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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.

Thirty—First Sunday in Ordinary Time 30th / 31st October 2021

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAYS: 9.30am Monday 1 November:

Combined Feast of All Saints/All Souls

9.30 am Wednesday & Friday

Live-streaming on Sunday 9.30 Mass by
accessing our Website

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

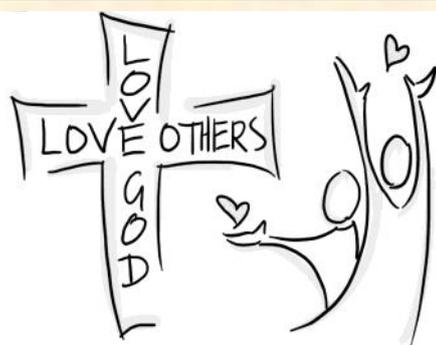
BAPTISMS— By appointment.



The question posed in today's Gospel requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional commandments, numbering into the hundreds. For a devout Jew, adherence to the Mosaic Law is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of these commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus was not the only Jewish religious teacher to connect these two commandments, love of God and love of neighbour. Both of these commandments were central elements of the religious tradition that Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed, these commandments continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbour. Many believe, however, that this connection was heard in a new and fresh way when spoken by Jesus.

The scribe who questions Jesus in today's Gospel engages in a positive dialogue with Jesus. He agrees with Jesus' teaching that the commandments to love God and love neighbour stand above the commandment to offer worship and sacrifice in the Temple. With this dialogue, Jesus appears to close the debate with the Jewish authorities. Mark reports that no one dared to question Jesus further.



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Dennis Hanily, Matthew West, William Smith, Evelyn Herbert, Alan McCallum, Margaret Doyle, Tony Whiting and Pat O'Shaughnessy.

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Cruickshank, Laurie Dykes, Pat Nesire, Mary Hutchinson, Josephine ERstevez, Lionel Mitchell, Peter Freeman, Geraldine Steele, Margaret Corby, Agnes Black, Jim Thompson, Elsa Morton, Ceily Kiley, Tony Kirley, Patricia White, John Murray & John Cummins.

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: 30th / 31st October

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

Counters: Group 5 Richard & Trish Parkinson Sunday

Sat / Sun: 6th / 7th November

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Jasmine Gordes	Margy Brown
Lector 1	Michael Byrnes	Rom Hayes
Lector 2	Sr Loretta Corrigan	Sr Patricia Weeks
Eucharistic Ministers	Anna Farrell	Trish Parkinson
Cantor	John van Lint Judy Foley	Ann/Lachlan McIntyre
Musicians		Val Hayes

Counters: Group 6 Di & Greg Bartsch Sunday

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.

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"On World Mission Day, we recall with gratitude all those men and women who by their testimony of life help us to renew our baptismal commitment to be generous and joyful apostles of the Gospel. Let us remember especially all those who resolutely set out, leaving home and family behind, to bring the Gospel to all those places and people athirst for its saving message."

Parish News

From the Bishop's Office

Murrumbidgee Local Health District has issued a Public Health Alert with many 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. 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.

Regarding the Catholic Church's position on COVID-19 vaccines

To current any misinformation, the Church both nationally and internationally has provided assurance that the current vaccines are morally acceptable, and bishops including our own diocesan bishop Mark Edwards have strongly encouraged people to take up opportunities to be vaccinated as the most effective action each of us can take to protect ourselves and those around us. Pope Francis describes this as "an act of love... Vaccination is a simple but profound way of promoting the common good and caring for each other, especially the most vulnerable."

Memorial Plaques

Plaques in the Sacred Heart Memorial Garden in remembrance of loved ones are still available. The cost is usually around \$250. It takes approximately eight weeks from the time of ordering to delivery. If you are interested in purchasing a plaque please contact the parish office and you will be provided with a sample order form.

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Roster

Rosters for November 2021 until January 2022 are available at the Swan Street entrance.

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.

2021 Catholic Mission Church Appeal

In his message for World Mission Day, Pope Francis tells us, Everything about Christ reminds us that he knows well our world and its need for redemption and calls us to become actively engaged in this mission: "Go therefore to the highways and byways, and invite everyone you find" No one is excluded no one need feel distant or removed from this compassionate love.

As the Pope's international mission agency Catholic Mission shares, with you in god's mission to reach out in love.

This year Catholic Mission invites you to support the essential work of the Kindergarten Centre so that things may be different for children living in Thailand.

This week Catholic Mission will share the story of Kusa* and how, through the Kindergarten Centre run by Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters, he and many other children living in poverty are able to access education that they would otherwise be unable to afford.

This program gives children a head start on their education, giving them opportunity to break free from the cycle of poverty – but it cannot continue without support of people like you.

Please give generously today to help continue this incredible program by using the appeal envelope, going online at <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/see-our-work-in-action/kusa> or by scanning the QR code below. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.



First Holy Communion—Deferred to 2022

After consultation with Bede Hart (Principal of St Anne's) and Cassandra Jones (REC) it has been decided to defer the celebration of First Holy Communion in Sacred Heart Parish, North Albury to early in the school year of 2022.

While this is no doubt disappointing for the candidates and their families the current COVID situation in the border community makes holding such large and random gatherings an unacceptable risk.

November Book of Life

November is traditionally the month to remember the Holy souls. Our Book of Life will be displayed at the front of the church during November. If you would like to add family members to this book there are sheets of paper and sleeves inside the front of the book.

Liturgy of the Word

First reading : Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

Listen, Israel: 'The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

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: I love you, Lord my strength

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
My shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **R**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!,
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **R**

**You shall love the Lord your
God with all your heart
& with all your soul
& with all your mind
& with all your strength.**



Mark 12:30

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews 7: 23-28

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him. To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 12: 28-34

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This the first: Listen Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more. The Gospel of the Lord.