



*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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### *11th / 12th 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.**



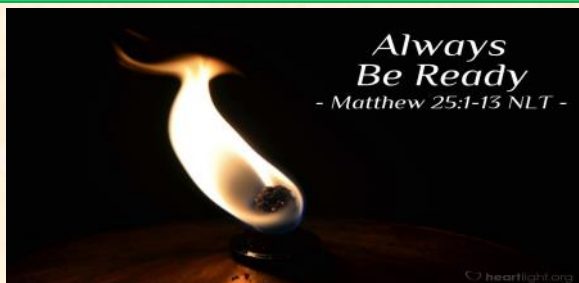
Running throughout the readings this weekend are themes of longing, seeking, and purposeful attentiveness. We are encouraged to remain alert to the presence of the Lord, who comes to us in every moment, and to be ready to welcome his second coming.

The First Reading describes how the spirit of Wisdom is eager to enter into our lives. She is always close by, sitting at our gates, waiting for us to greet her, so that she may richly bless our lives. Today's Psalm is a joyful prayer of desire for the Lord. The love of the Lord is better than life itself, and those who seek the Lord will be filled forever, as with a banquet.

In the Second Reading, the Christian community is reassured that our hope in the resurrection is not in vain. The longing and desire that we feel for God will be fulfilled both in life and in death.

Jesus uses a cautionary yet humorous parable to stress the importance of remaining prepared and hopeful for the coming of the Lord into our lives (Gospel). We are all invited to the banquet of the Lord, and yet we can become complacent about the abundant richness that our faith can bring. God is here with us now, but sometimes we may not be ready or do not have the light to see his presence amongst us.

*This week, let us pray for a spirit of hopeful, joyful longing for the Lord, so that we may be fully ready to greet him when he comes into our life.*



# Parish Community



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Patricia (Pat) Whitty, John Keogh, Craig Dunkerley, Bob Plunkett, Libby Kennedy, Elaine Thomson, Jan Dzwigol, Kelley Gabriel, Liam O'Farrell, Ivan George.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Shane Fifield, Trixie Stephens, Sr Cabrini Knott, Lloyd Kennedy, James Hollis, John Gaudry, Paul Halpin, Nance Barnett, Anne Mulquiney, Bill Phillips, Jim McMahon, Vera Peric, Wolly Lawrowicz, William Plunkett, Anna Schmidt, Mary Star, Frank Wyatt, Bob Thompson, Josie Konacik, Fred Howard,

*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: 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		

### Sat / Sun: 18th / 19th November

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Colleen Day	Roy Thompson
<b>Lector 1</b>	Kaye Deanshaw	Mercedes Goss
<b>Lector 2</b>	Michael Byrnes	Sue McLaurin
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Pauline Mulquiney Anna Farrell	Gemma Whitehead Fran Kernaghan Sr Patricia Weekes
<b>Cantor</b>	Brian Waters	Lachlan McIntyre
<b>Musicians</b>	Brigita Serbinek	Val Hayes
<b>Counters:</b> Gordon Bryant & Laurie Moylan		

## Prayer for Remembrance Day

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give them peace.

For the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God. For those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss.

For peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free.

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace.

As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever. Amen

## Parish Bible Group

Our final gathering for 2023 is this 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.

## Thought for the Week ( Pope Francis):

“War is a monster that consumes everything in its path. Peace is a gift shared at meals of memory with Christians, Muslims, and Jews. Let us burn incense, not children. Let us break bread, not bodies.”

# 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.

## 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.

## Announcement from Xavier High School Albury

### **Re Mr Eamonn Buckley**

We are very pleased and proud to announce that the Director of Sandhurst Diocese, Mr Paul Desmond has been able to appoint the new Principal for Borinya Community Partnership in Wangaratta as Mr Eamonn Buckley.

The Director goes on to write that "Borinya is a specialist setting school for students who have fallen through the educational cracks and who require additional support across a number of areas.

Eamon will commence as the new Principal of Borinya, In Term 2, 2024. This appointment is a perfect fit for both Eamonn and the Borinya community. Eamonn has extensive educational and leadership experience across a number of different Catholic school settings, inclusive of Xavier High School, Catholic College Wodonga and Catholic Regional College in North Keilor, Victoria. Eamonn is completing his Masters of Educational Leadership from ACU, along with a number of other post graduate qualifications. We wish Eamonn every success as he joins this new educational community".

On behalf of the Xavier community we are very grateful of the contribution that Eamonn has made in his time here at Xavier and though we are sad for him to be leaving us we wish all the best as he embarks on this new leadership journey in Term 2, 2024. Congratulations Eamonn.

## From the Director of Catholic Education

### Wagga Wagga—Dr Andrew Watson

### **Principal Appointment—Nicole Morton**

#### **Xavier High School, Albury.**

I write to inform you that the Most Reverend Mark Edwards OMI has approved the appointment of Nicole Morton to the position of Principal of Xavier High School, commencing 2024. Nicole is currently Principal of St John's College Dubbo a position she commenced in 2021. Nicole joined the Diocese of Wagga Wagga in 2015 as an Assistant Principal of Xavier High School, a position that she held until her appointment as Principal of St John's College, Dubbo. Prior to this Nicole held the positions of Director of Faith and Mission and Leader of Wellbeing and Growth at Hennessy Catholic College, Young. Nicole holds a Masters of Religious Education Curriculum and Theology from the Australian Catholic University, a Graduate Diploma of Education and a Bachelor of Arts from Charles Sturt University.

Nicole is a faith filled leader who is committed to lifelong learning. She has demonstrated outstanding leadership in the area of learning and teaching and school improvement during her time as Principal of St John's College brought about significant improvement in the areas of learning and teaching, student wellbeing and behaviour and commitment to the Catholicity of the College. The selection panel identified Nicole as a leader who listens carefully, is a strategic thinker and is committed to Catholic Education.

Congratulations is extended to Nicole on her appointment to this significant leadership role and we look forward to her joining Xavier High School and the Albury community.

## 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.

## 2023 Catholic Mission Appeal

We would like to thank you again for your generosity, whether it be a one-off gift or through your commitment as a Mission Partner, through the recent 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. Please return your donations as soon as possible.



# Liturgy of the Word

## First Reading: Book of Wisdom

Wisdom is bright and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them. The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm 62

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

*Response: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water. **R**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise. **R**

So I will bless you all my life,  
In your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
My mouth shall praise you with joy. **R**

On my bed I remember you.  
On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **R**

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

We want to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another. The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 25; 1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible; the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, 'The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.' At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, 'Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out.' But they replied, 'There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and get some for yourselves.' They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us.' But he replied. 'I tell you solemnly, I do not know you.' So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour." The Gospel of the Lord.