



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.

Feast of Christ the King 25th /26th November 2023

Parish Clergy

Fr Martin Cruickshank Parish Priest

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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.

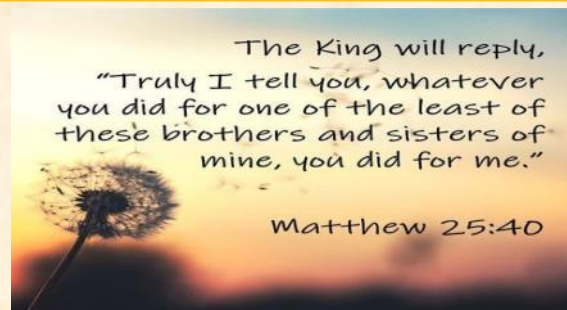
RECONCILIATION

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 scripture texts of this solemnity, on the last Sunday of the Church year, sum up what we have been reading, listening to, and pondering all year. We have watched as Jesus taught, healed, freed, consoled, and reached out to all. From birth to death, and in his glorified life, he was the visible presence of the Father's kingdom of love on earth.

The Second Reading gives us a picture of Christ's kingship. St Paul reassures the church at Corinth that, despite the direst of circumstances, all earthly rule and authority will give way to Christ. When God's enemies, including sin and death, are destroyed, then all will be alive in God. How we need such a message in today's world.

The Psalm tells us that God, Shepherd and King, has such authority that we can safely feast, even within sight of our enemies. With him, we shall never be in want.

The First Reading, from the prophet Ezekiel, also contains the theme of shepherd. Though judge, the shepherd is one who serves. Jesus picks up this theme in the Gospel, but now he is found not only in the one who serves the poor, but also in the poor themselves. Both readings reveal a divine bias, if we can say such a thing – against those who would exploit, and for those who are exploited.

The response to Viva Cristo Rey! (Long live Christ the King!) is Que viva! (He lives!). Let's pray that Christ the King will live in me; will live in my actions this coming week.



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Patricia Sheridan, Margaret Gaynor, Terry Walsh (Griffith), Pat Whitty, John Keogh, Craig Dunkerley, Libby Kennedy, Jan Dzwigol, Kelley Gabriel.

ANNIVERSARIES: Roger Lescun, Corrie Van Lint, Kevin Loughry, Margaret Russell, John Dale, Mark Conlon, Lawrence Loughran, Anne Mitchell, Lorrie Quigley, Beatrice Purvey, Bob Tuziak, Gabe Farrah, Eileen Ryan, Sarah Caton, Br Trevor Kimble, Addie Mathieson, Christine Benson, Daisy Hobdell, Kathleen Berg, Elizabeth Clancy, Daniel O'Connor, Cecil Woodhouse, Peter Hickey, Peter Schnitzer, Margaret Kane, Jim McLaughlin, Albert Gorkom, Mary Bourke, John Robinson, William Mulquiney. *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: 25th / 26th November

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
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		

Sat / Sun: 2nd / 3rd December

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Adrian Mitchelhill	Sr Carina Morton
Lector 1	Catherine Cutler	John Dowling
Lector 2	Paula Waters	Brigita Serbinek
Eucharistic Ministers	Michael Regan Justin Clancy	Moiria Porta Pamela McIntosh Mercedes Goss
Cantor Musicians		Bernadette, Helen and Wendy
Counters: Richard & Trish Parkinson		

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):

"It would mean very little, however, if we believed Jesus was King of the universe but did not make him Lord of our lives: all this is empty if we do not personally accept Jesus and if we do not also accept his way of being King. "



Parish News

Fr Martin—Annual Leave

Fr Martin will be returning from his holiday next weekend hopefully well rested and refreshed for the coming season of Advent / Christmas.

A big thank you to Fr Bernie for being available to celebrate Eucharist with us 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.

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.



November Book of Life

Our Book of Life will be removed before next weekend so if you would like to add family members to this book there are sheets of paper and sleeves inside.

November Mass Envelopes are still 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.



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

Our next monthly morning tea will be next 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.

INVITATION

All parishioners are invited to a farewell evening for Mr Gavin Dykes at the Commercial Club, Albury on Friday 8 December from 6.00—8.30pm. Nibbles provided. Drinks at bar prices.

RSVP by Friday 1 December by placing your name and how many attending on the list provided at the back of church and Swan Street side entrance or contacting the office.

INVITATION

*St Francis Xavier Centre—Grand Opening
And Mr Gavin Dykes Farewell*

On Monday 11 December from 10.00—11.30am at St Francis Xavier Centre. Morning tea provided.

RSVP by Thursday 7th December by placing your name and how many attending on the list provided at the back of church and Swan Street side entrance or contacting the office.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Murray Concert choir will present *Christmas Around The World* on:

Friday 8 December at Walla at 7.30pm.

Saturday 9 December at St Matthew's at 7.30 pm.

Sunday 10 December at St John's Wodonga at 2.30 pm.

Tickets are \$25 (\$20 concession).

See posters at church doors.

Invitation to attend the December Men's Breakfast -

LADIES WELCOME

On Saturday 9th December 2023.

St James Hall, Cnr Schneider & Heriot Streets, Lavington.

Come early for tea / coffee.

Grace at 8.00 a.m. Cereals / Hot food.

A Carol or two. A Quiz or two. Gifts / Prizes.

BOOKINGS REQUIRED

Cost: Donation - \$10.00+ per person recommended.

(50 % of breakfast donations will be forwarded to Leprosy Mission).

Enquiries/bookings: SMS to 0427 706 756;

or email: bandjames@yahoo.com.au

RSVP by 1st December please

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest—it is the Lord who speaks, I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy, I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 22

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

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. **R**

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. **R**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R**

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom of God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 25: 31-46 (Shortened Version)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory . . . he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate people one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats . . . 'Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these of mine, you did it to me." 'Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you . . . and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." 'And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.' The Gospel of the Lord.