



*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.*

## *Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time 4th / 5th November 2023*

### **Parish Clergy**

**Fr Martin Cruickshank Parish Priest**

### **Parish Office**

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***Bank A/c Details for Parishioners wishing to Direct Deposit into our Church A/c (2nd Collect)***  
***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: No weekday masses while Fr Martin is on leave.**

### **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.**



In our readings today, we hear how easy it is for human pride and laxity to diminish or even falsify God's message. Instead, let us follow the invitation to honour God in humility, sincerity and truth. In the First Reading, the prophet Malachi does not mince his words. His message is hard-hitting: the priests are reproached for their spiritual negligence and failure to instruct the people properly, as well as for their half-hearted service of God.

Religious leaders are also criticised in the Gospel. Jesus castigates their hypocrisy: they are more concerned with drawing attention to themselves and exploiting their social position, rather than committing themselves to the message they preach. This type of self-aggrandisement and pride is the exact opposite of what the followers of Jesus should aspire to. Jesus himself is our role model: he teaches us that the route to leadership is through service of God in all things.

In contrast, the Second Reading presents Paul as a truly devoted pastor: enthusiastic, hard-working, full of love for his people; endlessly sharing the living word of God with this community. To follow Christ is to serve him humbly; and humility, together with complete trust in God, is the theme of today's Psalm.

*Let us pray this week: Lord God, you are both Father and Mother to us. We beg you: help us to be sincere and joyful in our practice of faith and prayer; to serve you in our daily lives; and to be even more alert and awake to your presence in nature all around us.*

**Be Humble**

MATTHEW 23:1-12

# Parish Community



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

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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Lloyd Kennedy, Margaret Steele, Jim Rosewarne, Mary Cruickshank, Laurie Dykes, Margaret Corby, Agnes Black, Jim Thompson, Elsa Morton, Cecily Kirley, Mick Kirley, Millice Hailstone, Patricia White, John Cullen, Valerie Scales, Baron Lethbridge, Msgr Pat Ford, Gary Fearne, Rosa Sargeant, Irene Berg, Frank Gain, Keith Barnett, Kathleen O'Rourke, Kathleen Grove, James Franklin, Charles Mitsch, Pat Kennedy, Ellen Neven, Fr Les Ring, Patrick Costello, Mary Drum, James Thompson, David McEachern.

*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: 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		

Sat / Sun: 11th / 12th November

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Adrian Mitchelhill	Bede Hart
<b>Lector 1</b>	Paula Waters	John Dowling
<b>Lector 2</b>	Justin Clancy	Gavin Dykes
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Jeneice Harding Volunteer	Sue Betts Carey Menz-Dowling Pamela McIntosh
<b>Cantor</b>		David Hicks
<b>Musicians</b>	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
<b>Counters:</b> Carey Menz-Dowling & John Dowling		

## Prayer for Remembering the Dead during the month of November

Lord, Jesus Christ, you experienced all that it means to be human, including the loss of those you loved. You wept for your friend Lazarus and took pity on the poor widow who had lost her son.

When we feel the pangs of separation from our loved ones help us to always recall your profound love and compassion. Remind us with your gentle touch that in death life is changed not ended.

Give us the gift of gratitude, that we may recall the generosity and greatness of those who have gone before.

Let us live in your grace that we may build on their legacy and honour their memory now and for ever. Amen

## Parish Bible Group

Our final gathering for 2023 is Tuesday 14 November with a social get together at the home of Joseph & Gush Kipper 568 Hague Street, Lavington at 6.30pm. Please bring a plate to share. Contact Fran 0408 268 518.

## Thought for the Week ( Pope Francis):

*"Praying for the dead is, first and foremost, a sign of appreciation for the witness they have left us and the good that they have done. It is giving thanks to the Lord for having given them to us and for their love and their friendship. ."*

# Parish News

## 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 weekends 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.

## 2023 Catholic Mission Appeal

We would like to thank you again for your generosity, whether if be a one-off gift or through your commitment as a Mission Partner, through the recent Catholic Mission Appeal.

Your generosity and prayers are supporting life-changing mission programs like the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where they are addressing critical health issues such as tuberculosis, malnutrition and maternal mortality.

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.

So far we have banked around \$2,000.00. Please return your donations as soon as possible.

## 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.

## Men's Breakfast—Saturday 11 November

Great Food Great Fellowship

Where: St James Hall, Lavington.

Time: 7.45 am for tea/coffee. **Grace at 8.00 a.m.** Cereals etc., followed by hot food. **Speaker: Leanne Johnson**

“CAREVAN” Enquiries:

Bruce on 0427 706 756 or eMail:

[bandjames@yahoo.com.au](mailto:bandjames@yahoo.com.au)

DECEMBER 9th Christmas Breakfast **LADIES WELCOME**

Bookings (for catering purposes) are required.

## Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors Rosters

Rosters for the months of November 2023 through to March 2024 are now available in hard copy on side table Swan Street. Please swap with someone if you are not able to on your allotted day.

## Strengthen and Enrich Your Marriage

Our Sacred Heart parish is privileged to trial the marriage enrichment course, SMARTLOVING. The marriage course is authored by Dr Bryon and Francine Pirola, co-founders of SMARTLOVING. Bryon and Fran have had over thirty years of marriage ministry experience and have crafted resources to assist couples in strengthening relationships.

As committed Catholics they bring a deep awareness of the importance of spiritual values to their work, respecting the autonomy of couples to determine their own path to marital growth.

The course draws on insights from relationship science psychology together with practical tools and activities to apply to your relationship.

The lessons are delivered via video and couples together complete activities independently.

You and your partner are invited to join other couples on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> November, at the Hume Resort for a fun weekend of marriage enrichment.

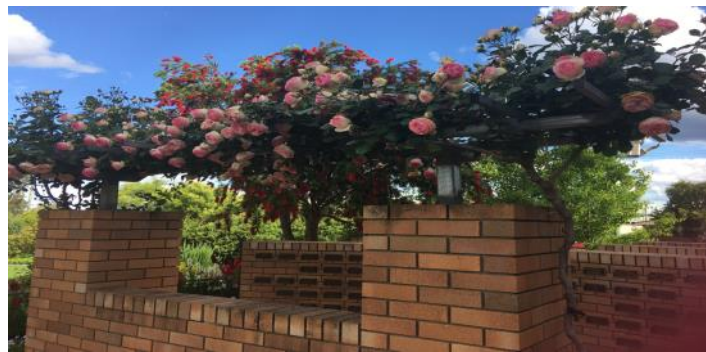
If you are interested in being part of this exciting weekend, please contact Susan and Brian McLaurin.

[suemclaurin@bigpond.com](mailto:suemclaurin@bigpond.com)

## 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 \$300 per plaque. 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.

## 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 this Sunday 5 November in our Parish Hall. All welcome.

# Liturgy of the Word

## First Reading: Prophet Malachi

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration. Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm 130

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

*Response: In you, Lord, I have found my peace.*

O Lord, my heart is not proud  
Nor haughty my eyes.  
I have not gone after things too great  
Nor marvels beyond me.. **R**

Truly I have set my soul  
in silence ad peace.  
A weaned child on its mother's breast,  
even so is my soul. **R**

O Israel, hope in the Lord  
both now and for ever.. **R**



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

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you. Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it still a living power among you who believe it.

The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
You have one Father, your Father in heaven;  
You have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.  
Alleluia!

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 23: 1-12

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on people's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats at the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers and sisters. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts themselves will be humbled, and anyone who humbles themselves will be exalted.' The Gospel of the Lord.