



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.

*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
23rd / 24th July 2022*

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm
SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAYS: 9.30 am
Wednesday and Friday

RECONCILIATION
SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM
BAPTISMS—By appointment.



The readings for this weekend remind us again of the boundless love God offers to those who believe. Our faith in God will be rewarded more than we can imagine, if we but ask in prayer. God’s mercy for the sinful people of Sodom and Gomorrah is revealed in the First Reading. Abraham pleads with the Lord not to destroy them, even though few good people remain there. Abraham’s persistence and belief in God are an example for us of the power of prayer. The Psalm similarly speaks of God’s constant faith and mercy. The psalmist offers praise and thanksgiving to the God who hears the cry of the people in distress. In the Second Reading, Paul reminds the community in the city of Colossae – and ourselves – that Christ’s sacrifice on the cross has brought everlasting life and forgiveness for all our sins. As Jesus teaches the disciples in the Gospel how to pray to the Father, he also encourages us to believe that we can ask God for anything, and that our faith will be rewarded simply because of the immensity of God’s love.

In the week ahead, we might renew our efforts to take every opportunity to show our faith and trust by placing the needs of those who are suffering before the God who loves us all. We particularly remember those who are suffering in war and conflict in Ukraine and beyond.

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Terrence Clancy, Bill Mathey, Lynette McInnes, Peter Donkers, Hermine Assigal, Pat Gleeson.

ANNIVERSARIES: Brian Savage, James McLoughlin, Elwyn Farrugia, Clifford Charter, Sr Margaret Watson, Eileen Houlihan, Kathleen Hollis, Ben Paring, Br Michael Foran, John Dallinger, Sr Marcellus, Michael Merceica, Tim Lindner, Bob Hamilton, Dorothy Gateley, Lee Gehrig, Martoin Skahill, Michelle Bailie, Sr Maureen O'Donovan, Sr Imelda Seymour, Sr Alphonse Renehan

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: 23rd/ 24th July

| Ministry | Vigil | 9.30am |
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| Commentator | Adrian Mitchelhill | Roy Thompson |
| Lector 1 | Jasmine Gordes | Narelle Naughton |
| Lector 2 | Kellie Gordes | Gavin Dykes |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Michael Regan Patrick Hopkins | Sr Patricia Weeks Pamela McIntosh |
| Cantor | Catherine Cutler/ Judy Lindsay | Simon Goss Val Hayes |
| Musicians | Judy Foley | |

Counters : Judy Tuckwell & Michael Byrnes (Monday)

Sat /Sun: 30th / 31st July

| Ministry | Vigil | 9.30am |
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| Commentator | Jasmine Gordes | Sr Carina Morton |
| Lector 1 | Catherine Cutler | Ann McIntyre |
| Lector 2 | Colleen Day | |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Justin Clancy Adrian Mitchelhill | Noelene Cruise Mercedes Goss |
| Cantor | Brian Waters | Bernadette and Wendy |
| Musicians | Judy Foley | |

Counters: Gavin Dykes & Damien Parkinson

Pope Francis World Day for the Elderly 24th July Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly

God our loving Father, you are the source of life and of all gifts. You lovingly sustain us at every moment of our lives and you bring us to fullness of life in Jesus your Son.

We thank you for the wonderful gift of our grandparents and the elderly. You have given them to us to be our guide as they share with us the wealth of their experiences and the wisdom that they have gained through the years. We thank you for making them witnesses to us of your abiding presence and care at every turn and change of life. We pray that you bless all of them with joy and peace and with the faithful love of their family. Give them the patience and courage to bear the cross of sickness and weakness of the body.

Help us to continue to support, respect, and love them.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sts Anne and Joachim pray for us

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15) "

"The special sensibility that those of us who are elderly have for the concerns, thoughts and the affections that make us human should once again become the vocation of many. It would be a sign of our love for the younger generations".



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

Ivy Maree Remington, daughter of Shannon Taylor and Josh Remington.

Parish News

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Bishop Mark Edwards will confer the sacrament of Confirmation on candidates on Friday 12 August at 6.00pm in Sacred Heart Church. Over the next few weekends the candidates and their parents will make a commitment to enter into a period of spiritual formation and preparation at one of our parish Eucharistic celebrations.

Please remember in your prayers the children and parents in their commitment to continue to open their lives to the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Parish Commitment: *As the parishioners of Sacred Heart we commit ourselves to support these candidates by continuing to be bearers of the fruits of the Holy Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self control in our lives. Amen.*

Fifty Year Gathering St Joseph's Ladies College Year 12 1972, Year 10 1970

An invitation is extended to anybody who attended St Joseph's Ladies College Albury in the following years beginning year 7, 1967 through to year 12, 1972. 2022 is the fifty year anniversary. A gathering is planned for the weekend of 17/18 September 2022. There is a Facebook page if you would like to attend. Please indicate your interest. *Carey Menz-Dowling at cmenzdowling@gmail.com*

PLANNED GIVING SECOND COLLECTION

Thank you for your ongoing support of our parish community in this regard. The parish is reliant on your generous monetary contributions to meet its financial commitments and to engage in all pastoral activities. We have installed a Donation Point Tap at the back of the Church for you to contribute \$10 to our second collection. Donors simply tap their card on the Wi-Fi symbol and four lights will illuminate and emit a single beep. In a few seconds the transaction will be processed and the device will return to the home screen. If you wish to be even more generous tap again. If you are not already contributing to the financial well-being of our parish community in this way and are in a position to do so please fill in one of the cards and place in the container provided.



DIOCESAN NEWSPAPER—TOGETHER

The July edition of 'Together' has arrived and is available for collection. Reflections on the Second Assembly of the Plenary Council appear on p4-6.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

At our meeting last Thursday night 21 July it was decided to hold this year's Annual General Meeting on Thursday 1 September at 6.00pm in Sacred Heart Hall. At this gathering Ed Brown will give a short reflection on his experience as a delegate at the Plenary Council and how the outcomes of the Plenary deliberations might be implemented. Please make this date in your diary and come along as a valued member of our parish community.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL 2022

As we enter this winter in the shadow of coronavirus, your commitment to helping those experiencing disadvantage, poverty, loneliness and homelessness is still very much needed and appreciated. If you are able to make a contribution to the Vinnies Winter Appeal, please do so by visiting www.vinnies.org.au or calling **13 18 12**. The most simple way is probably to use the envelopes provided for your donation & return them to one of the collection baskets. Please help us to help others.

Footy Tipping Competition Update as at Round 16

Nail biting comp for top position: 101 Kaye Locke, Cathy Nyhan, Naughton Family, Fran Kernaghan, Kansas Michael 100 Bede Hart; 98 John O'Keeffe, Molly Fulford; 97 Val Hayes, Peter Treacy; 96 Val Azzi, Brian Butts, Martin Cruickshank, Joseph Kipper; 95 Vic WA Team; 94 Pat & Dawn Gleeson, Les Murray, Carmel Butts, Favero Family; 93 Colleen Howard, Joan Moylan, Paula McEachern, Liz Phegan, Chrissie Trebilcock; 92 John Dowling; 91 Ray Trebilcock; 90 Wombats; 89 Denis Shirley, Brian Millgate; 88 Connor Metcraft; 85 David Kirley!!

Diocese of Broome—Urgently Needed Volunteers

The Diocese of Broome WA urgently requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. There are various important voluntary tasks: Administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months plus. In return for being part of the team, we offer accommodation, living expenses and an allowance. For further details & application form contact:

Janet Ryan

08 9192 1060; volunteers@broome.diocese.org.au or www.broomediocese.org

CELEBRATING CULTURAL DIVERSITY WITHIN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

One of the key initiatives we are exploring this year is to celebrate the cultural diversity of our Sacred Heart Parish community. We strive to be a more welcoming, inclusive and Christ-centred community and accordingly we are planning to celebrate the variety of cultures evident in our Parish.

To commence planning for this celebration we will be asking Parishioners to complete a short survey to assist us in identifying the variety of cultural backgrounds we are blessed to have in our Sacred Heart Parish, and to ask for volunteers to be actively involved in the planning and preparation of this event, and to request participation and involvement from a variety of Parishioners of all ages.

Please take a moment to complete the survey and consider being involved, and stay tuned for further updates.

Blessings,

Ed Brown, Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Genesis

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.' They left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just people in the town. Will you overwhelm them, will you not spare the fifty in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them. Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just lack five; will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No I will not destroy it, if I find only forty-five just there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it for the sake of the forty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty.' 'I will not do it if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will be only twenty.' 'I will not destroy it if there are only twenty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' The Lord replied, 'I will not destroy it for the sake of the ten.' The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 14

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

Response: Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

I thank you Lord, with all my heart,
You have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **R**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love,
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
You increased the strength of my soul. **R**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes. **R**

You stretch out your hand and save me,
Your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **R**

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Colossians

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children,
And in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 11: 1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to them in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on their travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer them"; and the owner answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the owner does not get up and give it to the friend for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make them get up and give the friend all they want.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to them. What father among you would hand his child a stone when they asked for bread? Or hand them a snake instead of a fish? Or hand them a scorpion if they asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!' **The Gospel of the Lord.**