



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.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

30th/ 31st July 2022

Parish Clergy

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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.

**WEEKDAY MASSES: This Week:
Wednesday & Friday 9.30am**

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.

much more than what was decided. What was highly symbolic and paradigm-shifting was the fact that we met as equals. The emphasis on the superiority of the ordained gave way to an ecclesial communion based on common baptism. Bishops, priests, religious and lay were all addressed by our first names. No one's voice counted more than another's. There was a profound sense of being together and working together even if we have distinct roles in the Church.

From Bishop Vincent's Reflection on the Final Assembly of the Plenary Council (Bishop of Parramatta)

I am pleased to say that the Plenary Council has been a moment of grace, a celebration of hope and a conviction of God's enduring accompaniment. Like the disciples with Mary in the Upper Room, we were bonded in one common faith, one baptism and on Lord. Despite our differences, which were many and intense at times, we came together with the best interest of the Church at heart.

One of the most contentious issues was the motion concerning the equality and dignity of women and men in governance structures, ministry and decision-making mechanisms. The discussion took place at a half-way point and proved to be a pivotal moment. Providentially, the reading for that day was part of the Pentecost story. It read "and suddenly from heaven, there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind and it filled the entire house where they were sitting". We did not expect a kind of "violent wind" that disrupted, changed the group dynamic and led to a moment of profound revelation.

When the initial motion failed to receive the majority of the deliberative votes, the bishops realized we could not continue business as usual. There were tears, deep sorrow and hurt in the room, especially among those who staged a silent protest. This caught me totally unawares at first but I eventually walked around and shared the pain. Later on, the bishops held crisis talks, agreed on the re-drafting and the assembly passed the re-worked motion.

For some, the protest might have been judged as a stunt and an act of intimidation. For many others, myself included, it was a respectful and powerful gesture of dissent, rooted in the prophetic tradition. The assembly could have walked away with a superficial unity had we not addressed this iconic issue of our time. I believe that the Church cannot have a better future if it persists in the old paradigm of clericalism and male dominance. So long as we continue to exclude women from the Church's governance structures, decision-making processes and institutional functions, we deprive ourselves of the richness of our full humanity.

I thank God that the Plenary Council had the humility and courage to not go home with a false unity but a deep and new awareness of God's unfolding revelation and our evolving maturity. At least that is the indication of the majority. The synodal journey can be messy, painful and uncertain. But it can lead to renewed and deepened commitment and even transformation. The mood of the assembly changed after the matter had been dealt with. For many, it was like a paschal moment that brought a ray of hope out of despair.

In the end, the significance of this synodal exercise was (see next door)

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Terence Clancy, Patricia Grimes, Bill Mathey, Lynette McInnes, Peter Donkers, Hermine Assigal, Pat Gleeson, Justin Crawford.

ANNIVERSARIES: Frank Martin, Bruce Duck, Allan Grimes, Nan Doughty, Jim Boadle, Jacqueline Plant, Jack Parker, Margaret Stout, Cecil Webster, Bob & Clare Matthews, Thelma Walsh, Mgr Michael Lane, Patricia Steward, Voilet McLaughlan, Ned Mulquiney, Elizabeth Jacobs, Jackie Bullock, Ellen Johnstone, Tom O'Brien, Samuel Mathews, Les Curtis, Wal Curtis, Kevin Watson, William Coyle, Steven Valys, Sid Cofield.

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 July

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
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 (Sunday)

Sat /Sun: 6th / 7th August

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Colleen Day	Margy Brown
Lector 1	Michael Byrnes	Richard Parkinson
Lector 2	Adrian Mitchelhill	Sr Patricia Weekes
Eucharistic Ministers	Anna Farrell Pauline Mulquiney	Sue Betts Susan Hayhoe
Cantor	Judy Lindsay	Ed, Margie, Heath & Don
Musicians	Catherine Cutler	

Counters: Lachlan McIntyre & Wendy McFerran (Sunday)

Prayer for Our Sacred Heart Parish

God of Love, Source of all hope and good things;

You call us in love, to share in the work and ongoing life of our Sacred Heart Parish.

Bless this parish of ours and lead us to be confident and joyful in serving those around us, so that through us, the world may catch a glimpse of the love you have for each one of us.

Make us instruments of your love to everyone that we encounter in our parish community, at home, at work and in our neighbourhood.

Help us to grow in gratitude so that we can recognise and thank you for all the good things you have given us.

Each day may we come to know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen



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

Judd Thomas Boulton

Son of Ronald and Sophie

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"Let us be renewed by God's mercy ... and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish. "

Parish News

The Spirit of the Plenary Council Alive at Sacred Heart

Gratitude is expressed to the many who have responded in recent days to the various needs arising in our parish community. Last Friday Val Hayes with the assistance of Lyn Hamilton spent most of the day in the parish office compiling and printing the parish newsletter—a monumental effort.

The gifts and talents of Kevin Wesley and Kansas Michael were freely on display as they wired the newly purchased reverse cycle heating/cooling system in the hall—not to mention the new lighting that has brightened the kitchen area.

Thanks to those who have made donations to the cost of the new heating system in the hall, especially the substantial donation which covers most of the \$15,960 GST inclusive.

Thanks to all those yet unnamed who have helped out in simple and generous ways during this latest COVID and influenza outbreak to assist in pastoral care and outreach to others.

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 pages 4-6.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy occurs during the celebration of 9.30am Eucharist on the second and fourth Sundays of the month during school terms.

If you are interested in helping out with the supervision of children or the teaching involved please contact Genn Hamam Email: genwhelton@hotmail.com

PARISH MORNING TEA

This takes place next Sunday 7 August at the conclusion of our celebration of Eucharist. If possible please bring something to share. All welcome.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Bishop Mark Edwards and Dr Andrew Watson invites you to the Mass of Thanksgiving for the work of the Sisters of St Joseph, Christian Brothers, Marist Brothers & Patrician Brothers in the Diocese of Wagga. On Wednesday 10 August at 10.00am St Michael's Cathedral followed by morning tea at McAlroy House. RSVP to execsec@ww.catholic.edu.au by 1 August. This Mass will also include the commissioning of all CEDWW Office Staff.

50 YR GATHERING ST JOSEPH'S LADIES COLLEGE YR 12 1972, YR 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*

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

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.

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.



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.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Ecclesiastes

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that the person who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is their own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what do they gain for all the toil and strain that they have undergone under the sun? What of all their laborious days, their cares of office, their restless nights? This, too, is vanity. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 89

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

Response: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge

You turn men back into dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. **R**

You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. **R**

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. **R**

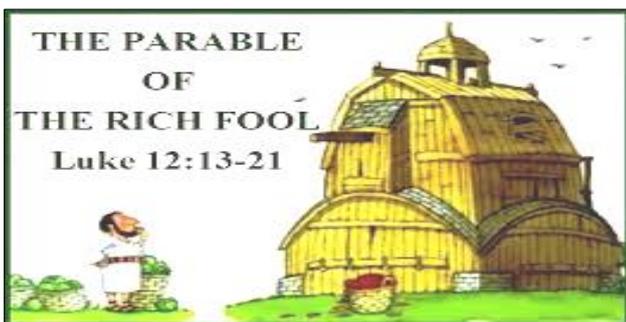
In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. **R**

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed—and he is your life—you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

The word of the Lord



Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy are the poor in spirit,
The kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 12: 13-21

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance. 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or arbiter of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a person's life is not made secure by what they own, even when they have more than they need.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There once was a rich man who having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, 'Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?' So it is when a person stores up treasure for themselves in place of making themselves rich in the sight of God.' The Gospel of the Lord