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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—Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 7th October / 8th October 2023

#### Parish Clergy

Fr Martin Cruickshank Parish Priest

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BSB: 066 789; A/c No: 10000 5574; Ref No:

Please contact Office for a number.

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: Wednesday & Friday 9.30am

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

**BAPTISMS**—By appointment.

#### CHILDRENS LITURGY:

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



The image of the people of God as a vineyard is familiar in the Scriptures. We can rejoice in seeing the Church as the vineyard of the Lord, but we also need to respond to God's gifts and use them well. In Isaiah's 'Song of the Vineyard', God has made the people of Israel his vineyard (First Reading). He lovingly cares for it, but sadly the people fail to respond.

The Psalm picks up the same theme. It is an appeal to God to turn again and visit the vine he has planted. The vineyard appears in the Gospel too, but here the tenants are reproached. Not only are they not profitable, but they murder the owner's son.

St Paul writes that the peace of God is ours if we can only trust in him (Second Reading). We are to pursue all that is good and pure, and produce the fruit worthy of the Lord. This week, may we be full of thanksgiving for all that we have received, and always turn to the Lord in prayer.



# Parish Community



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Carmel Williams, Ivan George, Denise

Geraghty, Sr Stephen Rhynehart RSM and Cassie Purtle.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Patrice Peters, Paul Hagan, Lindsay Beck, Betty Healy, Bessie Stephenson, Reginald Gard, Sr Patricia O'Connor, Sr Francesca Parkin, Kathleen Yensch, Josephine Fraenfelder, Lois Ferris, Thomas Smith, John Stapleton & Fred Sheather.

*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: 7th / 8th October

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Adrian Mitchelhill	Sr Carina Morton
<b>Lector 1</b>	Colleen Day	Liz Phegan
<b>Lector 2</b>	Paula Waters	Sr Patricia Weekes
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Michael Regan Kaye Deanshaw	Sue Betts Narelle Naughton Gemma Whitehead
<b>Cantor</b>	John van Lindt	Lachlan McIntyre
<b>Musicians</b>	Judy Foley	Val Hayes

Counters Margaret Brown

### Sat / Sun: 14h / 15th October

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Justin Clancy	Cathy Nyhan
<b>Lector 1</b>	Catherine Cutler	Lorraine Willis
<b>Lector 2</b>	Michael Byrnes	Roy Thompson
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Pauline Mulquiney Anna Farrell	Mercedes Goss Carey Menz-Dowling Moiria Porta
<b>Cantor</b>	Brian Waters	David Hicks
<b>Musicians</b>	Judy Foley	Val Hayes

Counters: Anne Gordes & Lorraine Willis

## Prayer for Synod in Rome

**We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.**

**With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;**

**Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it..**

**Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.**

**Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.**

**All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

## Thought for the Week ( Pope Francis):

**“There is no place for ideology in the synod. It's another dynamic. The synod is dialogue between baptized people in the name of the Church, on the life of the Church, on dialogue with the world, on the problems that affect humanity today. But when you think along an ideological path, the synod ends. “**

# Parish News

## Welcome to Fr Bernie Thomas

Thanks once again to Bernie for his willingness to celebrate Eucharist with us this weekend in my absence.

## Deacon Michael Perry Ordination

We offer our congratulations to Michael Perry who was ordained to the ministerial priesthood yesterday (Saturday 7 October) in St Michael's Cathedral.

His thanksgiving mass will be celebrated on Sunday 8 October in St Patrick's Albury at 10.00am. All welcome to attend.

Fr Michael will remain at St Patrick's Albury as assistant priest following his ordination.

## 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](mailto: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, Koorlingal, 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.

**Cat Sitter Required** I am looking for someone to look after

Biscuit (the cat) while I am away in November.

Biscuit is a friendly inside/outside cat. Will cope with a dog but not another cat. Does not catch birds. Food provided and my gratitude. ***Please contact the office if you are interested.***

## St Januarius Blood Donor Team

### From Br Denis Devcich

Starting from 19<sup>th</sup> September this year, the Feast of St Januarius – who is the Patron Saint of Blood Banks - the combined Parishes of Albury/ Wodonga can contribute their blood donations to the St Januarius Blood Donor Team – the aim is to reach a combined total of 250 donations in 12 months.

If you are not already a Blood or Plasma Donor, please seriously consider visiting the Blood Donor Centre in David Street Albury, opposite Myers, and checking with them to see if you qualify to become a Donor, and ask them to register you in the St Januarius Blood Donor Team. You can also make a group booking with friends.

There are many reasons for Disciples to donate blood and plasma: the main one being "Love one other, just as I have loved you. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples" John 13:34-5

## Congratulation to

### Nicholas Dowling & Rebecca Laarakkers

We offer our congratulations to Nicholas Dowling (son of Barclay & Kerry) and Rebecca Laarakkers who were married in Kiama on 7th October. May the Lord strengthen them in their commitment of love to one another.

## Congratulations Kevin & Leonie Kirley

Congratulations are extended to Kevin & Leonie Kirley who celebrate 35 years of marriage this weekend. May the Lord continue to bless and strengthen their love for each other.

## Eucharistic Ministers & Readers Roster

We will be doing a new roster for the next four months. If you would like to join any of these ministries please add your name to the sheet on the Swan Street entrance or contact the parish office by phone or email.

Thank you for your continued support in these ministries.

## 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,

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# Liturgy of the Word

## First Reading: Prophet Isaiah

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on and knock down the wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug: overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress. The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

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

**Response: *The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.***

You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
to plant it you drove out the nations.  
It stretched out its branches to the sea  
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **R**

Then why have you broken down its walls?  
It is plucked by all who pass by.  
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,  
devoured by the beasts of the field. **R**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
Look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted. **R**

And we shall never forsake you again;  
give us life that we may all upon your name.  
God of hosts, bring us back;  
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **R**

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

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you. The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I call you friends, says the Lord.  
Because I have made known to you  
Everything I have learnt from my Father  
Alleluia!

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 21: 33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.' **The Gospel of the Lord.**