



*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—Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 14th October / 15th October 2023

### Parish Clergy

Fr Martin Cruickshank Parish Priest

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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: NO MASSES THIS WEEK**

### Mass of Anointing

The sacrament of Anointing of the sick will be celebrated during 9.30am mass of Friday 27th October. All welcome to attend.

### 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.



*This week, we might want to reflect on the way we respond when the Lord invites us to join him, and how we treat his messengers. In turn, perhaps we might feel called to invite those who seem to have been left by the wayside . . . good or bad.*

### Weekday Masses

Fr Martin will be attending the diocesan retreat at Galong from Monday—Friday.

Therefore no weekday masses will be celebrated at Sacred Heart this week.

Fr Michael Perry has made his ordination retreat and will remain in Albury during the Galong diocesan retreat.

Weekday mass times at St Patrick's Albury are as follows:

Monday 16 October 7.00am

Tuesday 17 October 7.00am & 5.30am

Wednesday 18 October 7.00am

Thursday 19 October 7.00am & 9.30am

Friday 20 October 7.00am

If you need the urgent attention of a priest during this time please contact Fr Michael Perry at St Patrick's Albury:

**0439 530 515 or 6041 2588**



# Parish Community



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Liam O'Farrell, Diane Nassif, Ivan George, Denise Geraghty, Sr Stephen Rhynehart RSM, Cassie Purtle.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Shane Walsh-Till, Victims of Bali Bombing, Charlie Kavanagh, Lindsay Beck, Lauren Flegeltaub, Sr Gabriel Sheahan, June Harrison, George McIntosh, Margaret Newman, Nella O'Brien, Kate Hallam, Bill Toohey, Jack Daly, Allie Quinn, Ron Healy, Mary-Ann Packer, Charles Walton, Matthew Walshe, Eileen Maher, Craig Jackson, Bill Murphy, John Carroll, Gladys Smith, Martha Wilson, Arnold Quirk, Leo Plunkett, Frank Corrigan, John Tynan, Norman Cos, Elizabeth Flanagan, Helen Murray.

*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: 14th / 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 Fran Kernaghan
<b>Cantor</b>	Brian Waters	David Hicks
<b>Musicians</b>	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
<b>Counters:</b> Anne Gordes & Lorraine Willis		

Sat / Sun: 21st / 22nd October

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Colleen Day	Bede Hart
<b>Lector 1</b>	Paula Waters	Mary Hunt
<b>Lector 2</b>	Justin Clancy	John Dowling
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Michael Regan Adrian Mitchelhill	Trish Parkinson Emonn Buckley Marisa Hart
<b>Cantor</b>	Judy Lindsay	Bob Mathews
<b>Musicians</b>	Catherine Cutler	Val Hayes
<b>Counters:</b> Judy Warren & Michael Byrnes		

### Thought for the Week ( Pope Francis):

"The Synod is "not a political gathering, but a convocation in the Spirit; not a polarized parliament, but a place of grace and communion."

## 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.



*This weekend we welcome into the community of the Christian church*

*through the sacrament of Baptism:*

**Oliver George Harris**

*Son of Samuel and Rhiannon*

# Parish News



With Timor-Leste's fragile infrastructure, reliance on local health practices, and limited access to medical care, many health conditions only worsen, and sadly can result in death.

**Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address this reality.**

We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.

## Catholic Mission—Reach Out—Give Life

October is recognised by the Australian Catholic bishops Conference as World Mission Month.

Next weekend we will hold our annual appeal for the work of Catholic Mission throughout our world. Please come prepared to listen to the presentation and respond financially as you are able.

## 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)

**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.***

## 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.

## November Book of Life

November is traditionally the month to remember the Holy Souls. Our Book of Life will be displayed at the front of the church during November. If you would like to add family members to this book there are sheets of paper and sleeves inside front of book.

**November Mass Envelopes** will also be available at Church entrances if you wish to request a Mass or prayers for your deceased family members or friends.

## Israeli / Palestinian Conflict

In light of the tragic events still unfolding in Israel and on the Gaza Strip a number of prayers are included for personal and communal reflection.

### Peace in the Middle East

God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation, pour your power upon all your children in the Middle East: Jews, Muslims and Christians, Palestinians and Israelis.

Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope, oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation, that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces, and peace and justice could be experienced by all.

### God of Comfort

Send your Spirit to encompass all those whose lives are torn apart by violence and death in Israel and Palestine.

You are the Advocate of the oppressed and the One whose eye is on the sparrow.

Let arms reach out in healing, rather than aggression.

Let hearts mourn rather than militarize.

### God of Justice

Give strength to those whose long work for a just peace might seem fruitless now. Strengthen their resolve.

Do not let them feel alone. Show us how to support their work and bolster their courage. Guide religious leaders to model unity and reconciliation across lines of division.

Guide political leaders to listen with their hearts as they seek peace and pursue it.

Help all people choose the rigorous path of just peace and disavow violence.

### God of Mercy

Even now work on the hearts of combatants to choose life over death, reconciliation over retaliation, restoration over destruction. Help us resist antisemitism in all its forms, especially in our own churches. All people, Israelis and Palestinians, deserve to live in peace and unafraid, with a right to determine their future together.

### Together

Our diocesan newspaper 'Together' has arrived please take a copy from entrances to the church.

# Liturgy of the Word

## First Reading: Prophet Isaiah

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said "See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain. The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm 22

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

*Response: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.*

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. **R**

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. **R**

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **R**

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

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, forever and ever. Amen. The word of the Lord



## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
Enlighten the eyes of our heart  
that we might see how great is the hope  
to which we are called.  
Alleluia!

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 22: 1-14 (shorter version)

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants, 'Tell those who have been invited,' he said, 'that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding.' But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the cross-roads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding.' So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests." The Gospel of the Lord.