



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.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 28th / 29th January 2023

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Presbytery A/c: BSB: 066 789; A/c No: 100005575.

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.

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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.

ULURU STATEMENT FROM THE HEART

We, gathered at the 2017 National Constitutional Convention, coming from all points of the southern sky, make this statement from the heart:

Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tribes were the first sovereign Nations of the Australian continent and its adjacent islands, and possessed it under our own laws and customs. This our ancestors did, according to the reckoning of our culture, from the Creation, according to the common law from 'time immemorial', and according to science more than 60,000 years ago.

This sovereignty is a *spiritual notion: the ancestral tie between the land, or 'mother nature', and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander peoples who were born therefrom, remain attached thereto, and must one day return thither to be united with our ancestors. This link is the basis of the ownership of the soil, or better, of sovereignty.* It has never been ceded or extinguished, and co-exists with the sovereignty of the Crown.

How could it be otherwise? That peoples possessed a land for sixty millennia and this sacred link disappears from world history in merely the last two hundred years? With substantive constitutional change and structural reform, we believe this ancient sovereignty can shine through as a fuller expression of Australia's nationhood. Proportionally, we are the most incarcerated people on the planet. We are not an innately criminal people. Our children are alienated from their families at unprecedented rates. This cannot be because we have no love for them. And our youth languish in detention in obscene numbers. They should be our hope for the future.

These dimensions of our crisis tell plainly the structural nature of our problem. *This is the torment of powerlessness.*

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 & self-determination.

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Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jason Rosewarne, Margaret Tessier, Felipe Cortez, Jhed Oftana, Cardinal George Pell, Derek Lefevre, Sister Augustine Ryan, Maureen Brown, Graeme Johnstone, Diana Ashley, Irene Matthews, Brian Sefton, Rom Hayes, Roger Lescun, Leone Bocquet.

ANNIVERSARIES: Emilio Fornasiero, Joe Lawler, Dorothy Keane, Frank O'Rourke, Royce Boyd, Lilian Nicholl, Bryan Palmer, Donald Murphy, Mary McPherson, Vivian Duell, Albert Williams, Robert Watson, Betty Harrison, Barbara Quirk, Frank Douba, Kevin McAlroy, Nancy Phillips, Molly McCarthy, Bob Cherry, Peter Carroll, Charles Thome, Mary Miglionico, Reginald Scammell, Antonio Audino, Gordon Doubleday, Stephen Kirley, Joseph McBrien.

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

Prayer for our Country Australia

Lord God, your Spirit has moved over the face of Australia and formed from its dust a rolling brown land. Your Spirit has moved over its warm tropical waters and created a rich diversity of life. Your Spirit has moved in the lives of men, women and children and given them, from the dreamtime, an affinity with their lands and waters. Your Spirit has moved in pilgrim people and brought them to a place of freedom and plenty. Your Spirit moves still today in sprawling, high rise cities, in the vast distances of the outback and in the ethnic diversity of the Australian people. Lord God, in the midst of this varied huddle of humanity you have set your church. Give us, the people you have so richly blessed, a commitment to justice and peace for all nations; and a vision of righteousness and equality for all people in our own country. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 28th / 29th January

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Colleen Day	Richard Parkinson
Lector 1	Adrian Mitchelhill	Liz Phegan
Lector 2	Justin Clancy	Mary Hunt
Eucharistic Ministers	Jeneice Harding Patricia Hopkins	Pamela McIntosh Emonn Buckley Cathy Nyhan
Cantor Musicians	John van Lint Judy Foley	Ed, Margy, Heath & Don
Counters: Noelene Cruise & Jane Togher (Monday)		

Sat / Sun: 4th/ 5th February

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Sr Carina Morton	Roy Thompson
Lector 1	Justin Clancy	Ann McIntyre
Lector 2	Kaye Deanshaw	John Dowling
Eucharistic Ministers	Anna Farrell Jeneice Harding	Sue Betts Moirra Porta Mercedes Goss
Cantor Musicians	Catherine Cutler/Judy Lindsay Judy Foley	Simon Goss Val Hayes
Counters: Richard & Trish Parkinson (Sunday)		

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"Agape, the love of each one of us for the other, from the closest to the furthest, is in fact the only way that Jesus has given us to find the way of salvation and of the Beatitudes."



Parish News

ULURU STATEMENT FROM THE HEART

The Uluru Statement from the Heart is printed on the front page of this week's newsletter. Its content forms the basis for the argument of enshrining in the Australian constitution an indigenous Voice. I encourage you to reflect on its content, message and aspirations as we are likely to be asked to vote in a referendum on this issue this calendar year.

TO PONDER:

To understand the beatitudes is to understand the audience. Jesus is speaking to people at the bottom of the social ladder. These people seek in Jesus another world of possibility beyond their suffering. He offers them this world (God's kingdom) from a mountaintop, a biblical place of revelation and vision. Moses once revealed the commandments from a mountain; now Jesus reveals a vision of God's reign from this same space. He gives people hope and encourages them to trust beyond what they can see. He promises that *they* are the truly blessed ones, not those who are rich, comfortable, or complacent now. He gives them strength to trust in God's promises, to remain faithful and work for the kingdom. These beatitudes are not superficial sayings. They are radical, demanding one's life and fidelity. They both convict and comfort.

As you pray with the beatitudes, how do they speak to you today?

SAVE YOUR USED STAMPS

Thanks to those who have already contributed their used stamps. Your used stamps will be sold at auction to collectors in Sydney. The money raised will go directly to Mary Mackillop Today.

This volunteer organisation raises funds to:

Give disabled children an education in Papua New Guinea;

Fund training programs for poor women to learn life skills in Peru;

Provide vital health care to poor communities in Timor—Leste.

Since we began in 2001, we have raised over \$485,000.

It's simple—No need to soak the stamp off the envelope. Trim stamp off leaving a generous margin of envelope all around stamp.

(Please DON'T trim too close to the stamp)

Please place your used stamps in the container provided on the table near the Sacred Heart window. When sufficient have been collected we will send a bulk supply to this charitable organisation.

FOR SALE

2 bedroom unit, central Albury, excellent condition, new carpet. Price \$310,000.00.

St Patrick's Retirement Village.

Contact Susan Hanrahan, BUR

Mobile: 0497 061 058; Landline: 02 6041 3777

CORRECTION—NOTICE FOR CANTORS / MUSICIANS

Oops!! Practice should have been advised as **Thursday 9th February @ 4pm NOT 9th March**. Apologies for mis-information. This session is to learn new music. Please advise if you are able, or not available to attend. An alternative date could be organised. Contact Judy Foley 0419 420 278 or Val Hayes 0422 953 771.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council will be holding their first meeting for 2023 on Thursday 2nd February at 6.00pm in the parish hall.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & LECTORS ROSTER 2023

New rosters for the months of February, March, April and May have been sent out. For those wanting a hard copy these are available on the table at the Swan Street side of the Church.

If you are unavailable on your allotted day please make a swap with someone.

PARISH MORNING TEA

Our Parish Morning tea resumes the first Sunday of February which is next Sunday 5 February. Our gathering together after the celebration of Eucharist is an opportunity to express who we are—the body of Christ. Please bring something to share if possible. All welcome, especially new comers to our parish community.

TWO LIVES—POPE BENEDICT XVI AND CARDINAL GEORGE PELL

Two important figures in the Catholic Church passed away over the summer. Although they're no longer with us, Pope Benedict & Cardinal George Pell will continue to have a significant influence on the life of the church.

So begins what I consider to be a very balanced article by Michael McVeigh in the Jesuit Journal 'Eureka Street'.

Hard copies are available for those interested who are unable to access the website: eurekastreet.com.au/two-lives on the table at the Swan Street entrance.

CONFIRMATION 2023

As Bishop Mark will be overseas attending World Youth Day our usual date for Confirmation has been brought forward.

Confirmation for Catholic candidates usually in Yr 6 and beyond will take place on **Friday 23 June at 6.00pm** in Sacred Heart Church.

Parents of possible candidates not attending St Anne's Primary School are asked to contact our parish office by email or phone so that you can be informed of the process for preparation.



Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Zephaniah

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 145

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

Response: Happy the poor in spirit the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. **R**

It is the Lord who loves the just
But thwarts the path of the wicked..
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R**

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen—those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing at all to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom and our virtue and our holiness and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

The word of the Lord



Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
Your reward will be great in heaven.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5: 1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: "How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs if the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy are those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs if the kingdom of heaven. Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.