



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.

Second Sunday of Advent 4th / 5th December 2021

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAY MASSES: This Week

Wednesday & Friday 9.30am

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

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.

Christmas Mass Times 2021

Christmas Eve (Friday 24 December) 6.00pm
Outdoors in the grounds of Xavier High School. 300 quad. BYO chair or picnic blanket.

9.00pm Sacred Heart Church

Christmas Day (Saturday 25 December)
9.30am Sacred Heart Church.

Second Sunday of Advent

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle



Priest: When so much feels uneven and unsteady, we push into the wild possibility that change will come. We imagine the peace how the world might shift in the hope John the Baptist dares us to dream.

‘Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low and the crooked shall be made straight and the rough ways made smooth and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’ It is in this wild possibility that we light the second candle of Advent, the candle of peace.

Second Candle is lit

All listen or sing Christ be our light.

ALL: We light this candle in search of your peace. We look forward to the days when all the rough places are smooth but for now we seek your comfort. Prince of Peace, you came to us in the innocence of an infant. Comfort us when the world feels too rough. Give us the courage to seek those in unlikely places, as together we work towards your peace. 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: Maria Gasparov, Kathleen Jessup, John Keane, Helena Bylard, Bruce Cosgrove, Dennis Hanily, Nita Smith, Margaret Doyle, Tony Whiting, Pat O'Shaughnessy.

ANNIVERSARIES: Angela Lynch, Sr Marie Duffy, Margaret Power, Imelda Phegan, Gerry Harrington, Geoffrey Jervois Snr, Jason Farrell, Susan Guy, Winifred O'Brien, Joff Hutchinson, Mary Mullavey, Antonia Ramaekeres, Maria Klauss, Malcolm Nicholson, Angela Leber, Mary Willis, Gerarda Van Dijk, Carmel Glasgow, Msgr Hatswell, Bogosav Stojmenovic, Vera Coyle, Jane Hicks, Herb Norman, Jack Collins.

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



This weekend we welcome into the community of the Christian church through the sacrament of Baptism:

Debrah, Iris & Camilla Collins daughters of Jacob and Bryony.

Billy Retford son of Brodie and Tomas.

Jessica Brown daughter of Stacey and Andrew.

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 4th / 5th December

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

Sat /Sun: 11th / 12th December

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Kellie Gordes	Gavin Dykes
Lector 1	Justin Clancy	Rom Hayes
Lector 2	Jasmine Gordes	Liz Phegan
Eucharistic Ministers	Kaye Deanshaw	Sr Patricia Weekes
Cantor	Catherine & Judy	Ed, Margie, Heath & Don
Musicians	Judy Foley	
Counters: Gemma Whitehead (Group 11) Monday		

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

“During Advent we do not just live in anticipation of Christmas; we are also called to rekindle the anticipation of the glorious return of Christ, when he will return at the end of time , preparing ourselves, with consistent and courageous choices, for the final encounter with him.”

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)

Parish News

Prayer for the 2021 International Day of People with Disability

God of all people,
You have made us in your image, delighting in your creation. Help us to see and receive each person as a beloved and unique part of your body.

We are all part of the Body of Christ.

You desire all people to use their gifts to enrich the world around them. Help us to celebrate and support the participation and leadership of people with disability in our communities.

We are all part of the Body of Christ.

You give and sustain life, opening ways of thinking and doing that allow all to grow. Help us to be inclusive in welcoming people with disability as a vital part of 'us'.

We are all part of the Body of Christ.

We ask this through Christ, who lives within us and calls us all to fullness of life. **Amen**

The Year of Luke Advent 2021—Feast of Christ the King 2022

The third evangelist tells the story of Jesus in terms that are clear, dramatically compelling and humanly moving. His Jesus is a man of great power with a deep sense of mission and at the same time, he has profound compassion for those on the outskirts of society.

For Jesus, 'the poor' included not only those who suffer economic deprivation but all those who are excluded through poverty, illness or social deprivation of the chance of living a productive life in society.

Jesus' public activities centred around bringing these people into full participation in the life of the community and he does so by preaching to the poor, healing those suffering from illness and disability and reaching out to and reconciling sinners.

Such times should induce reflection on some of our current social ills and dilemmas, in the first instance, the huge and ever widening gap between the very wealthy and the poor, a situation normalized in many societies today.

It also contains the best parables, including six major narrative parables to be found only in Luke, ending with the incomparable story of the rich man & Lazarus.

May we invite the Lukan Jesus to enter our own story in all its struggles and triumphs, complexities and challenges, sorrows and joys.

Christmas Concert

Having had the last three concerts cancelled because of Covid, Murray Conservatorium Choir will present a concert of Christmas music at:

Walla Lutheran Church—Friday 10 December—7.30pm

St Matthew's Albury—Saturday 11 December—7.30pm

St John's Wodonga—Sunday 12 December—2.30pm

Tickets: at the door; \$25 (\$20 concession), Children under 18 Free.

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 at the back of the Church.

Columban Calendars—\$10.00 each; Christmas Cards—pkt 10—\$6.00

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.

Congratulations Seamus Joseph Clancy

Seamus supported by his family and our parish community receives the sacrament of Eucharist for the first time this Saturday evening. May the bread of life strengthen him for the journey that lies ahead.

Pastoral Parish Council

Please note change of date for our Pastoral Parish Council Meeting to Thurs 9 December at 6.00pm in parish hall.

Liturgy of the Word

First reading: Baruch 5: 1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity and honour through devotedness.' Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort. 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: 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 holy Gospel according to Luke 3: 1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you.

My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best.

This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Christ Jesus produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:

All people shall see the salvation of God

Alleluia!