



*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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time* *16th/ 17th October 2021*

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### Mass Times

Live-streaming of mass in Diocese of Wagga

Wagga this Sunday 17 October and next

Sunday 24 October from St Michael's

Cathedral only at 9.00am on YouTube at:

<https://youtu.be/vFxmX1ui16A>

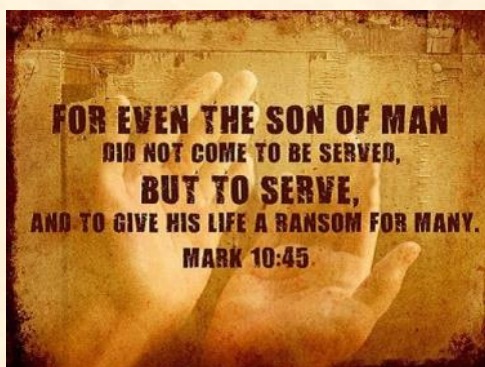
**NO** live-streaming at Sacred Heart on these Sundays.



This weekend, following the predictions Jesus gave of his suffering and death, we contemplate our Saviour and the implications for us, his followers.

The First Reading comes from part of Isaiah's last song of the suffering servant. It foretells Jesus taking on our faults, and speaks not only of his Passion, but also his glory. The Psalm sings of God's love as he rescues those who hope in him. The writer of the letter to the Hebrews presents Jesus as human and weak like us, but also as the supreme high priest. We can be confident that he will always help us. (Second Reading) In the Gospel, James and John hope for privileged places in the kingdom, but learn that they, like Jesus, must go through suffering and death. They are asked to serve, not to dominate.

Perhaps this week we can deepen our understanding of what Christ has won for us, and express our gratitude through service of others.



# Parish Community



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Evelyn Herberte, Marg Caton,

Margaret Doyle, Tony Whiting, Cath Godde, Jim Sheahan, Val Bullock, Pat O'Shgaughnessy, Argentina Ranocchia, Howard Nash, Tony Scammell, Margaret Harris, Una Murphy, Noel Fielder, Stanislaw Adamczewski, Tom Van Lieshout

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Peter Freeman, Mac Terlikowski, John Howard, Pasquale Carnovale, Lauren Flegeltaub, Sr Gabriel Sheahan, June Harrison, George McIntosh, Nella O'Brien, Kate Hallam, Jack Daly, Allie Quinn, Ron Healey, Mary-Anne Packer, Charles Walton, Matthew Walshe, Eileen Maher, Craig Jackson, Bill Murphy, John Carroll, Gladys Smith, Bernard Miley, Martha Wilson, Arnold Quick, Frank Corrigan, Elizabeth Flanagan, John Tynan, Norman Cos, Helen Murray.

*Gather our loved ones into your arms. Quiet our doubt and anger and send us your healing grace. Through Christ our Lord.*

## Catholic Mission Appeal

**Storytelling from the Heart: Painting Through the Pain.**

[Richard Campbell](#) weaves his story through his paintings. We invite you to a very special event. Please join us on Thursday October 28 between 4.00pm – 6.00pm AEDT for Storytelling from the Heart: Painting Through the Pain.

Richard was born in Bowraville in 1956. His mother was Gumbayngirr and his father was a Dunghutti man. Richard was taken from his family when he was nine years old and placed in the Kinchela Boys Home near Kempsey. Richard shares with us his story of growing up with his family, the incredible trauma of being taken away and the way his artwork kept him going through the pain. Richard weaves his story through the creation of his paintings for the Stations of the Cross that are at the Reconciliation Church in La Perouse Sydney.

### **Register now**

Over two hours, participants will be invited to listen to Richard share his story, join a small group discussion and reflect on what they can do in response to this story. This is a collaboration between artist Richard Campbell, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Sydney Archdiocese, Catholic Mission, Catholic Religious Australia and the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese.

**This is a free online event and you can register:**

[Eventbrite.com.au/e/story-telling-from-the-heart-painting-through-the-pain-tickets-173939316177](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/story-telling-from-the-heart-painting-through-the-pain-tickets-173939316177)

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

“Work, meeting other people, our daily duties, and the chance events of each day. These are the opportunities we have to allow ourselves to be “guided by the Holy Spirit.”

## 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*

## Prayer for Missionaries during COVID19

*We lift up missionaries during the COVID-19 outbreak. For so many communities have been massively impacted by sickness, fear, or devastation.*

*Father, help them to do all things through Your wisdom and guidance during this time. Protect them and help them to have full health, helping their immune systems to remain strong during this time.*

*Father, as many are quarantined, we pray that outreach via the internet or other forms of communication may be all the more powerful. Help them to connect even when not in person and to truly represent You well during a tense time.*

*This can be a time in which remarkable change can happen, so help them to follow the Spirit's lead and urgings.*

*Help this be a time of miracles in Your Name.*

# Parish News

## Letter from the Bishop of Wagga Wagga

6 October 2021 Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

According to the NSW roadmap for the whole of state re-opening, during the fortnight from Monday 11 October until Monday 25 October only the fully vaccinated are permitted to enter churches. (Monday 11 October is the Monday after 70% of the eligible population is fully vaccinated and Monday 25 October is the Monday after 80% will be completely vaccinated.)

I direct that the Diocese, the Parishes and the clergy in the diocese follow the NSW government public health orders. After receiving advice, I have decided that it is too onerous to ask parishes to monitor and implement compliance in respect to vaccination status. Also, the Church, the sacrament of communion, should not be separating people as they come to Mass. Further, excluding some Catholics from worship has the potential to cause long lasting upset and division. Thus, given the brief duration of this regulation, I have taken the grave and sad decision to direct that in the Diocese of Wagga Wagga there will be no public or 'private' Masses with a congregation taking place and that our churches will close between Monday 11 October and Sunday 24 October inclusive.

For similar reasons, our chapels of adoration will also close. Our churches can be opened for funerals and weddings and these will follow the Public Health Orders. From Monday 25 October, our Churches are again open to our entire community and regular Masses and other services will resume.

As a way of celebrating our unity in Christ, on Sunday 17 October and again on Sunday 24 October, in the diocese there will be one live-streamed Mass from the Cathedral at 9am on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/vFxmX1ui16A>

I invite you to join me for these Masses. This is an opportunity to celebrate our union as the pilgrim people who have their eyes fixed on the Lord. We will be explicitly the one body of Christ and remain united in this time of tension. This is an opportunity. Let us pray these Masses as the one Church of the Diocese of Wagga Wagga.

I encourage those who are hesitant about receiving a vaccine to see their family doctor to discuss receiving it. Your doctor will give advice that is appropriate for you. Your priests and I will be offering Mass for you during this time.

In Jesus Christ and Mary Immaculate. *Bishop Mark Edwards*

**If NSW reaches the target of 80% of the population double vaccinated by Monday 18th October it is possible that weekend masses will resume at Sacred Heart on Saturday 23rd October and Sunday 24th October. As yet NO clear instruction from the Bishop's Office.**

**If weekend mass is to return on 23rd and 24th October we will do our best to contact parishioners via email. We will also leave an indication of this on our answering machine. *Fr Martin***

## Plenary Council News

As he closed the formal proceedings of the first general assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia Saturday evening, Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB reflected on a week that had been "inspiring, challenging and sometimes unsettling".

Archbishop Costelloe, the Council's president, adjourned the Council's first assembly and summoned its 278 members to gather again in July 2022 for the second and final assembly.

Archbishop Costelloe said to members the first assembly had been an exercise in the process of "synodality", which Pope Francis describes as "walking together".

"We have been walking together this week – and in rejoicing in that, and thanking God for that, we can also ask ourselves how well have we avoided the danger of walking alone, or only in a small group of like-minded people?"

Archbishop Costelloe said the members of the Church are called to be "a sign and an instrument of communion with God and of unity among all people", something he had spoken of in his homily at the Council's opening Mass six days earlier.

"This week we have tried to discern together how we, the Church, can become more fully a clear, unambiguous and effective sign of this communion," he said.

"We have done this because we are sure that it is as the People of God, the body of Christ in the world, that we can (over to next column)

## First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion in the parish of Sacred Heart North Albury has been re-scheduled to the following dates:

**Monday 8 November, Tuesday 9 November, Wednesday 11 November.**

All masses will begin at 6.00pm.

In order to comply with the current COVID restrictions on attendance numbers each candidate will be able to invite 5 family members (6 in total).

Please continue to pray for the candidates, their parents and families during this preparation time.

## Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Roster

Can you please let the office know if you're NOT available for any weekend masses from November through to January 2022. If you are not already on the Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers roster and would like to be involved in these essential ministries please contact the parish. Hopefully Masses will begin again soon! Many thanks.

be God's instrument for the establishment of God's Kingdom.

"All week we have been exploring together possible ways of re-casting ourselves, re-positioning ourselves, the Church in Australia, for this mission. And this exploration will continue."

# Liturgy of the Word

## **First reading : Prophet Isaiah 53: 10-11**

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done. His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself. The word of the Lord

## **Responsorial Psalm 32**

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

***Response: Lord let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.!***

The word of the Lord is faithful,  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love. **R**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. **R**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. **R**

## **A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews 4:14-16**

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

The word of the Lord.

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve  
and to give his life as a ransom for all.

Alleluia!

## **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 10:35-45**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking', Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for the seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant: they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other 10 heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.' The Gospel of the Lord.