



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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 2nd / 3rd October 2021

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

Live-streaming on Sunday 9.30 Mass by
accessing our Website

WEEKDAY MASSES: This Week:

Wednesday & Friday 9.30am

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.



The scriptures this Sunday teach us about the importance and centrality of loving relationships to the expression of our faith. The excerpt from Genesis (First Reading) begins our salvation story with a vision of humanity in harmonious relationship with nature. We are formed of the same elements as the earth we live upon and share with creation. Women and men are helpmates for each other and tasked with caring for God's creation.

The song of the Lord's blessings upon us in the Psalm uses images of abundance to describe God's relationship with creation. The theology outlined in the Second Reading reveals the solidarity and compassion of the Lord with the world and humanity by sharing with us in suffering, death, and in leading us towards Resurrection.

The Gospel contrasts two different aspects of human nature. The Pharisees attempt to exert authority and power over Jesus by testing his understanding of contested aspects of the law. Jesus responds by reminding them that the law was only given to them because they had lost touch with the essential truth of loving relationship at the heart of creation. His response to them and subsequent welcoming of little children is a stark challenge to the patriarchy of the time to respect both women and children as equals to men in God's eyes.

Let us pray that we will be blessed with the same compassionate spirit of Jesus to build a more just society that urgently focuses on restoring our harmony with nature.



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Margaret Doyle, Tony Whiting, Cath Godde, Jim Sheahan, Val Bullock, Pat O'Shaughnessy, Argentina Ranocchia, Howard Nash, Tony Scamell, Margaret Harris, Una Murphy Noel Fielder, Stanislaw Adamczewski, Tom Van Lieshout.

ANNIVERSARIES: Hayden Corrigan, Reece Tehan, Maureen Stirling, Louise Sowrey, Clare Maloney, Tony Chappell, Sr Francesca Parkin, Douglas Tooth, Jenny McLaurin, Dawn Rixon, Vicky Gyoles, Paul Hagan, Tom Whitty, Thomas Smith, Raymond Neal, Arnold Corte, Leslie Grenda, Mary Powell, John Bereza, Vera Smith, Shirley Thomas, Phyllis Jones, Gladys Hodgson, Franka Schnitzer, Alice Conroy, Barbara Hartwig.
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: 2nd / 3rd October		
Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Justin Clancy	Roy Thompson
Lector 1	Sr Carina Morton	Lorraine Willis
Lector 2	Michael Byrnes	Rom Hayes
Eucharistic Ministers	Judy Lindsay	Mercedes Goss
Cantor	Catherine & Judy	Bob Mathews
Musicians	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
Counters: Lachlan McIntyre & Wendy McFerran (Sunday) Group 1		

Sat /Sun: 9th / 10th October		
Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Paula Waters	Bede Hart
Lector 1	Kellie & Jasmine Gordes	Ann McIntyre
Lector 2		Liz Phegan
Eucharistic Ministers	Sr Loretta Corrigan	Trish Parkinson
Cantor	John van Lint	David Hicks
Musicians	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
Counters: Carey Menz-Dowling & John Dowling (Sunday) Group 2		

Prayer for the Plenary Council

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen. Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.

St Mary MacKillop, pray for us

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"...through patient dialogue and faith-filled discernment, the conciliar journey will confirm the Catholics in Australia in a spirit of fraternal unity and missionary discipleship, thus enabling them to be a leaven of holiness, justice and reconciliation in today's rapidly changing society".

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.

Singing Practice for Cantors / Musicians

Is planned for Thursday 8th October at 5.30pm to practice new hymns. Hope to see as many cantors as can be there. Phone Val Hayes 0422 953 771.

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.

Rosary Parishioners are invited to recite the rosary on Fridays at 9.10am (before 9.30am Mass) commencing on the 8th October. Phone John Geraghty 0404 301 302.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday 9th October—All men welcome—Good Food—Good Fellowship. At St James Hall, Lavington at approx. 7.45am for tea/coffee. Grace at 8.00am. Cereals etc. followed by hot food. **Speaker:** Jericho N.vcf, Chaplain for Junee Correctional Facility. **Cost:** Donation. **RSVP: 0427 706 756 or email: bandjjames@yahoo.com.au** For COVID19 numbers.

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

Plenary Council: First Assembly October 3-10.

From Sunday 3 October until Sunday 10 October, 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**.

On 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)

Daily masses and some sessions will be live streamed

online. Masses begin Sunday 3 October at 2.00pm. Then Monday—Saturday at 9.30am. Concluding Sunday 10 October at 11.00am.

Live streaming of public sessions Monday 4 October to Saturday 9 October (not including Thursday) between 11.00am—12.15pm. For further details go to:

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council

Thanks to those who have committed themselves to serving on the Parish Pastoral Council in 2021—2022.

The new members 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 and Lorraine Willis.

Please note the change of date for the next meeting. Now Thursday 21 October at 6.00pm in the Parish Hall.

Liturgy of the Word

First reading : Book of Genesis 2: 18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of the heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name he man would give it. The man gave names too the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife and they become one body.

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: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord,
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **R**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **R**

Indeed thus shall be blessed;
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
All the days of your life!
May you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace!. **R**

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews 2: 9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock, that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!
If we love one another,
God will live in us in perfect love.
Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 10:2-16 (Shorter Form)

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the Law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us,' they said, 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So what God has united, no one must divide.' People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms around them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing. The Gospel of the Lord.