



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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time *18th / 19th November 2023*

Parish Clergy

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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.

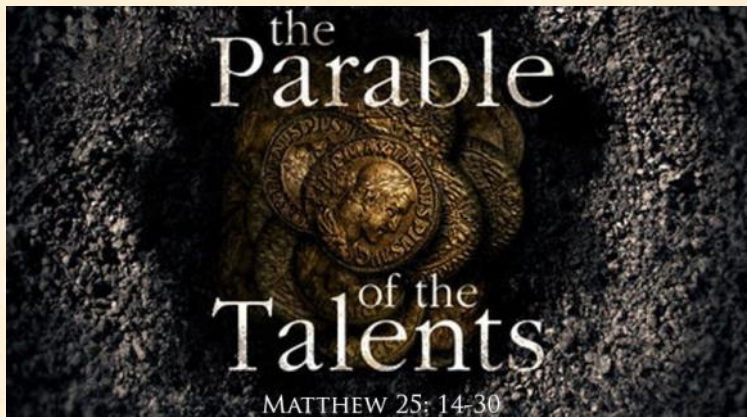
RECONCILIATION

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.



The readings in this final week of Ordinary Time Year A remind us again of the need to be always prepared for the coming of Christ by the way we live our lives. In the First Reading, the writer extols the virtues of the perfect wife. Although using language which reflects the practice and culture of biblical times, the passage speaks powerfully of the value and dignity of manual work, the importance of charity, and respect for all, whatever their role in life.

The Psalm speaks again of the dignity of work, of being self-sufficient, providing for one's family, and living in awe of the Lord. St Paul reminds us in the Second Reading that if we live our lives in the light of Christ, we have no need to fear the coming of the reign of God.

In the Gospel, Jesus uses the parable of the talents to show the importance of making best use of what we have been given for the benefit of others.

This week, we might pray for those who struggle to realise where their own talents lie, and those who lack the opportunity to be recognised, valued and celebrated. We also continue to pray for peace across the world.

Your talent is Gods
gift to you
What you do with it is
your gift back to God



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Pat Whitty, John Keogh, Craig

Dunkerley, Bob Plunkett, Libby Kennedy, Elaine Thomson, Jan Dzwigol, Kelley Gabriel, Liam O'Farrell, Ivan George.

ANNIVERSARIES: Rom Hayes, John Keane, Christine Glennon, Jean Parker, Margaret Liston, Marlene Mirani, Paul McDonald, Ellen Hagan, Les Coward, Sr Therese Esler, Sr Mary Clancy, Sr Barbara Murray, Wally Patterson, Karen Bin, James Hollis, Jean Painter, Irene Monk, Ita Whitty, James Briscoe, Frank Esler Jnr, Joyce Patterson, Hugh McKenzie-McHarg, Wally Hirst, Laurence Wenke, Gill Baxter, Brian Oliver, Ellen Esler, Virgil Lindley, Cecil Woodhouse, Ray Dickenson, George Godde, Elsie Esler. *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: 18th / 19th November

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

Sat / Sun: 25th / 26th November

| Ministry | Vigil | 9.30am |
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| Commentator | Justin Clancy | Gavin Dykes |
| Lector 1 | Adrian Mitchelhill | Kay Morrell |
| Lector 2 | Michael Byrnes | Samuel Serbinek |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Pat Hopkins Jeneice Harding | Di Treacy Liz Phegan Marisa Hart |
| Cantor Musicians | | Heath Neville Ashleigh Donaldson |
| Counters: Jane Togher | | |

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

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"The world already witnesses so many open war fronts Lay down weapons and heed the cries for peace from the poor, the people, and the innocent children. War solves no problems, it only sows death and destruction, increases hatred, multiplies revenge. War erases the future."



Parish News

Fr Martin—Annual Leave

As Fr Martin is on holiday leave until Friday 1 December Fr Bernie Thomas will be celebrating 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.

December Morning Tea—Farewell for Gavin & Jo Dykes & Family

Our next monthly morning tea will be on Sunday 3 December at the conclusion of our celebration of 9.30am Eucharist.

This occasion will also provide us with an opportunity as a Parish Community to farewell Gavin & Jo and family who will be moving to Murwillumbah in the new year. Everyone is invited to attend this gathering hosted by our Pastoral Parish Council and if possible you are asked to bring something wholesome to share for morning tea.

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.

Children's Liturgy

As well as the designated times Children's Liturgy runs it has been decided by the team to extend this to include the first three weeks of Advent. This will take place on Sunday 3, 10 & 17 December.

Dismissal of the children occurs after introduction rite in our celebration of Eucharist each Sunday.



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.

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.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Book of Proverbs

A perfect wife—who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband’s heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for and let her works tell her praises at the city gates. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 127

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

Response: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **R**

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **R**

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. **R**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Live in me and let me live in you, says the
Lord; my branches bear much fruit.**

Alleluia!

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers and sisters, about ‘times and seasons’, since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, ‘How quiet and peaceful it is’ that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, brothers and sisters, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all children of light and children of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The word of the Lord



A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 25: 14-21 (Shortened Form)

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third, one; each in proportion to their ability. Then he set out. ‘The one who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The one who had received two made two more in the same way. But the servant who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid the master’s money. ‘Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The one who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more, saying. “Sir, you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made.” The master replied, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness.”’

The Gospel of the Lord.