



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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 10th/ 11th September 2022

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

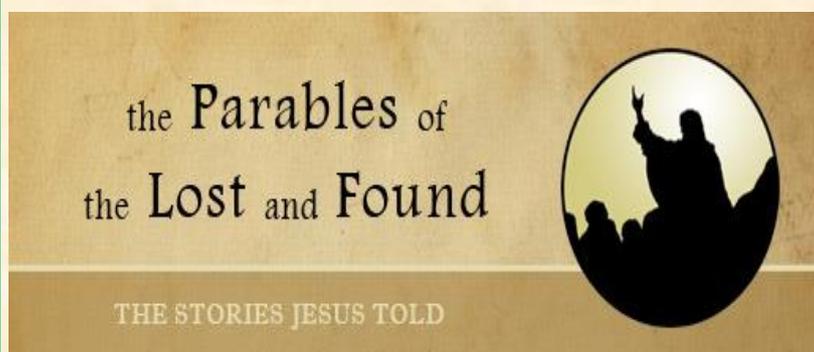
Live-streaming on Sunday 9.30am Mass by accessing our website.

WEEKDAY MASSES: NO MASSES THIS WEEK

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.



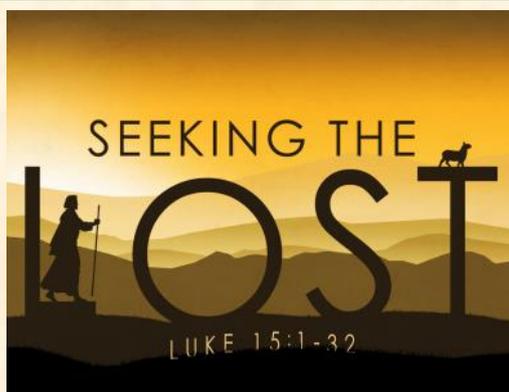
The readings for this weekend celebrate the boundless mercy God offers to us, regardless of our sins, and the joy that comes from repentance.

In the First Reading, the fragile faith of the Israelites has faltered, and they worship the calf they have created out of molten metal. Moses pleads the cause of the people, and God relents from destroying them, despite their lack of faith.

The Psalmist, recognising the depth of his sinfulness, trusts in God's mercy. He pleads with God to strengthen the spirit within, offering a 'humbled, contrite' heart. The Second Reading recalls the multitude of sins the young Saul committed against the faith before his conversion. Despite this, when he repented of these sins he was shown great mercy, and was filled with the grace and love of Christ. We are reminded again that Jesus came into the world to save all sinners.

In the Gospel we hear Jesus' powerful teaching about seeking whatever is lost, and the joy that comes when it is found again. Here he speaks of a lost sheep and a lost coin, but the heart of his message is the joy of God's loving mercy, which is poured out upon us when we repent of our sins.

This week, let's keep in mind all those who are lost and searching for something – perhaps for a loved one who has gone astray; for forgiveness; for love or peace; or for meaning in life itself. We ask the Lord to be with all of us in our searching, and bring us the joy of finding what we seek.



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Queen Elizabeth II, Marisa

Copperwaite, Maureen Toner, Gerald Murphy, 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: Margaret Doyle, Jenny O’Flaherty, Sr Margaret Schmetzer, Eileen Gill, Teresa Dynana, Jan McNamee, Anne Twomey, Allan Wessen, Norm McLaurin, Arthur Walsh, Mario Fabbro, Megan Ryan, Irene Shanahan, Bill Ditchfield, Emily Clark, Jo Handley, Geoff Hore, Bob Kirkwood, John Austin, Geoffrey Loulson, Fr Brian McEwan, Harold Hopp, Dora Drennan, Jack Weber, Jim Newman, William Gaudry.

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: 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 Moira Porta
Cantor Musicians	Catherine Cutler/Judy Lindsay Val Hayes	Simon & Wendy
Counters: Diane & Greg Bartsch (Sunday)		

Sat / Sun: 17th/ 18th September

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Jasmine Gordes	Sr Carina Morton
Lector 1	Kellie Gordes	Lorraine Willis
Lector 2	Paula Waters	Rom Hayes
Eucharistic Ministers	Jeneice Harding Anna Farrell	Gemma Whitehead Dianne Treacy
Cantor Musicians	Brian Waters Judy Foley	Val Hayes
Counters: Nardia Scarvell & Liz Simon		

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

“Let us ask the Lord to give each of us the grace to forbear others, to forgive, to be merciful, as the Lord is merciful with us; and to have this Christian way of compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience.”

Prayer for Safeguarding Sunday 11th September

Gracious God,
you love and care for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable.
We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk. Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken.
Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard.

We pray that with the help of your grace communities and families will find understanding and support, so that now and in the future their wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace. Let your grace and love fall gently
now
upon our children and adults at risk, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required.

We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen

Parish News

Mass of Celebration of Indigenous Culture & Spirituality

Thanks is extended to all those involved in the organisation and implementation of our celebration of the Eucharist last Sunday where we prayed in our Acknowledgement of Country, Australia is a holy land. The great challenge is to open our eyes to see the stories written, open our ears to hear the gone of the songs that have been sung and feel the sacredness of the land on which we gather.

Gratitude is particularly expressed to Aunty Edna, a local Wiradjuri elder for her welcome to country, and to Pastor Darren Wighton for his inspirational words, like the Uluru Statement, spoken from the heart. Ideas of course need to be concretised and implemented—thanks to Ed Brown and Heath Neville for their meticulous planning of the liturgy and for involving many of our Yr 11 students in practical ways.

Let us continue to remember in prayer some 40 Yr 11 students and staff from Xavier High School who set out on indigenous immersion experiences to Moree & Lake Mungo today and those involved in community service projects this week. During your own prayer in the coming week you might remember these young women & men as they embark on a significant spiritual journey in the words of our commissioning ceremony.

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 Martin's Calendar

I will be accompanying twenty Yr 11 students and staff from Xavier High School from Sunday 11 September until Friday 16 September. Therefore, no masses scheduled for weekdays Monday 12 September—Friday 16 September inclusive.

The Eucharist—Source & Summit of the Christian Life

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.

Congratulations, Fr Bernie Thomas

Fr Bernie Thomas celebrated 50 years since his ordination to the service of ministerial priesthood on 27 August, 2022. Fr Bernie will celebrate Eucharist with our parish community this Sunday 11 September. We thank Bernie for his continued presence in our parish community, his wise counsel, deep faith and passionate reflection on how as a church we are called to be Christ's disciples in our world today.

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 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.

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy is this Sunday 11 September during the celebration of 9.30am Eucharist. Children's Liturgy occurs 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

Ordination to the Diaconate

Ordination to the Diaconate of Michael Perry to be held at 6.00pm Wednesday 14 September 2022 at St Michael's Cathedral. All are welcome.

Readers, Commentators & Eucharistic Ministers Roster Oct, Nov, Dec 2022, Jan 2023

A new roster beginning in October is being compiled for Readers, Commentators & Eucharistic Ministers. If you are already on the list you don't need to reply unless you wish to place a preference for time/ministry or have dates when you will be unavailable.

If you are not currently involved in one of these important ministries of service you are welcome to add your name to the list at the Swan Street entrance. Alternatively, you can email the parish office with relevant information.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Book of Exodus

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostasised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. 'Here is your God, Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt!' they have cried. I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.' But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said. 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 50

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

Response: I will rise and go to my father.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **R**

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R**

O Lord open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise,
My sacrifice is a contrite spirit;
a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. **R**

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to Timothy

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
And the Good News of reconciliation he has
entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 15: 1-32 (Shortened Version)

The tax collectors and the sinners, meanwhile, were all seeking Jesus's company to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man', they said, 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'Who among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say, "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

The Gospel of the Lord.