



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.

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

27th / 28th August 2022

Parish Clergy

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Ref No: Please contact Office for a number.

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-5.45pm

BAPTISMS—By appointment.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL—Annual General Meeting

This year's Annual General Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place this Thursday 1 September at 6.00pm in Sacred Heart Hall. The Parish Council warmly invites all interested parishioners to attend. Finger food and drinks provided—even a lucky door prize!

Parishioners are often not aware of the role of our Parish Council. Our Council's role is to participate in God's mission to live and communicate the love and values of Christ in the world around us. Our Parish Council shares in the responsibility for the ongoing life and development of our parish community, working together with parishioners to provide support for their efforts to live as followers of Christ. The purpose of the Parish Council is to:

- ◆ Provide the opportunity for members of the parish community to share the responsibility of parish life.
- ◆ Act as a vehicle for communication between the parish and the diocese.

The Parish Council is open to all parishioners & is enriched by a varied representation. Please consider offering your gifts, knowledge and experience to the Parish Council to enable it to be a vital and effective body within the Church community, assisting all in their ongoing efforts to live their baptismal call, discovering, embracing and proclaiming Christ within every aspect of life.

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Desmond Rattcliffe, Barry Fahey, Vincent Gooden, Tony Herrick, Dorothy Bell, Tom Richards, Maureen McLauchlan, Ezekiel Carney, Pam Stone, Terence Clancy, Patricia Grimes, Bill Mathey, Peter Donkers, Hermine Assigal, Pat Gleeson, Dell Swinton.

ANNIVERSARIES: Alma Terlikowski, Andrew Lindner, Don Fraser, Maria Lawrowicz, Molly McLaughlin, Bishop William Brennan, Stewart Bryant, Pat Boadle, Barry Godde, John Sharman, Eric Livermore, Therese Livermore, Valda Cunningham, Mary Cox, & Nell Cruikshank.

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

FOOTY TIPPING RESULTS 2022

Thanks and hope we all had fun.

The winners are:
148 Naughton Family

143 Fran Kernaghan
143 John O'Keeffe
143 Val Hayes

142 Kathy Nyhan
142 Joe Kipper
142 Kay Locke

Thank you Heath for co-ordinating.

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 27th / 28th August

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	First Communion Commitment Mass	First Communion Commitment Mass
Eucharistic Ministers	Adrian Mitchelhill Anna Farrell	Richard Parkinson Pamela McIntosh
Cantor	Brian Waters	David Hicks
Counters: Noelene Cruise & Jane Togher		

Sat / Sun: 3rd / 4th September

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Adrian Mitchelhill Justin Clancy Colleen Day	Mass of Indigenous Culture
Eucharistic Ministers	Pauline Mulquiney Michael Regan	Trish Parkinson Sr Patricia Weekes
Cantor Musicians	Mary Buckley Judy Foley	Ann & Lachlan McIntyre Val Hayes
Counters: Richard & Trish Parkinson (Sunday)		

First Communion Commitment

Prayer

Lord Jesus,
bless the children and their
parents
who are committing themselves
this weekend to prepare for their
First Holy Communion.
Pour out your blessing upon them
during this time of Sacramental
preparation.

May they come closer to you
and come to know your special
love for them.
May this time of preparation be a
time
of blessing for the children,
their families and our Parish
community.
We make this prayer through
Christ our Lord. Amen

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

“To all people of good will who are working for social justice: never tire of working for a more just world, marked by greater solidarity! “

Parish News

The Eucharist—Source & Summit of the Christian Life

'What is supposed to happen at the Eucharist is that we, the congregation by sacrificing the things that divide us should become the body and blood of Christ. More so than the bread and wine, we the people are meant to be changed, to be transformed. The Eucharist has always been Christ's way to show us how to overcome barriers, to transcend boundaries and bring people together, The eucharist is an invitation to us not just to come together in church to celebrate a sacred ritual that Jesus left us. The eucharist invites us to commit ourselves inside our families and communities to share all aspects of our lives with others.' (Ron Rolheiser)

Child's Commitment

Dear Jesus, I really want to receive you in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. I ask you to help me during our special preparation time, to be more like the person You want me to be.

When you come to me in holy Communion, you will be with me more fully in a special way, sharing your life and love with me. Amen.

Parent's Commitment

We, the ...*name of family* ... family will continue to support our child on their journey of faith, which began at Baptism. Lord, help us to give our child an example of Christian living, and help us to pass on to our family the importance of the celebration of the Eucharist.

Parish Commitment

As the parish community of Sacred Heart we commit ourselves to supporting these children on their faith journey in prayer and by being visible signs of the life giving presence of Jesus Christ in our world.

MASS OF CELEBRATION—Indigenous Culture

In recent months the members of our Parish Pastoral Council have been exploring ways to celebrate the cultural diversity of our Sacred Heart Parish community. We have been reflecting on ways in which we can continue to be a welcoming, inclusive and Christ-centred community. To this end Pastor Darren Wighton has agreed to enliven our celebration of Eucharist on **Sunday 4 September** with elements of indigenous spirituality and invite local nations people to this mass. The gathering will also provide the opportunity to commission some forty Year 11 students and staff from Xavier High School as they prepare for immersion experiences in the coming days to Moree and Lake Mungo.

Parish Morning Tea

Morning Tea will take place as usual first Sunday of the month 4 September at the conclusion of the celebration of 9.30am Eucharist in our parish hall. If possible please bring along something to share.

Social Justice Sunday –28th August

This year's Social Justice Statement, prepared by the Bishops of Australia, *Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse*, invites us to engage with a complex and confronting social reality.

The Bishops invite us to investigate the scope, drivers and enablers of abuse and they invite us also to familiarize ourselves with programs that promote the transformation of individuals and structures.

Access the Statement: <https://bit.ly/SJS22-23>

There are some copies of the Statement which are available for collection & reflection at the entrances to the Church.

Prayer for Social Justice Sunday

Loving God, you made each of us in your image and likeness, open our eyes to recognise one another as equals, replacing domination and control, violence and abuse with mutuality, reciprocity, respect and freedom. Help us to love like you.

Jesus Christ, you rejected the use of religious traditions to justify violence. Teach us to unmask manipulations of our faith used to justify violent, abusive or coercive behaviour. Teach us to be people who show tenderness, respect and care for others as you did.

Holy Spirit, you are with us always, showing us the way. Move us to assist those who experience violence and abuse and support their call for justice. Empower us to hold perpetrators of violence and abuse responsible, encouraging them to change their behaviour.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

St. Vincent De Paul Centre—Volunteers needed

The St, Vincent de Paul Society urgently needs volunteers to help at the centre in Mate Street/Waugh Road. The centre provides emergency assistance for food & accommodation to those in need.

The centre is open Monday-Friday from 10.00am-12.30pm & 1.30pm-3.00pm. Training provided. Current members are increasing in age & weariness, and are desperately in need of some 'younger' ones to lend a hand. Please contact Anthony Foley 0417 663 276 for further details.



Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Book of Ecclesiasticus

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 67

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

Response: God in your goodness, you have made home for the poor.

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God they shall exult and dance for joy.

O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **R**

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,
Such is God in his holy place.

God gives the lonely a home to live in;
he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **R**

You poured down, O God, a generous rain:
When your people were starved you gave them
new life.

It was there that your people found a home,
prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **R**

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant. The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you;

learn from me, for I m gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 14:1, 7-14

On a Sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this person." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, they may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

The Gospel of the Lord.