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Sacred Heart Parish

NORTH ALBURY

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—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 30th September / 1st October 2023

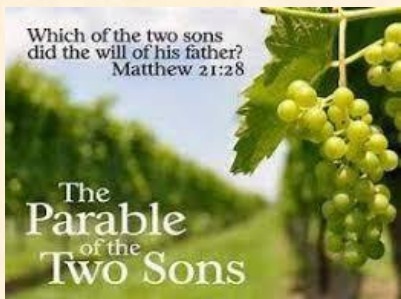
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Mass Times
SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm
SUNDAY: 9.30 am
Live-streaming on Sunday 9.30am Mass by accessing our website
WEEKDAY MASSES: Tuesday 3 October Sacrament of Anointing and celebration of eucharist. Mercy Place Chapel 2pm. (Negative RAT test required before entry) Wednesday 9.30am **NO** Friday mass this week.

RECONCILIATION
SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM
BAPTISMS—By appointment.



This week's readings call us to turn to the Lord, modelling our actions and words on Christ Jesus. The First Reading, from the prophet Ezekiel, gives hope. Those who think better of their situation and renounce are given life. The Psalm reveals the heartfelt prayer of someone turning away from their sin and embracing the gift of new life. The apostle Paul shows what it is to give up sin and take on the mind of Christ (Second Reading). The Church at Philippi was on the whole a source of joy for Paul, but here he appeals for greater unity. This is reached only by imitating the humility of Christ, who became obedient even unto death. Out of love for us, Christ even gives up his divinity, freely and without reservation. Amidst growing tension following the overturning of the money changers' tables in the Temple, the religious leaders confront Jesus, demanding to know the source of his authority. Jesus tells the parable of the two sons, and poses a question, causing the chief priests to reflect on the difference between putting self or others first. By answering correctly, thereby aligning themselves to the boy who said he would do his Father's will but then doesn't, they convict themselves (Gospel). This week, let us keep close to Christ, who obeyed the Father perfectly in word and deed. And let us remember that it is never too late for us to turn to God and follow God's will.



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Ivan George, Denise Geraghty, Sr Stephen Rhynehart 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: Hayden Corrigan, Ron Brindley, Clare Maloney, Bernie Moncrieff, Edith Cane, Elinor Monk, Cecil Murray, Gary Hunt, Reece Tehan, Maureen Stirling, Louise Sowrey, Tony Chappell, Douglas Tooth, Jenny McLaurin, Dawn Rixon, Vicky Gyoles, Arnold Corte, Leslie Grenda & John Bereza.

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: 30th Sept / 1st Oct		
Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Justin Clancy Adrian Mitchelhill Catherine Cutler	Gavin Dykes Brigita Serbinek Roy Thompson
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Hopkins Kaye Deanshaw	Emonn Buckley Trish Parkinson Sue Betts
Cantor Musicians	Catherine Cutler Judy Lindsay Judy Foley	Heath & Ashley
Counters Long weekend		
Sat / Sun: 7th / 8th October		
Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Adrian Mitchelhill Colleen Day Paula Waters	Sr Carina Morton Liz Phegan Sr Patricia Weekes
Eucharistic Ministers	Michael Regan Kaye Deanshaw	Sue Betts Narelle Naughton Cathy Nyhan
Cantor Musicians	John van Lindt Judy Foley	Lachlan McIntyre Val Hayes
Counters: Moira Porta & Margaret Brown		

Prayer for Season of Creation

Loving God, Lord of heaven and earth, this earth, our home belongs to you.

Give us grace to love it as you do.

Give us courage to give ourselves, as you do, for the good of all people and all of your creation.

Strengthen us to stand, as you do, with the vulnerable poor.

Give us wisdom to know when we have enough, and the voice to say "enough" to all that harms creation and hurts the poorest.

This earth, our home, belongs to you.

Amen



A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"Future generations will never forgive us if we miss the opportunity to protect our common home. We have inherited a garden; we MUST not leave a desert for our children."

Parish News

Parish Morning Tea this Sunday

We will be having our monthly morning tea following 9.30am Mass in the Parish Hall. Please bring a plate to share if you are able. All most welcome.

Parish Pastoral Council

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Thursday 26 October at 6.00pm in the Parish Hall.

At this meeting the new office bearers will be elected. If you are interested in serving our parish community by becoming a new member of the council please contact our parish office by phone/email or the current chair person Ed Brown at browne@ww.catholic.edu.au

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, Kooringal, 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.

Fr Connell Perry Assistant Priest Sacred Heart, Griffith

Fr Michael Perry will continue as Assistant Priest, St Patrick's, Albury.

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.

Men's Breakfast Saturday 14 October 2023

Great food, great fellowship to be held at St James Hall Corner of Schneider & Heriot Streets, Lavington.

Hall open for tea/coffee by 7.45am. Grace at 8am.

Speaker David Still from Anglicare Victoria.

Breakfast cost: Donation.

Enquiries: Bruce on 0427 706 756,

email bandjames@yahoo.com.au

Articles on the Voice Referendum

Will they gain a voice? I sincerely hope so by Barry Gittins and 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> and also <https://www.eurekastreet.com.au/will-they-gain-a-voice-i-hope-so>.

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/>

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.

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

CHILDRENS LITURGY:

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

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.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘You object, “What the Lord does is unjust.” Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his precious sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die
The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

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

Response: Remember your mercies, O Lord

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me,
for you are God my saviour. **R**

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **R**



A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as we are; and being as all people are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names, so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father. The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them and they follow me.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 21: 28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, ‘What is your opinion? A man had two children. He went and said to the first, “My child, you go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not go”, but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, “Certainly, sir”, but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will? ‘The first’, they said. Jesus said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.’ The Gospel of the Lord.