



*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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 23rd/ 24th September 2023

### Parish Clergy

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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: Wednesday & Friday  
9.30am

**RECONCILIATION:** SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

**CHILDRENS LITURGY:** Children's liturgy is offered in Sacred Heart parish community each second and fourth Sunday during school terms.

World Day of  
Migrants and  
Refugees

24·IX·2023



"Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay"



The generous love of the Lord is very close to us. The readings for this weekend remind us that when we seek the Lord, we can be confident of receiving a warm, forgiving welcome – no matter who we are. The prophet Isaiah (First Reading) invites us to seek and find the Lord who is near to us. When we do this, God will embrace us with a rich forgiveness.

The Psalm is a blessing song of wonder and awe to the Lord who is close to us, full of compassion, abounding in love and kindness. St Paul's letter to the Philippians (Second Reading) is written by one who is confident of the closeness of Christ. We, too, are encouraged to focus our lives on the Gospel values of Christ.

The parable of the workers in the vineyard (Gospel) presents an encouraging, if challenging, image of the generosity of God. We are invited to accept this generosity for ourselves and express it towards others. If this seems too hard for us to comprehend, let us take heart that the ways of the Lord are very different from our own ways.

The words of Scripture reassure us that we need not worry, for the Lord is near to us, ever present. Our God is full of compassion and forgiveness, willing us to seek him out. Let us pray that the whole Christian community will be inspired always to seek the Lord. Together as the body of Christ, we can transform the world with the justice and generosity of God.

# Parish Community



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Denice Geraghty, Sr Stephen

Rhynhart RSM, Margaret McDonald (Griffith), Cassie Purtle, Carmel Jolley, Sr Clare Ries RSJ, Jean MacIntosh, Tony Brandt, Fay Martin, Sr Catherine Hughes RSM, Fr Steve Bohan, June Quirk, Bill Lally, Bert Fletcher, Kathleen Williams, Fr Terence Mahedy.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Maureen Brady, Harold Groch, Molly Fulford, Peter Lawler, Jeanette Dethlefs, Keith Fegan, Molly Livermore, Berta Bihler, Albert Terhaar, Betty Arendarcikas, Laurel Lindsay, Rose Ries, Sr Mary Aquinas, Valarie Burton, Bill Stewart & Muriel Freund. *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:*

**Zoey Lee Woodland** daughter of Bradley and Sarah.

## ROSTERS

**Sat / Sun: 23rd / 24th September**

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Adrian Mitchelhill	Margy Brown
<b>Lector 1</b>	Catherine Cutler	Sr Carina Morton
<b>Lector 2</b>	Michael Byrnes	Kay Morrell
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Jeneice Harding Pauline Mulquiney	Trish Parkinson Noelene Cruise
<b>Cantor</b>	Brian Waters	Ed, Margy, Heath & Don
<b>Musicians</b>	Judy Foley	
<b>Counters</b> Di & Greg Bartsch		

**Sat / Sun: 30th Sept / 1st Oct**

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Justin Clancy	Gavin Dykes
<b>Lector 1</b>	Adrian Mitchelhill	Brigita Serbinek
<b>Lector 2</b>	Catherine Cutler	Roy Thompson
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Pat Hopkins Kaye Deanshaw	Emonn Buckley Trish Parkinson Sue Betts
<b>Cantor</b>	Catherine Cutler Judy	Heath & Ashley
<b>Musicians</b>	Lindsay Judy Foley	
<b>Counters:</b> Long weekend		

## Prayer for World Day for Migrants and Refugees 2023

**God, Father Almighty, grant us the grace to work tirelessly for justice, solidarity and peace, so that all your children may enjoy the freedom to choose whether to migrate or to stay.**

**Grant us the courage to denounce all the horrors of our world, and to combat every injustice that mars the beauty of your children and the harmony of our common home. Sustain us by the power of your Spirit, so that we can reflect your tender love to every migrant whom you place in our path, and to spread in hearts and in every situation the culture of encounter and care.**

**We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen**

## Thought for the Week ( Pope Francis):

**"In whatever place we decide to build our future, in the country of our birth or elsewhere, the important thing is that there always be a community ready to welcome, protect, promote and integrate everyone, without distinctions and without excluding anyone."**

# Parish News

## Caritas Australia's Emergency Appeals —Morocco/Libya

Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water and medical assistance. Please support Caritas Australia's emergency appeals. Donate at: [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au)

## Articles on the Voice Referendum

Hard copies of the article 'In the chorus of Yes, why aren't the bishops joining in' by John Warhurst and that of Frank Brennan S.J. The voice referendum: Bringing the country with us are available at the usual collection places around the church. Alternatively you can access digital copies by going to the Eureka Street website: <https://www.eurekastreet.com.au/in-the-chorus-of-yes-why-arent-the-bishops-joining-in>

## SAVE THE DATE—St Anne's Primary School Country Fair

Friday 13 October 2023 from 3.30—7.00pm. Live Music, Family Games, Spinning Wheel, Face Painting, Cakes, Plants and more. The event is on school grounds—corner Curlew & Lowry Streets, North Albury.  
Free Entry.

## From the Director of Catholic Education Wagga Wagga—Dr Andrew Watson

Re: Mr Gavin Dykes - 'I write to advise that Mr Gavin Dykes has accepted the appointment to the position of Principal at Mt St Patrick's College, Murwillumbah, located within the Lismore Diocese to commence at the beginning of 2024.

I offer Gavin our congratulations on his appointment. I thank Gavin for his dedicated service and outstanding leadership of Xavier High School for the past 11 years. His time as Principal has seen a focus on the wellbeing of all Xavier students and staff, innovative approaches to learning and teaching which has led to improved student educational outcomes.

During his time as Principal Gavin has also ensured the continued improvement of buildings and resources at Xavier and the completion of the most recent significant building project the construction of the wonderful St Francis Xavier Centre.

Gavin's care and concern for the families of Xavier High School has been so very evident and his leadership of the College through the difficult COVID years, especially for a school on the border is to be commended. We wish Gavin, Joanne and family, all the very best for the move north to Mt St Patrick's College. We will acknowledge, celebrate, and give thanks for Gavin's leadership of Xavier High School toward the end of this year.

## Diocese of Wagga Wagga New Appointments

Bishop Mark Edwards has announced the following appointments for 2023-2024

Fr Andrew Grace Parish Priest of Sacred Heart, Koorungal, w.e.f. Wednesday 17 January  
Fr Henry Ibe Parish Priest of Sacred Heart, Griffith, w.e.f. Wednesday 17 January  
Fr Steven Ledinich Parish Priest of St Patrick's, Albury, w.e.f. Wednesday 17 January  
Fr Justin Darlow Parish Priest of St Mary's, The Rock, w.e.f. Wednesday 17 January  
Fr Blaise Kurek Parish Priest of St Brendan's, Ganmain, and St Michael's, Coolamon, w.e.f. Wednesday 17 January  
Fr Cyprian Onuorah Administrator of St Oliver Plunkett's, Darlington Point and St Joseph's, Jerilderie, w.e.f. Wednesday 17 January  
Fr Jomer Calma Administrator of St Patrick's, Culcairn, and Our Lady of Sorrows, Holbrook, continuing on from his already announced appointment commencing in October.  
I thank the priests involved for their work at their previous appointments and for their generosity and trust in God in accepting this new assignment.

## From the Bishop's Office The Voice to Parliament Referendum

The Diocese has published a page on the Referendum on the diocesan website. At the end of the page, there are four thoughtful and respectful articles, two for YES and two for NO. The link is: <https://wagga.catholic.org.au/events/the-voice-referendum/>

## Australian Catholics—Spring Edition

The spring edition of Australian Catholics has arrived. In this edition the articles presented are centered around the theme 'Climate for Change', and reflect the views of both adults and young people.

The feature article by Michael McGirr 'Kinchela Boys find their voice' P14 is particularly timely and Fr Andrew Hamilton's article 'Exploring a Changing Church' P29 gives plenty of food for thought.

Please take and distribute your free copies.

## Saint Lorenzo Ruiz Mass

You are invited to attend St Lorenzo Ruiz mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Thurgoona on Thursday 28 September at 5.30pm. Bring a plate for a cuppa after the mass. Contact: MACE Sisters 0402 090 438.

# Liturgy of the Word

## First Reading: Book of Isaiah

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked abandon their way, the evil ones their thoughts. Let them turn back to the Lord who will take pity on them, to our God who is rich in forgiving;

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts. The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm 144

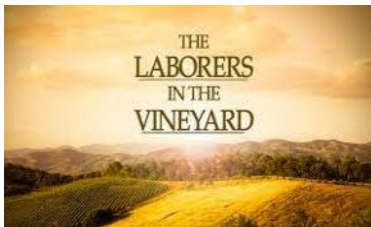
(When the Psalm is sung, the words will vary slightly but the meaning remains the same.)

**Response: *The Lord is near to all who call him.***

I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name forever.  
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
his greatness cannot be measured. **R**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. **R**

The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts. **R**



## A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Christ will be gloried in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results—I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Ope our hearts, O Lord  
to listen to the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 20:1-16 (abridged)

Jesus said to his disciples: “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour, he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, ‘You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage.’ So they went. At about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more workers standing round, and he said to them, ‘Why have you been standing idle all day?’ ‘Because no one hired us,’ they answered. He said to them, ‘You go into my vineyard too’. In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first.’

So those who were hired last came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but grumbled at the landowner

. ‘The workers who came last have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day’s work in all the heat.’ He said, ‘My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous? Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.’ The Gospel of the Lord.