



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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time *3rd / 4th September 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.



Acknowledgment of Country: As we gather on this sacred land, let us acknowledge that we are standing on country, for which the Wiradjuri people have been custodians for thousands of years. We acknowledge their living culture and unique role in the life of this country. We acknowledge the Elders, past, present and emerging, and their ancestors who have had a deep relationship with the Creator Spirit, thousands of years before Abraham.

Australia is Holy Land the great challenge is to open our eyes to see the stories written, open our ears and hear the songs that have been sung and feel the sacredness of the land on which we gather today.

From the Uluru Statement from the Heart (the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples)

We seek constitutional reforms to empower our people and take a *rightful place* in our own country. When we have power over our destiny our children will flourish. They will walk in two worlds and their culture will be a gift to their country.

We call for the establishment of a First Nations Voice enshrined in the Constitution.

Makarrata is the culmination of our agenda: *the coming together after a struggle*. It captures our aspirations for a fair and truthful relationship with the people of Australia and a better future for our children based on justice and self-determination.

We seek a Makarrata Commission to supervise a process of agreement-making between governments and First Nations and truth-telling about our history.

In 1967 we were counted, in 2017 we seek to be heard. We leave base camp and start our trek across this vast country. We invite you to walk with us in a movement of the Australian people for a better future.



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jo Sexton, Judy Chisholm, Kim Kennedy, Desmond Ratcliffe, Barry Fahey, Vincent Gooden, Tony Herrick, Dorothy Bell, Maureen McLauchlan, Ezekiel Carney, Terence Clancy, Bill Mathey, Peter Donkers, Hermine Assigal, Pat Gleeson.

ANNIVERSARIES: Tony Whiting, Don Fraser, Barry Goode, Maryanne Kennedy, Noeleen Low, Mary McLaurin, Sally Ronbinson, Gloria Dawson, Sandra Mitsch, Mary Emerson, Cess Herbert, Bill Ashworth, Anne Fallett, Michael Lawrence Irene Lieberman, Patrick Hamilton, Kathleen Bomford, Lawrence Taylor, Krystal Crowther, Joseph Terlick, Ludwig Jankowski, Laura Bowen, Craig Pierpoint, Agnes Sutherland, Ken Herbert, Frances Slater, Valda Beebar, Frederick Buckhorn.

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



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

Roman Leslie Bass

Son of Aaron & Brooke and

Fletcher Matthew Wilson

Son of Jack & Georgina.

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 3rd / 4th September

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Adrian Mitchelhill	Mass of Indigenous Culture
Lector 1	Justin Clancy	
Lector 2	Colleen Day	
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)		

Sat / Sun: 10th/ 11th September

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Colleen Day	Roy Thompson
Lector 1	Catherine Cutler	Ann McIntyre
Lector 2	Michael Byrnes	Narelle Naughton
Eucharistic Ministers	Sr Loretta Corrigan Patricia Hopkins	Noelene Cruise Moirra Porta
Cantor Musicians	Catherine Cutler/Judy Lindsay Val Hayes	Bernadette & Wendy
Counters: Diane & Greg Bartsch (Sunday)		

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

“Fathers are so necessary as examples and guides for our children in wisdom and virtue. “

Prayer for Father's Day

Heavenly Father,
you entrusted your Son Jesus,
the child of Mary,
to the care of Joseph, an earthly
father.

Bless all fathers and grandfathers
as they care for their families.
Give them strength and wisdom,
tenderness and patience.

Support them in the work they
have to do, protecting those who
look to them, as we look to you
for love and salvation,

Help them to have patience,
wisdom and strength and love at
all times, so that, through them,
we get a little glimpse of how you
feel about us.

Through Christ our Lord Amen.



Parish News

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.

XAVIER IMMERSION EXPERIENCE—Commitment and Commissioning

Student & Staff Commitment

As a member of the Xavier High School community I commit myself to engage fully with the opportunities offered by the immersion experience with openness and deep listening.

God of the pilgrimage, may I recognise the sacredness of the land on which I will walk and the dignity of all those whom I will encounter.

Parish Commitment

As the parish community of Sacred Heart we commit ourselves to support the students and staff of Xavier High School engaged in the immersion experience through prayer. May our own witness to gospel values be strengthened and renewed.

Commissioning

We commission you the young women and men and staff of Xavier High School as you prepare to set out on a journey of ethical and spiritual significance. Through your encounter with our First Nations people, and the land itself may your eyes be open to see the stories written, your ears to hear the tune of the songs that have been sung, your hearts awakened to the need to create a more just society for us all.

Fr Martins Calendar

I will be accompanying the Year 11 students and staff on their immersion experience to Lake Mungo from Sunday 11 September until Friday 16 September. Fr Berne Thomas has kindly agreed to celebrate 9.30am mass with us on that Sunday. **NO** weekday masses are scheduled for that week.

Murray Concert Choir

Presents: Plagues, Prayers & Peace—Reflections for our Times.

Saturday 10 September at St Matthews Albury 7.30pm

Book online: <https://www.trybooking.com/CBSPZ>

Sunday 11 September at St John's Wodonga 2.30pm

Book online: <https://www.trybooking.com/CBUFU>

Tickets: \$25 (\$20 concession), under 18 free

Tickets available from Choir members & at the door.

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 and 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.



Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement 2022

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 and reflection at the entrances to the Church.

Australian Catholics Spring Edition 2022

The spring edition of Australian Catholics has arrived. The theme of this edition is '*Media for Good*'.

In a message to the World Catholic Association for Communication, Pope Francis said media professionals needed to double their efforts to 'assist people, especially young people to develop a sound critical sense, learning to distinguish truth from falsehood, right from wrong, good from evil, and to appreciate the importance of working for justice, social concord and respect for our common home'.

In this edition, the young guest editors demonstrate their knowledge of how the media can be used for good, as well as for ill. Young Voices Awards entrants also raised their voices to highlight injustice and make life better for all. Please take and distribute.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 10th September 2022

All men welcome.

Good Food - Good Fellowship

Where: St James Hall,

Cnr. Schneider & Heriot Streets Lavington.

Time open approx. 7.45 a.m. for tea/coffee.

Grace at 8. a.m. Cereals followed by hot food.

Speaker: **Major Alan Laurens (Salvation Army)**

Cost: Donation (surplus funds go to local S.R.E.)

Enquiries: 0427706756 or

email bandjjames@yahoo.com.au

Footy Tipping Results 2022

Thanks and hope we all had fun—The winners are:

148 Naughton Family; **143** Fran Kernaghan, John O'Keeffe, Val Hayes; **142** Cathy Nyhan, Joseph Kipper, Kay Locke.

Thank you Heath for co-ordinating.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Book of Wisdom

Which of us can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?

As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and mortals been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom. 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 exalt and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to Philemon

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you and with him—I could say—a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them.

'If anyone comes to me without hating their father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and their own life too, they cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry their cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if you had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if you had laid the foundation and then found yourself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of you, saying, "Here is someone who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless you give up all your possessions.'

The Gospel of the Lord.