



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 21st/ 22nd January 2023

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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, Thursday (Australia Day) and Friday 9.30am

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.

Preparation Course: 0411 883 661



Today's readings proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, the light of the world: a beacon who draws all peoples to himself.

When the old tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali were being deported to Assyria, Isaiah promised that their land, then deeply overshadowed by turmoil and war, would one day witness a great light in their midst (First Reading).

In the Gospel, St Matthew sees the fulfilment of this prophecy. Jesus was, and is, that light. At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus settles in Galilee, a region that corresponds to the lands of Zebulun and Naphtali. After proclaiming the kingdom of heaven, it is striking that his first action is to call his first disciples. The task of witnessing to the kingdom is not something to be done by Jesus alone. Rather he calls followers to share in and continue this work.

If we are to walk in the light of Jesus, Paul warns against tribalism, differences and division. Jesus alone is our light, not any of his followers. Paul's own role is to be a preacher to the humble and to proclaim the counter-cultural message of the cross (Second Reading).

The Psalm is an eloquent prayer of trust, where the psalmist calls on the Lord as *his light and his help*.

This week, we may like to ask the Lord for that light and help in our own lives, and in the lives of all humanity. We pray that we might find ways of sharing his light and compassion with all whom we meet in our suffering world.



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Margaret Tessier, Mary Mooney,

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: Margaret Smith, Barbara Paterson, Bernard Weiss, Lillian Hancock, Myles Borg, Mark Harrington, Brian Rolfe, Paul l'anson, Ada Pertile, John Briggs, Kevin Houlihan, Jack Whitty, Garth Clifford, Joan Cruikshank, Brian Lane, Zachary Peters, Alma Hancock, Hilda Brewster, Hilda Johnson, Rosemary Cossor, Norman Lane, Gus Mitsch, Ian Miller, Jim Berkley, Edna Hudson.

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: 21st/ 22nd January

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Justin Clancy	Cathy Nyhan
Lector 1	Catherine Cutler	Brigita Serbinek
Lector 2	Colleen Day	John Dowling
Eucharistic Ministers	Kaye Deanshaw Adrian Mitchelhill	Trish Parkinson Dianne Treacy Sr Patricia Weekes
Cantor Musicians	Brian Waters Catherine Cutler	Bob Matthews, Mary Buckley Val Hayes
Counters: Gordon Bryant & Laurie Moylan (Monday)		

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	Simon Goss Val Hayes
Counters: Noelene Cruise & Jane Togher (Monday)		

Prayer for Our Sacred Heart Parish

God of Love, Source of all hope and good things; You call us in love, to share in the work and ongoing life of our Sacred Heart Parish.

Bless this parish of ours and lead us to be confident and joyful in serving those around us, so that through us, the world may catch a glimpse of the love you have for each one of us.

Make us instruments of your love to everyone that we encounter in our parish community, at home, at work and in our neighbourhood. Help us to grow in gratitude so that we can recognise and thank you for all the good things you have given us.

Each day may we come to know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street, in a city square, during work, on a journey. "



Parish News

TO PONDER:

Jesus calls people who have something to leave behind. In rapid succession, he calls his first disciples, and they abandon their families and occupations to follow him. Jesus is also calling us, asking us to examine our own lives for that which prevents us from following him freely, that which can be left behind. This could be a job, a half-hearted commitment to faith, or perhaps a passive acceptance of social structures that degrade the dignity of the human person. Maybe it is attachment to our own opinions that feed divisions in our families, communities, and church. Each day is an invitation to search our hearts and let go of that which contradicts our baptismal callings in order to hear him and follow freely.

The psalmist longs for God, seeking to 'gaze' upon God and 'dwell in the house of the Lord / all the days' of his life. Can you feel this longing? Like the psalmist, we often experience God most intimately in our churches, where the Real Presence resides in the tabernacle. Yet we also experience God intimately through our sacred Scriptures. Today is Sunday of the Word of God, a reminder that we dwell with God not only in sacred buildings but in the sacredness of God's word.

By meditating upon the written word, we encounter *the Word*, who greets us 'with great love' and 'speaks' intimately with us. As you pray with the readings this week, ponder the role of the Scriptures in your life. How are they—or how might they become—a refuge, a place to experience and communicate with God?

Save Your Used Stamps

Mary Mackillop today recycles used stamps to raise urgently needed funds to fight poverty.

Your used stamps will:

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.

Your used stamps will be sold at auctions to collectors in Sydney. The money raised will go directly to Mary Mackillop Today (MMT) in Sydney.

We are all volunteers, so there are No overhead costs, No wages, No waste. Every dollar raised makes a big difference in the lives of the poor and disadvantaged.

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.

Prayer For Ukraine

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, Prince of Peace. Amen
Anglican Archbishops Justin Welby and Stephen Cottrell

NOTICE FOR CANTORS / MUSICIANS

A practice session to learn new music will be held on Thursday 9th March at 4.00pm.

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.

Personnel Appointments

Fr Marco Killingsworth is appointed Administrator of Mulwala/Barooga/Berrigan from 18 January 2023.

Fr Jomer Calma is appointed Assistant priest at St Patrick's Albury from 18 January 2023.

Deacon Michael Perry is appointed to St Patrick's Albury. Fr Luke Joseph is appointed Administrator of Urana/Oaklands in addition to being Parish priest of Lockhart from 18 January 2023.

Fr Andrew Grace is appointed to the Council of Priests to the end of this current term.

Fr Anthony Dunn is appointed to the Council of Priests and the College of Consultors to the end of their respective terms.

Fr Kevin O'Reilly is appointed as Spiritual Director at Vianney College Seminary for 2023.

FOR SALE

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

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EUCCHARISTIC 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.

Liturgy of the Word

First reading—Isaiah

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations. The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 26

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

Response: *The Lord is my light and my salvation*

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life,
before whom shall I shrink? **R**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. **R**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.

Hope in the Lord. **R**

A reading from the first letter of the St Paul to the Corinthians

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all the slogans that you have, like, 'I am for Paul,' 'I am for Apollos,' 'I am for Cephas.' 'I am for Christ.' Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News and not to preach that in terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia , alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 4: 12–23 (abbreviated)

Hearing that John had been arrested, Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations!

The people that lived in darkness have seen a great light: on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men and women.' And they left their nets at once and followed him. He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.