



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.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

23rd / 24th 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

WEEKDAYS: Wednesday & Friday 9.30 am

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.



In the First Reading, this weekend, the prophet Jeremiah speaks of a God who gathers his people to heal them. The Psalm sings of these and other wonderful works: 'The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy'. The author of the letter to the Hebrews (Second Reading) shows that the high priest is one called by God to deal gently with the people, because he himself knows weakness. And in the Gospel, Jesus calls Bartimaeus, a blind beggar of Jericho, to him into discipleship. Though blind, Bartimaeus already has insight into who Jesus is and, when he hears him pass by, shouts in desperation even when told to be quiet. For Bartimaeus, Jesus is now 'Master', and his relationship with him brings healing and new life.

Let's pray, this week, that we might recognise the great things the Lord works for us, and that our hope lies in God, who calls to us through our weaknesses and limitations.

*"Go," said Jesus,
"your faith has healed
you." Immediately he
received his sight and
followed Jesus along
the road (way).*

Mark 10:52 (NIV)

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Dennis Hanily, Willaim Smith, Evelyn Herberte, Marg Caton, 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, Stanislawa Adamczewski, Tom Van Lieshout.

ANNIVERSARIES: Andrew Prichard, Rosa Vuga, Mary Smith, Mary Curtis, Fr Michael Hayes, Dorothy Hamilton, Mary Parkinson, James Murphy, Francis Butler, Irene Norman, Stella Boyd, Peter Crisp, Desmond Wynack, Marie Collins & Margaret Baker.

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

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 23rd / 24th October

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Colleen Day	Roy Thompson
Lector 1	Sr Carina Morton	John Dowling Mary Hunt
Lector 2		
Eucharistic Ministers	Pauline Mulquiney	Di Treacy
Cantor	Brian Waters	Bob Matthews

Counters Group 4 Noelene Cruise & Jane Togher Monday

Sat /Sun: 30th/ 31st October

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Sr Carina Morton Kellie & Jasmine Gordes	Bede Hart
Lector 1		Mercedes Goss
Lector 2		Lorraine Willis
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Hopkins	Kevin Kennedy
Cantor Musicians	Catherine Cutler Judy Lindsay Judy Foley	Ed, Margie, Heath & Don

Counters: Group 5 Richard & Trish Parkinson Sunday

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"In these days of pandemic, when there is a temptation to disguise and justify indifference and apathy in the name of healthy social distancing, there is urgent need for *the mission of compassion*, which can make that necessary distancing an opportunity for encounter, care and promotion ."

Prayer for Mission Sunday

Father of all goodness, mercy and love,

You call people of all Faiths to live and work together for the coming of your Kingdom on earth.

Make us instruments of your peace, and cultivate in us the fertile seed of your healing love. Create in us the spirit of understanding, acceptance, and respect for one another, irrespective of our differences.

Stir within our hearts a renewed sense of reverence for all life. Give us the vision to recognise your spirit in every human being, and help us to break the cycle of violence by realising that peace begins with me. Amen.

2021 Catholic Mission Church Appeal

This year we invite you to partner with the essential work of the Good Shepherd Sisters of Bangkok, Thailand, as they reach out to vulnerable mothers and their babies. These mothers find hope and a new start at the Mother and Babies Home at the Good Shepherd Centre.

By providing a loving home, a community of women from similar backgrounds, parenting skills and pre- and post-natal medical care, the Good Shepherd Sisters are supporting women and their babies in need.

However the Home can only continue this work through the generosity of others.

Through this appeal, parishioners are given the opportunity to come alongside the Sisters to ensure more mothers in need are given an opportunity at a brighter future.

Next weekend you will have the opportunity to give to the early childhood centre for disadvantaged children and other mission programs supporting children and communities in need around the world.

Parish News

From the Bishop's Office

Murrumbidgee Local Health District has issued a Public Health Alert with over 120 active cases in the Albury LGA.

A significant amount of current cases are among those aged 12 to 24. **It is critical those aged 12 and above come forward for vaccination. Vaccination is proven to prevent serious illness of COVID-19 and lower the risk of transmission.** The outbreak at Mercy Place continues to grow with at least 14 cases diagnosed and the death of two residents. Mercy Place is closed to all visitors as they try to get the outbreak under control. Your prayers for the residents and staff of Mercy Place would be greatly appreciated while they endure this terrible situation.

Travel to and from the region is discouraged. Anyone currently experiencing or who has recently experienced even mild cold-like symptoms is asked to come forward immediately for testing. It's important that you isolate after your test until you get a negative result.

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.

- 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.

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 office.

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.

Plenary Council Report on the First General Assembly October, 2021

In a spirit of prayer and discernment, the First General Assembly of the Plenary Council provided responses/proposals to the 16 questions generated by the agenda and the consideration of the fruits of the listening and dialogue phase. These submissions, put forward by ten (10) small groups, included reference to:

Ecological conversion
healing wounds of abuse
learning from our First Nations People's
meeting the needs of the most vulnerable
equipping us for mission
prayer and liturgy
formation of priests and lay leaders
Parish structures
Church governance
Catholic Education
Catholic agencies and Ministries

Despite the challenges of gathering in a "virtual" environment, the celebration of the First General Assembly achieved a positive step forward in "The Journey So Far" of reform and renewal of the Catholic Church in Australia.

On a personal note, it was an extraordinary opportunity to listen deeply and to discern the movement of the Holy Spirit and to engage in spiritual conversations centred on the future of Catholic Education. It was especially uplifting participating for 2 days of the assembly with other members of the Plenary Council from our Wagga Wagga Diocese, including Bishop Mark Edwards, Fr Joel Wallace and Fr Peter Thompson.

The collective submissions will now be the subject of continuing reflection by the members of the Plenary Council and consultation with the wider Church community as we develop propositions for presentation to the Second Assembly of the Council next July in Sydney. This will be coordinated with Australian preparations for the 2023 Synod: *For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission*. Further information can be found at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>
Every Blessing, Ed Brown

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.

Liturgy of the Word

First reading : Prophet Jeremiah 31: 7-9

The Lord says this: Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout: 'The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel!'

See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here.

They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm 125

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

Response: The Lord has done great things for us: we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter on our lips there were songs. **R**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels, the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **R**

Deliver us, O Lord from our bondage. as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears, will sing when they reap. **R**

They go out, they go out, full of tears
Carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **R**

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews 5:1-6

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness.

That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek and forever.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 10: 46-52

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.'

So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

The Gospel of the Lord.