



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.

*First Sunday of Advent
27th / 28th November 2021*

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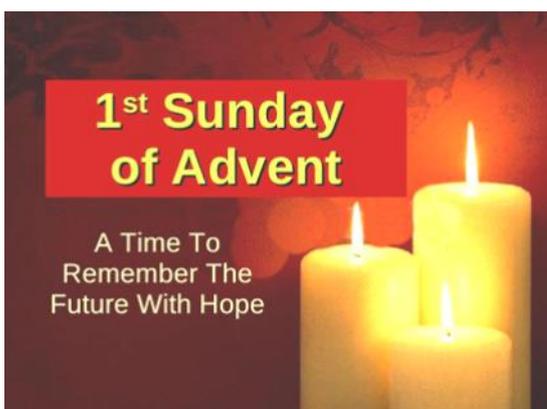
Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

NO Weekday Masses scheduled between Monday 8 November and Friday 3 December inclusive.

Live-streaming on Sunday 9.30am Mass by accessing our website.



First Sunday of Advent

*Lighting of the First
Advent Candle*



Priest: Our expectation begins now. It starts after so much has happened this year with COVID 19. We begin our journey, like Joseph and Mary. We cannot see the way ahead. We cannot know what hope will come but we trust God to journey with us, beckoning along with the prophets..... 'The days are surely coming says the Lord when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It is coming.'

This is our hope as we light the first candle of Advent.

First Candle is lit

All listen or sing Christ be our light.

ALL: We light this candle to remember what was promised and to dream about what could be. We light this candle full of hope because we know the days are surely coming as we have seen signs of God's hope. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus may we see signs of your hope in the midst of so much uncertainty. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Kathleen Jessup, John Keane, Helena Bylard, Bruce Cosgrove, Dennis Hanily, Nita Smith, Margaret Doyle, Tony Whiting, Pat O'Shaughnessy.

ANNIVERSARIES: James Burke, Leesa Hammond, John Dale, Anne Mitchell, Lorrie Quigley, Beatrice Purvey, Jack O'Rourke, Bob Tuziak, Eileen Ryan, Sarah Caton, Br Trevor Kimble, Addie Mathieson, Kathleen Berg, Daisy Hobdell, Elizabeth Clancy, Daniel O'Connor, Cecil Woodhouse, Peter Schnitzer, Margaret Kane, Jim McLaughlin, Albert Gorkom, John Robinson.

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: 27th / 28th November

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Adrian Mitchelhill	Roy Thompson
Lector 1	Sr Carina Morton	Lorraine Willis
Lector 2	Paula Waters	Rom Hayes
Eucharistic Ministers	Michael Regan	Moira Porta
Cantor	Brian Waters	David Hicks
Musicians	Mary Hunt	Val Hayes
Counters: Anne Gordes & Lorraine Willis (Group 9) Sunday		

Sat / Sun: 4th / 5th December

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Brian Waters	Ed Brown
Lector 1	Colleen Day	Cathy Nyhan
Lector 2	Catherine Cutler	Mary Hunt
Eucharistic Ministers	Jeneice Harding	Fran Kernaghan
Cantor	John van Lint	Bernadette & Wendy
Musicians	Judy Foley	
Counters: Judy Tuckwell & Michael Byrnes (Group 10)		

Advent Prayer

Lord Jesus,
Master of both the light and darkness,
send you Holy Spirit upon our preparation for Christmas.
We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.
We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.
We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.
We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.
We are your people walking in darkness yet seeking the light.
To you we say 'Come Lord Jesus'
Amen.
(Henri Nouwen)

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"Advent is the time we are given to welcome the Lord who comes to encounter us, and also to verify our longing for God, to look forward and prepare ourselves for Christ's return."



Parish News

St Clare's Conference North Albury Christmas Appeal

With Christmas approaching and the demand for our services increasing, we again ask for your support with donations of gifts (unwrapped) suitable for children to the age of 12 years; cash donation or festive food items. These will be distributed to members of our local community who are in need. Baskets will be placed at the doors of the Church during December.

Also Columban Calendars & Vinnies Christmas Cards will be on sale from next Saturday and Sunday at the back of the Church. **Columban Calendars—\$10.00 each; Christmas Cards—pkt 10—\$6.00**

Advent Prayer Resource—New Life In Christ

This resource has been written primarily for busy individuals. For many of us finding even a few minutes a day to pray and reflect can be challenging; but that's enough, for the desire to pray comes from a heart searching for God. It is not about how good you are at prayer. It's not about how holy you feel during or afterwards. It's about the fact that you raise your heart and your mind to God sending him the signal that you're interested. God will sort out the rest.

Each day's offering follows a simple format: a scripture reading followed by a reflection inspired by that reading and some relevant ideas from two recent documents from Pope Francis, and one from the Congregation for the Clergy on parish life and renewal. Each day's reflection offers a question to aid personal meditation and prayer, with the possibility of helping a discussion for those who would like to meet together.

The scripture readings are taken from the Mass for the days of Advent. However, they are relevant at any stage of the year. No attempt is made to present the readings in their entirety. Instead, the focus has been on locating those parts of the readings that we can easily overlook. It is very easy to skim over parts of God's Word in our familiarity and fail to recognize its depth and wonder.

A Church dominated by a homogenous superficial 'niceness' is not a life-giving experience. We must learn what it means to wrestle with important issues, listen to and challenge one another while always remembering that we are brothers and sisters in Christ. You can use as little or as much of what is provided as it suits you. You can use it more than once. You might sit down and write your own reflection in response to what you have read and your prayer. In the end, do what works for you: keep faithful to your few minutes of raising your heart to God each day. It is the path to new life in Christ for which you are looking.

Hopefully, you will find this a useful and invigorating prayer resource. Please take a free copy at church entrances.

Pastoral Parish Council

Please note change of date for our Pastoral Parish Council Meeting to Thursday 9th December at 6.00pm in the Parish Hall.

Volunteers Needed

Sacred Heart Parish Community have been helping with the picking up of parishioners who are unable to drive themselves to Mass on Sundays.

We are looking for people who are able to assist in this ministry and if we have enough volunteers we may only have to help once every 5 to 6 weeks.

If you can help please contact Kevin Kennedy for Lavington area on **0403 454 987** or Fran Kernaghan for East Albury area on **0408 268 518**.

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 **two** 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.

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.

"They whom we love and lost are no longer where they were before. They are now where ever we are"
(St John Chryostom)

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.

Catholic Mission Appeal

Thank you for your generosity to the Catholic Mission Appeal. Our final amount of \$1,462 and has been sent away to Catholic Mission.

Liturgy of the Word

First reading: Jeremiah 33: 14–16

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: the Lord-our-integrity.’

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm 24

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

Response: To you O Lord, I lift my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth and teach me:

for you are God my saviour. **R**

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;

he teaches his way to the poor. **R**

His ways are faithfulness and love

For those who keep his covenant and will.

The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him;

to them he reveals his covenant. **R**



A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 3: 12–4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints. Finally brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 21: 25–28, 34–36

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; people dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.’

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living being on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

The Gospel of the Lord.