



*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.*

## *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### *6th / 7th August 2022*

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#### Mass Times

**SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm**

**SUNDAY: 9.30 am**

**WEEKDAY MASSES: This Week:**

**Wednesday & Friday 9.30am**

#### RECONCILIATION

**SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM**

**BAPTISMS—By appointment.**

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 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. (See Next Column)

# 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:** Bruce Duck, Lachlan Fitchett, Josephine Carter, Siobhan Harte, Dell Flanagan, Margaret O'Rourke, Dimpy Weston, Beverley Bungey, Joe Keighran, Pat Sheehan, Frank Grice, Sally Guthrie, Cindy Rohick, Peter Yensch, John Miles, Jack Yensch, Christopher Burdak Bill Thompson, Bon Phefley, Charlie Kramer, Lena Tregupis, Patrick Roche, Lila O'Leary, May Hudson, Nellie Gaudry, Richard Bye, Catherine Hickman, Beatrice Walker.

*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: 6th / 7th August**

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Colleen Day	Margy Brown
<b>Lector 1</b>	Michael Byrnes	Richard Parkinson
<b>Lector 2</b>	Adrian Mitchelhill	Sr Patricia Weekes
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Anna Farrell Pauline Mulquiney	Sue Betts Susan Hayhoe
<b>Cantor Musicians</b>	Judy Lindsay Catherine Cutler	Ed, Margie, Heath & Don
<b>Counters: Lachlan McIntyre &amp; Wendy McFerran (Sunday)</b>		

**Sat /Sun: 13th / 14th August**

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Kellie Gordes	Gavin Dykes
<b>Lector 1</b>	Paula Waters	Lorraine Willis
<b>Lector 2</b>	Justin Clancy	Roy Thompson
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Jeneice Harding Michael Regan	Fran Kernaghan Narelle Naughton
<b>Cantor Musicians</b>	Brian Waters Judy Foley	Bob Mathews/Mary Buckley Val Hayes
<b>Counters: Carey Menz-Dowling &amp; John Dowling (Sunday)</b>		

## Prayer for Confirmation Candidates

**May the candidates being confirmed in our Parish this coming week come to know you, the one true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.**

**May your Holy Spirit help them to grow in faith, hope, and love, so they may know peace, truth, and goodness. May they show forth the gifts of the Holy Spirit in their lives.**

**May their ears hear your voice.**

**May their eyes see your presence in all things.**

**May their lips proclaim your word.**

**May their hearts be your dwelling place.**

**May their hands do works of charity.**

**May their feet walk in the way of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord.**

**Amen.**



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

**Hudson & Mason Kirley**  
*Sons of Clinton & Emily*



# Parish News

## GOSPELS FOR THE LITURGICAL YEAR—Free Online Course on Tuesdays in August

A free online short course via Zoom presented by Garrett Publishing with the ACU Centre for Liturgy on **four Tuesdays in August**, for those interested in exploring the new resource, *Celebrating the Lectionary*. It will be presented by the author of its Australian content, Professor Clare Johnson in conversation with Elizabeth Fort (Brisbane Catholic Education), Dr Janine Luttick (ACU) and Dr Emmanuel Nathan (ACU).

This course would be useful for **catechists** and those leading **Children's Liturgy of the Word** to help those interested to use the resource to its best advantage, to

- use the Lectionary as a ground for RE and catechetical programs
- draw young people into the riches of the Gospels, Solemnities, Feasts, and the commemoration of select saints, through prayer, reflection, and activities designed specifically for them
- reflect on each Sunday's Gospel and break open the Word using concepts young people can understand.

Participants will also explore:

- the relevant in-class activities designed to aid busy educators
- the take-home sheets that relate to each Sunday's Gospel that help parents and carers address questions of faith with their children, and engage in practical Christian activities.

### **Gospels for the Liturgical Year**

Tuesday Evenings—August 9, 16, 23 & 30; Time 7.00—8.00pm; Online via Zoom; Cost Free; Registration—Use the QR code below.



## MEN'S BREAKFAST—Saturday 13 August 2022

All men welcome. Good Food—Good Fellowship. Where: St James Hall, Lavington. Time: open 7.45am for tea/coffee Grace at 8.00am. Cereals etc., followed by hot food. Speaker: Pastor Grant Redman (Albury Baptist Church) Cost: donation. Enquiries: 0427 706 756 or email: [bandjames@yahoo.com.au](mailto:bandjames@yahoo.com.au)

## 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.

**2022/23 planned giving envelopes (blue) are ready for collection on the table at the Mate Street entrance.**



## UPCOMING LITURGICAL EVENTS

The second rite of reconciliation for children in Yr 4 at St Anne's and their families will take place this Tuesday 9 August at 11.30am in Sacred Heart Church. You are welcome to join in this liturgy and receive the sacrament of reconciliation if you wish.

Bishop Mark Edwards will confer the sacrament of Confirmation on our Yr 6 candidates this Friday 12 August at 6.00pm in Sacred Heart Church. If you are connected to one of the candidates or wish to support these children in the journey of their faith you are most welcome to attend the ceremony.

## LITURGY MEETING

A meeting to prepare our readings, music and liturgy for the coming months will be held this Tuesday 9 August in the Sacred Heart Church. If you would like to make a contribution in this regard you are most welcome to join the team.

## 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 This Mass will also include the commissioning of all CEDWW Office Staff.

## FOOTY COMPETITION RESULTS AS OF ROUND 20

**123**—Kay Locke, Naughtons; **121**—Cathy Nyhan; **120**—Kansas Michael, John O'Keeffe, Fran Kernaghan, Bede Hart; **119**—Val Hayes; **118**—Val Azzi, Brian Butts; **117**—Joseph Kipper, Les Murray, Peter Treacy; **115**—Fr Martin Joan Moylan, Liz Phegan, VicWA; **114**—Pat & Dawn Gleeson, Paula McEachern, Chrissie Trebilcock; **113**—Carmel Butts, Favero Family, Colleen Howard; **111**—John Dowling; **110**—Molly Fulford, Denis Shirley, Ray Trebilcock, Wombats; **109**—Connor Metcraft, Brian Millgate; **102**—David Kirley.

## PARISH MORNING TEA

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

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS—DATE FOR DIARY

**At our meeting on 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

Envelopes are still available in the Church if you are able to make a contribution. Visit [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au) or call **13 18 12** if you wish to contribute online.

# Liturgy of the Word

## First Reading: Book of Wisdom

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.  
The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm 32

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

**Response: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;  
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.  
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,  
the people he has chosen as his own. **R**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. **R**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
As we place all our hope in you. **R**



## A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

(Shortened Form)

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.  
The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Be watchful and ready:  
You know not when the Son of Man is coming.  
Alleluia!

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 12: 35-40 (Shortened Form)

Jesus said to his disciples: ' See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You, too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. The Gospel of the Lord.