



*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.*

## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 28th October / 29th 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:  
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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: This Week:**

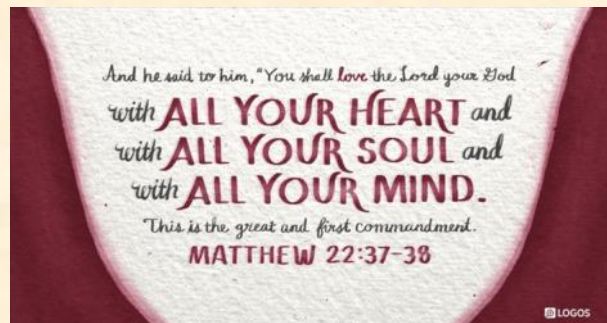
**Tuesday 31 Oct** Mercy Place Chapel 2.00pm

Includes sacrament of anointing. Negative RAT test required before entry.

**Wednesday 1 Nov** (All Saints) 9.30am

**Thursday 2 Nov** (All Souls) 9.30am

**Friday 3 Nov** 9.30am



The readings for this week invite us to consider how to live as followers of Jesus in our communities and in our world. In the First Reading, God speaks to the people of Israel about how they should treat the oppressed and down-trodden, in order to please God.

The Psalm reminds us that we can only live the lives that God wants by relying on him: he is our rock, our strength, our saviour, our mighty help. St Paul writes to the Thessalonians that we should all be imitators of the Lord, in the joy of the Holy Spirit (Second Reading).

In the Gospel, Jesus asks us to express the love of God that fills our hearts, our souls and our minds, by treating others as we would want to be treated ourselves. We find in others the image of the God who is love.

This week, we may like to pray that God will help us to grow in love of him. We ask that we will be able to respond to God when we see others as Christ Jesus in our midst.

### **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

### 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.

# Parish Community



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Craig Dunkerley, Libby Kennedy, Elaine Thomson, Jan Dzwigol, Kelley Gabriel, Liam O'Farrell, Ivan George, Denise Geraghty, Sr Stephen Rhynehart RSM, Cassie Purtle.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Peter Freeman, Mary Cruickshank, Andrew Prichard, Mary Smith, Laurie Dykes, Pat Nesire, Francis Butler, Mary Hutchinson, Josephine Estevez, Lionel Mitchell, Lil McAuliffe, Desmond Wynack, Marie Collins, Beatrice Hammond, Frank Eames, George McKee, Norm Duffy, Bob Norman, Barney Oak, Jessica Stone, Alan Buckhorn, William Hudson, Isabel Fietz, Brian O'Flaherty, Edna Hicks, Agnes Carmody, Jim Bowcher, Tony Kirley, Geraldine Steele, John Murray, John Cummins, Mavis Waser.

*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:*

**Willow Anne Cannon** daughter of Garry and Bree

**Oliver James Burke** son of James and Frances

**James Brayden Brown** son of Andrew and Stacey

## ROSTERS

**Sat / Sun: 28th / 29th October**

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

**Sat / Sun: 4th / 5th November**

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Colleen Day	Narelle Naughton
<b>Lector 1</b>	Michael Byrnes	Sr Patricia Weekes
<b>Lector 2</b>	Adrian Mitchelhill	Kay Morrell
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Anna Farrell Michael Regan	Trish Parkinson Eamonn Buckley Sue McLaurin
<b>Cantor</b>	Brian Waters	Ed, Margie, Heath & Don
<b>Musicians</b>	Judy Foley	
<b>Counters:</b> Lachlan McIntyre & Wendy McFerran		

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

"Our love for God and neighbour is our passport to heaven. Our earthly possessions are dust that scatters, but the love we share – in our families, at work, in the Church, and in the world – will save us, for it will endure forever."

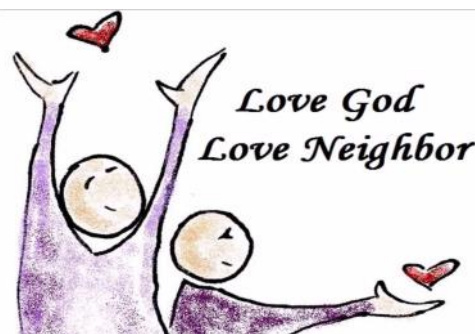
## Parish Prayer

*God of Love,  
Source of all hope and good things;  
You call us in love, to share in the  
work and ongoing life of our Sacred  
Heart Parish.*

*Bless this parish of ours and lead us  
to be confident and joyful in serving  
those around us, so that through us,  
the world may catch a glimpse of the  
love you have for each one of us.  
Make us instruments of your love to  
everyone that we encounter in our  
parish community, at home, at work  
and in our neighbourhood.*

*Help us to grow in gratitude so that  
we can recognise and thank you for  
all the good things you have given us.  
Each day may we come to know you  
more clearly,  
love you more dearly and follow you  
more nearly.*

*Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*



# Parish News



Thank you for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs, like supporting Carolina, the Salesian Sisters and their work through The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Venilale, Timor-Leste.

**Your gift is helping Sr Carolina continue to provide life-saving treatment and access to resources on health and well-being. Your gift also supports mission programs around the world that reach out and give life to those in most need.**

To learn more about the impact of your support, visit [catholicmission.org.au/our-work](http://catholicmission.org.au/our-work), where you can also sign-up for our regular newsletter.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at [catholicmission.org.au/timor](http://catholicmission.org.au/timor). Your action will make a real, lasting impact.

## 2023 Catholic Mission Appeal

If you did not have the opportunity to contribute towards the appeal and wish to do so envelopes are still available on the shelves and collection table. Your donation inside the sealed envelope can be returned to one of the baskets.

## Fr Martin—Annual Leave

Fr Martin will be taking holiday leave from Saturday 4 November—Friday 1 December.

We welcome back to our parish communities Fr Bernie Thomas who will celebrate Eucharist with us on week-ends in Fr Martin's absence.

If you need the urgent pastoral ministry of a priest please contact St Patrick's Albury on **0439 530 515**, Thurgoona **6088 6222** or Holy Spirit, Lavington **6025 1784**.

Our office will be staffed as usual, Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9.00am—2.00pm. So for all other enquiries please contact Gemma or Fran.

Fr Bernie has kindly agreed to help out with funerals at Sacred Heart Church as required.

## Parish Pastoral Council News

Thanks to all those who continue to offer their gifts and talents, opinions and ideas as members of our Parish Pastoral Council.

### **Office Bearers for 2023—2024**

Chair—Ed Brown; Vice Chair—Louise Fifield.

Secretaries—Lyn Hamilton and Marjorie Serbinek.

If you would like to join this body committed to implementing the vision and mission of our parish in line with gospel values please contact Ed Brown [browne@ww.catholic.edu.au](mailto:browne@ww.catholic.edu.au) or our parish office.

## 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.

## From Bishop Mark Edwards

I have paraphrased a letter written to priests of the diocese and addressed to parishioners originally released on 20th October. Since that time some issues concerning what is disclosed in the public arena continue to evolve.

Last week the Daily Advertiser and Border Mail published news that the Wagga diocese is being sued by four men for sexual abuse committed by the then Fr Kiss.

The diocese admits that the abuse happened and indeed it had reached deeds of settlement on that basis with the four men in the years around 2005. However, with recent changes to Victorian legislation, those who reached settlements previously are able to apply to have the amount of their settlement revisited. These four men are exercising that right.

There has been an attempt at mediation but, as yet, not all of the men and the diocese have not been able to agree on mutually acceptable amounts so some cases are going to court for the court to decide.

Vincent Kiss is laicized, that is, he is no longer a priest. He admitted to these offences and has served prison terms for them.

**The hurt and damage from these crimes and sins is serious and spreads out like a ripple across a pond. I ask you please to join me in praying for these four men who are the primary victims. Let us also hold in our prayers those who love and support them. As well, I remember and pray for you who love Jesus and the church and are hurt by this too.**

**Be assured our diocesan commitment to safeguarding 'children and adults at risk' is unwavering and we invite anybody who has a concern to contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Manager, [safeguarding@wagga.catholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@wagga.catholic.org.au) and/or go onto the diocesan website safeguarding page for more information and support options.**

## November Parish Morning Tea

An opportunity to discuss your tip for the Melbourne Cup with good company and enjoyable food. As usual at the conclusion of 9.30am mass next Sunday 5 November in our Parish Hall.

If possible please bring something to share. All welcome.

# Liturgy of the Word

## **First Reading: Book of Exodus**

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt, You must not be harsh with the widow or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen for I am full of pity.

The word of the Lord.

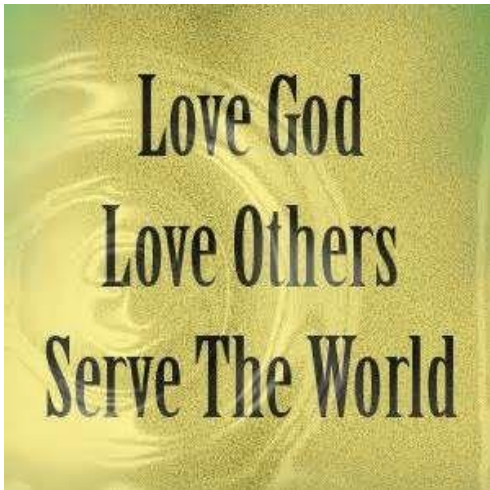
## **Responsorial Psalm 95**

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

***Response: I love you, Lord, my strength..***

I love you, Lord, my strength,  
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.  
My God is the rock where I take refuge;  
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.  
The Lord is worthy of all praise:  
when I call I am saved from my foes. **R**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!  
Praised be the God who saves me.  
He has given great victories to his king  
and shown his love for his anointed. **R**



## **A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians**

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread—and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord

## **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.  
Alleluia!

## **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 22: 34-40**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question: 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

The Gospel of the Lord.