



*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.*

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 29th / 30th January 2022

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### Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

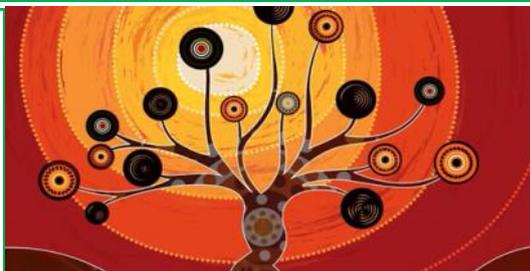
Live-streaming on Sunday 9.30am Mass by accessing our website.

**NO WEEKDAY MASSES** scheduled this coming week 31 January—4 February.

### RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.



### Australia Day 2022

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

.....Do

The theme for this year's January 26 Australia Day celebrations—**Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.**—is short in length, but large on

ideology. A natural response might be to approach the theme from a collective point of view and **Reflect** about the ways in which we, as a community, responded to the COVID pandemic; how we as a society **Respect** all Australians, including our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and Peoples; and how we, as a nation, might best **Celebrate** Australia Day. After all, hasn't the unofficial catchcry of the pandemic been that 'we are all in this together'? What if, for this year, you were to reframe your responses to the theme as an individual and as a Catholic?

#### Reflect—

How did I respond to the COVID pandemic? Was I empathetic and thoughtful towards others? Did I see a need and act upon it? Have I tried to include and support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in my personal, parish or professional life?

#### Respect—

Do I show my respect for First Nations Peoples? Do I seek knowledge from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in caring for our land?

#### Celebrate—

How do I celebrate the survival of the world's oldest continuing Culture? Will I seek out Australia's First Peoples and listen and learn from them?

By reflecting upon the theme on a personal level, we are assuming the responsibility for action and not leaving it to others to create change. Combined with our innate desire, as Catholics, to become more like Christ, we are individually called to action to make Australia a country that more closely reflects our

Christian beliefs of equality, respect and care for our poor and vulnerable.

A nation built upon these beliefs is a strong and inclusive nation—something we all desire. However, a strong nation is built upon a strong foundation, and currently Australia's foundations are undermined by its relationship with its First Peoples. Therefore, we propose an addition to the theme—Reflect. Respect. Celebrate. **Do.**—bringing us closer to the 2022 NAIDOC theme of **Getup! Standup! Show up!** Words are easy and limitless, but actions require time, effort and commitment.

We ask that you make 2022 the year of **"Do"**.

Some things anyone can do in 2022 to strengthen Australia's foundations by supporting Australia's First Peoples include:

- (a) Support and sign up to support the Uluru Statement of the Heart (<https://ulurustatement.org/the-statement>) which endorses truth-telling and enshrining a Voice to Parliament in the Constitution.
- (b) Seek out your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community to share their stories at your organization, school or parish.

# Parish Community



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Bernie Weiss, Barbara Patterson, Lillian Hancock, Duwayne Johnson, Margaret Smith, John Fitz.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Frank O'Rourke, Dorothy Keane, Bryan Palmer, George & Margaret Azzi, Mary McPherson, Lilian Nicholl, Donald Murphy, Vivian Duell, Betty Harrison, Barbara Quirk, Frank Douba, Kevin McAlroy, Nancy Phillips, Molly McCarthy, Bob Cherry Peter Carroll, Martha Moscher, Charles Thome, Reginald Scammell, Antonio Audino, Gordon Doubleday, Stephen Kirley.

*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: 29th / 30th January**

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Colleen Day	Roy Thompson
<b>Lector 1</b>	Sr Carina Morton	John Dowling
<b>Lector 2</b>	Volunteer	Liz Phegan
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Pauline Mulquiney	Di Treacy
<b>Cantor</b>	Brian Waters	Ann & Lachlan McIntyre
<b>Musicians</b>	Mary Hunt	Val Hayes
<b>Counters: Nadia Scarvell &amp; Liz Simon (Group 7)</b>		

**Sat /Sun: 5th / 6th February**

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Sr Carina Morton	Bede Hart
<b>Lector 1</b>	Kellie Gordes	Mercedes Goss
<b>Lector 2</b>	Jasmine Gordes	Lorraine Willis
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Pat Hopkins	Dianne Treacy
<b>Cantor</b>	John Van Lint	Bernadette & Wendy
<b>Musicians</b>	Judy Foley	
<b>Counters: Margaret Brown &amp; Moira Porta (Group 8) Mon</b>		

## Prayer for our Country Australia

Lord God, your Spirit has moved over the face of Australia, and formed from its dust a rolling brown land.

Your Spirit has moved over its warm tropical waters and created a rich diversity of life.

Your Spirit has moved in the lives of men, women, and children, and given them, from the dreamtime, an affinity with their lands and waters.

Your Spirit has moved in pilgrim people and brought them to a place of freedom and plenty.

Your Spirit moves still today in sprawling, high rise cities, in the vast distances of the outback, and in the ethnic diversity of the Australian people.

Lord God, in the midst of this varied huddle of humanity you have set your church.

Give us, the people you have so richly blessed, a commitment to justice and peace for all nations;

and a vision of righteousness and equality for all people in our own country.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen



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

**Hattie Jean Hawkesworth**  
daughter of Megan & Thomas

# Parish News

## Prayer Intention for Seamus Clancy and his family

You might like to continue to use the mantra **'Loving Jesus, please provide your healing touch to Seamus and embrace him with your loving care and protection'** as part of your prayer routine. Seamus received the bone marrow transplant last Monday. While the procedure went according to plan he is obviously quite sick and distressed. Treatment for Seamus will continue at the Royal Children's Hospital in the coming weeks.

### Text of Novena Prayer

O Jesus, who has said, 'Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened to you', through the intercession of Mary, your Most Holy Mother I knock, I seek, I ask that my prayer be granted:

***Please provide your healing touch to Seamus, and embrace him with your loving care and protection***

O Jesus, who has said, 'All that you ask of the Father in My Name, He will grant you', through the intercession of Mary, your Most Holy Mother, I humbly and urgently ask your Father in your Name that my prayer be granted:

***Please provide your healing touch to Seamus, and embrace him with your loving care and protection***

O Jesus, who has said, 'Heaven and earth shall pass away but My Word shall not pass', through the intercession of Mary, your Most Holy Mother, I feel confident that my prayer will be granted.

***Please provide your healing touch to Seamus, and embrace him with your loving care and protection***

## Cleaning of Church Seating

**With the current prevalence of Covid-19 throughout our communities it remains necessary to wipe down seating surfaces at the end of Mass. If you are physically able, please take a turn in completing this activity which will help protect the health of all congregants. Cleaning materials are located at the Swan Street entrance.**

## Volunteer 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 would like to thank those who have recently volunteered for this ministry.

We are still looking for someone who can help in the Lavington/North Albury area.

Please contact Kevin Kennedy **0403 454 987** if you are able to assist.

## Thought for the Week ( Pope Francis):

"We have repeatedly said that to love another we must first love ourselves. Paul's hymn to love, however, states that love "does not seek its own interest", nor "seek what is its own."

## International Holocaust Remembrance Day

**Thursday 27 January, 2022**

In 2022, the theme guiding the United Nations Holocaust remembrance and education is "Memory, Dignity and Justice". Holocaust commemoration and education is a global imperative in the third decade of the 21st century. The writing of history and the act of remembering brings dignity and justice to those whom the perpetrators of the Holocaust intended to obliterate. Safeguarding the historical record, remembering the victims, challenging the distortion of history often expressed in contemporary antisemitism, are critical aspects of claiming justice after atrocity crimes. The theme encompasses these concerns.

Holocaust commemorative and educational activities will draw attention to the actions taken by Holocaust survivors in the immediate years following the devastation and brutality of the Holocaust, to reclaim their rights, their history, their cultural heritage and traditions, and their dignity. The role played by institutions and individuals in supporting survivors, the long-reaching impact of the Holocaust on survivors' families, and the impact of the Holocaust on the shaping of human rights policy and interventions will be explored. The theme encourages action to challenge hatred, strengthen solidarity and champion compassion. The Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme is an expression of the unwavering commitment of the United Nations to promoting human rights, to countering antisemitism and racism, and to preventing future genocide.

## Updated COVID 19 Diocesan Protocols

**(Effective 15 December, 2021)**

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.

### For Places of Worship

- QR Code on entry still required
- No capacity limits for church attendance at masses / liturgies, funerals / memorial services, weddings.
- Masks are required for all indoor settings subject to exemptions.
- Sanitisation of hands on entering / exiting the church to continue.
- Priests and Ministers of the Eucharist to wear masks while distributing Holy Communion.
- Singing now permitted by the whole congregation.
- Touching at the sign of peace permitted at the congregant's discretion.
- Offertory processions permitted.
- Collection plates permitted.

# Liturgy of the Word

## **First reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19**

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addresses to me, saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you—it is the Lord who speaks.  
The word of the Lord

## **Responsorial Psalm 70**

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

***Response: I will sing of your salvation.***

In you, O Lord, I take refuge;  
let me never be pit to shame.  
In your justice rescue me, free me:  
pay heed to me and save me. **R**

Be a rock where I can take refuge,  
A mighty stronghold to save me;  
for you are my rock, my stronghold.  
Free me from the hand of the wicked. **R**

It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,  
my trust, O Lord, since my youth.  
On you I have leaned from my birth,  
from my mother's womb you have been my help. **R**

My lips will tell of your justice  
and day by day of your help.  
O God, you have taught me from my youth  
and I proclaim your wonders still. **R**

## **A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 12: 31 –13:13 (Shorter Form)**

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child. I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I grown, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know fully as I am known.  
In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love. The word of the Lord.

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor  
and freedom to prisoners.  
Alleluia!

## **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 4:21-30**

Jesus began to speak to them in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, 'This is Joseph's son surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these; he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away. The Gospel of the Lord.