



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—Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

21st October / 22nd October 2023

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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: This Week: Wed 9.30am

Friday 27 October Sacrament of Anointing to be celebrated during 9.30am mass.

All welcome to attend.

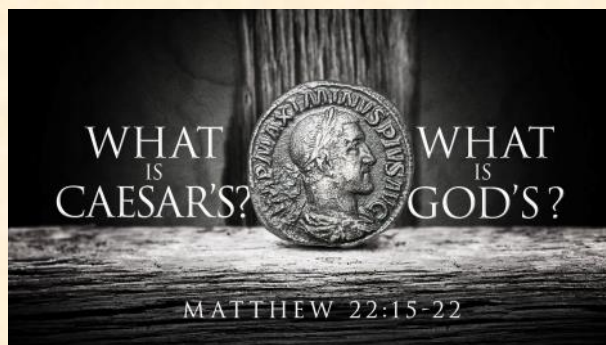
RECONCILIATION

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.



Today's readings concentrate on God as ruler over all the world. The First Reading teaches us about the relationship between God and Cyrus, one of the most powerful earthly rulers. Even though Cyrus did not know God, God works through him, giving Cyrus all that he needs to help accomplish God's plans.

The Psalmist calls us to speak of the Lord's greatness and glory throughout the world, and to pay him worship and honour. In the Second Reading, St Paul gives thanks to God and prays for the Christian community in Thessalonica. Chosen and loved by God, the community – aided by the power of the Holy Spirit, and strengthened by its faith and hope in God – continues in its work.

The Gospel message is that we belong completely to God and are therefore called to offer God our entire selves. Jesus is aware that the Pharisees and Herodians are trying to trip him up when they ask if Jewish people should pay taxes to the Romans. Although he confirms that this is reasonable, at the same time he also affirms that *our first duty is to serve God*, and to give God what is due.

This week, maybe we can pray for the rulers and leaders of our world, particularly during these difficult times. We ask that God will work through them towards justice and peace. We pray too that the Holy Spirit will guide each of us in how we can serve God best.



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Elaine Thomson, Jan Dzwigol, Kelley Gabriel, Liam O'Farrell, Diane Nassif, Ivan George, Denise Geraghty, Sr Stephen Rhynehart RSM, Cassie Purtle.

ANNIVERSARIES: Mac Terlikowski, Rosa Vuga, Joe Hancock, John Howard Mary Curtis, Fr Michael Hayes, Dorothy Hamilton, Pasquale Carnovale, Mary Parkinson, James Murphy, Irene Norman, Stella Boyd, Peter Crisp, Margaret Baker, Ted Green, Margaret Morrow, Donald Sullivan, Arthur Deanshaw, Leslie Rose, Arthur Williams, Jack Clegg, Rosalie Kopacz, Bernard Miley.

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 October

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

Sat / Sun: 28th / 29th October

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Adrian Mitchelhill	Gavin Dykes
Lector 1	Michael Byrnes	Sue McLaurin
Lector 2	Justin Clancy	Cathy Nyhan
Eucharistic Ministers	Kaye Deanshaw Jeneice Harding	Gemma Whitehead Fran Kernaghan Sr Patricia Weekes
Cantor	John van Lint	Bernadette & Wendy
Musicians	Judy Foley	
Counters: Gavin Dykes & Damien Parkinson		

Prayer for Missionaries

O Lord, pour out your grace upon all who are called to be fellow workers with you, so that through their witness, Christ may be lifted up in every land and all people drawn to him. In times of loneliness and despair, cheer them with your presence; in times of disappointment, give them patience; in difficulties and dangers, uphold and protect them; in success, keep them humble in heart and in failure, strengthen them to persevere. Enable them to be joyful in spirit, radiant in life and steadfast in hope, that they may know joy and peace in serving you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

“So let us set out once more, illumined by our encounter with the risen Lord and prompted by his Spirit. Let us set out again with burning hearts, with our eyes open and our feet in motion”



This weekend we welcome into the community of the Christian church through the sacrament of Baptism:

Patrick Robert Suggate

son of Gregor & Michelle

Addison Louise Teesdale

daughter of Jarman & Christie

Parish News



This week Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program – The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic.

The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for many in need, like Jose*, who became severely malnourished at 8 months old. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/timor, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

**Name altered to protect identity*

Catholic Mission—Reach Out—Give Life

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

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.

Parish Bible Group

Our parish bible group continues this Tuesday 24 October at 7.00pm in the parish hall. You are very welcome.

Together

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

A Prayer for peace in Israel and Gaza

Heavenly Father, we pray for the many people whose lives have been torn apart by conflict in Gaza and Israel. We pray especially for those who have died, those who are grieving, the injured and those now without food, shelter or medical supplies. Strengthen and support the work of all relief organisations.

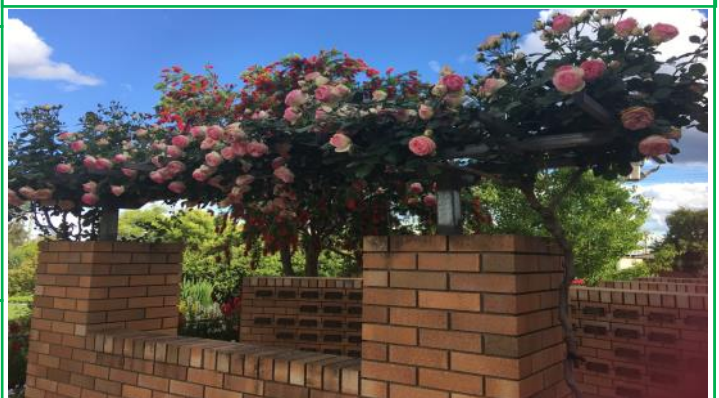
We pray also for those who have the power to bring peace. May they be touched by a spirit of compassion and kindness.

Lord hear us as we pray in the power of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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.



Memorial Plaques

Plaques in the Sacred Heart Memorial Garden in remembrance of loved ones are still available. The cost is usually around \$275. It takes approximately eight weeks from the time of ordering to delivery. If you are interested in purchasing a plaque please contact the parish office and you will be provided with a sample order form.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 95

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

Response: Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R**

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. **R**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
Give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R**

O worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R**

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 22: 15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a person's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's,' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God'.

The Gospel of the Lord.