3rd October		
Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Justin Clancy	Roy Thompson
<b>Lector 1</b>	Sr Carina Morton	Lorraine Willis
<b>Lector 2</b>	Michael Byrnes	Rom Hayes
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Judy Lindsay	Mercedes Goss
<b>Cantor</b>	Catherine & Judy	Bob Mathews
<b>Musicians</b>	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
<b>Counters: Lachlan McIntyre &amp; Wendy McFerran (Sunday) Group 1</b>		

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

"Today's migration movements offer an opportunity for us to overcome our fears and let ourselves be enriched by the diversity of each person's gifts. Then, if we so desire, we can transform borders into privileged places of encounter, where the miracle of an ever wider "we" can come about."

## Prayer for World Day for Migrants and Refugees

### **Affirmation of Peace and Justice**

I believe in God, who has not divided people into the civilised and the savage, the poor and the rich, specialists and ignorant, owners and slaves, worthy and unworthy.

I believe in Jesus who lives for all people; so that all people may really live; so that all may be freed from prisons of prejudice and the bondage of blindness, and that we may help transform the world into the Realm of God.

I believe that a full meaning and value is the right of all people. And I commit myself to facilitating Peace on Earth and Good Will to all. Amen



# 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 23 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.

## 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.

## ONE WEEK UNTIL THE PLENARY COUNCIL FIRST ASSEMBLY

In just one week's time, the Catholic Church in Australia will gather for the first Assembly of the Plenary Council which will primarily be conducted in the virtual environment of Microsoft Teams. The Plenary Council is an opportunity for us to look forward in hope to the renewal of the Catholic Church in Australia.

A key term being used to describe the journey of the Plenary Council is **SYNODALITY**.

Last Tuesday evening (21st September), members of the Plenary Council participated in a 'conversation' with Sr Nathalie Becuqart, Undersecretary for the Synod of Bishops on '**No Synodality without Spirituality**', where she highlighted that the Synodal journey is about change and the movement towards a discerning Church.

She stressed the key attitudes of synodality:

- Faith and trust in God
- Listening
- Humility
- Prayer
- Dialogue and sharing
- Confidence in others
- Inner freedom

The Plenary Council will mark an ongoing process of reform and renewal which will hopefully herald a 'new Pentecost' for the Church.

Finally, Synodality is passing from the "**I**" to the "**we**" with the focus on serving the common good in a spirit of listening, discernment, reconciliation and healing.

It is a spirituality of pilgrimage which we will experience in our local context and culture. To a significant extent, our Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council is an example of synodality, where as co-leaders with co-responsibility, we are called to **listen, discern, reflect** and **review**.

Please pray for the 'success' of the Plenary Council as we '*listen for the whisper of the Holy Spirit guiding our Church on this journey*'. Ed Brown (Plenary Council Member)

## Sacred Heart Football Tipping Final Results

1st \$300 Naughton Family

2nd \$200 Les Murray

3rd \$52 Fran Kernaghan

Mars Bar Lucky Last Award—Pat Gleeson & Joan Moylan

## From the Sublime



## To the Ridiculous



# Liturgy of the Word

## **First reading : Book of Numbers**

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke to Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua, the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets and the Lord gave his spirit to them all!'

The word of the Lord

## **Responsorial Psalm 18**

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

***Response: The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.***

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 fear of the Lord is holy  
abiding forever.

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

So in them your servant finds instruction;  
great reward is in their keeping.

But who can detect all his errors?  
From hidden faults acquit me. **R**

From persecution restrain your servant.  
and let it not rule me.

Then shall I be blameless,  
clean from grave sin. **R**

## **A reading from the Letter of St James 5: 1-6**

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away and the same corrosion will be your own sentence and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields and you cheated them—listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

The word of the Lord.

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Your word, O Lord is truth:**

**Make us holy in the truth.**

**Alleluia!**

## **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-49**

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. 'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, they will most certainly not lose their reward. 'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone around their neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.