



*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.*

## *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 13th / 14th January 2024*

### **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 9.30 am Mass by accessing our website**

**WEEKDAY MASSES: This Week:**

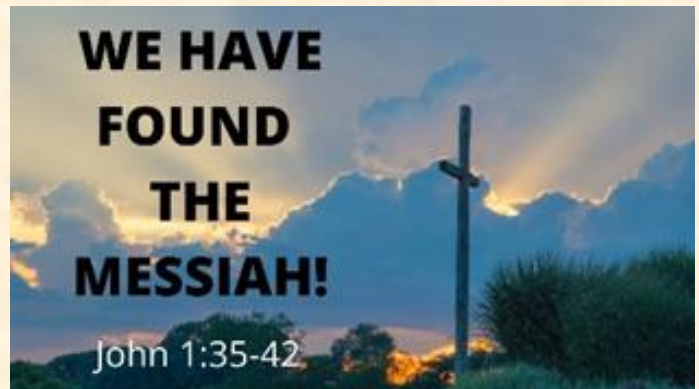
**NO Mass on Wednesday**

**Friday 9.30am**

### **RECONCILIATION**

**SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM**

**BAPTISMS—By appointment.**



This weekend's readings conclude the feast of Christmas and begin the new season of Ordinary Time.

In the First Reading we hear the Lord's dramatic call of Samuel and how Samuel fails to hear and discern it properly at first. The young Samuel might well have grown up praying with words like those in today's Psalm. We easily imagine him, in the Temple offering a prayer of commitment to follow the Lord's will.

In the Second Reading St Paul writing to the Church of Corinth, reminds the people that their bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. All that they have and all that they are is gift, a gift purchased at great price.

The Gospel continues the story of Jesus' Baptism. John the Baptist, having recognised Jesus as the Lamb of God points two of his own followers to Jesus.

The scripture texts of this weekend's liturgy depict stories of call and response.

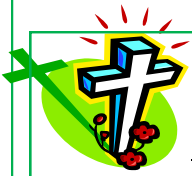
*During the coming week let's ponder God's call in our own lives and reflect both on the level of our attentiveness and on the depth of our response.*

*"Look! There is the Lamb of God!"*

*- John 1:35-37 NLT -*



# Parish Community



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Norma Lawlor, Kevin Rodgers,

Stephen Harris, Noel Scott, Kevin Quirk, Greg Scott, Buster Upshall, Betty Lindner.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Kath Duck, Brian Mawson, Harry Struck, Tony Iverson, Kathleen Lester, Sr Christopher Ryan, Ann Bellett, Bill Cromarty, George Sutherland, Nola Toner, Geraldine Krautz, Marianna Kalenikovs, Geoffrey Kimball, Gertrude Heppner, John Packer, Frank Esler, Leslie Maloy,  
*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: 13th /14th January

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Adrian Mitchelhill	Richard Parkinson
<b>Lector 1</b>	Colleen Day	Liz Phegan
<b>Lector 2</b>	Paula Waters	Sr Patricia Weekes
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Michael Regan Pat Hopkins	Sue Betts Carey Menz-Dowling Pamela McIntosh
<b>Cantor</b>	Brian Waters	Bob Mathews
<b>Musicians</b>		Val Hayes
<b>Counters:</b> Damien Parkinson		

### Sat /Sun: 20th / 21st January

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Justin Clancy	Cathy Nyhan
<b>Lector 1</b>	Catherine Cutler	Lorraine Willis
<b>Lector 2</b>	Michael Byrnes	Roy Thompson
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Jeneice Harding Pauline Mulquiney	Mercedes Goss Di Treacy Eamonn Buckley
<b>Cantor</b>	Judy Lindsay	Ed, Margie, Heath & Don
<b>Musicians</b>	Judy Foley	
<b>Counters:</b> Lachlan McIntyre & Wendy McFerran		

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

"If we want life, let us give life. If we want opportunities, let us provide opportunities."

## 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

## TO PONDER:

Jesus asks, "What are you looking for?" The disciples' strange question-response reveals their desire: to "stay" with him, to abide with him. Our readings today are about this desire for intimacy and physical nearness to God, which is the basis of discipleship. In our first reading Samuel is inside the Literal structure of the temple when he is called, right beside the ark (similar to our tabernacle in Catholicism). He does not yet know God, yet his heart is thoroughly open and predisposed to respond. According to Paul, the miracle is that our bodies are literal temples through which we experience God's indwelling. Our readings call us to this desire for intimacy with God—to contemplative prayer, to the meeting of God within us. How would you respond if Jesus were to ask you, "What are you looking for?"

## R.I.P. Norma Lawlor

Norma Lawlor died last week at the age of 93. During my time at Finley she was the church sacristan, a ministry she carried out during the tenure of Paul Hart and Leo Wright before that.

During my eighteen years in Finley, Norma not only set up for mass, but purloined and arranged fresh flowers each week, cleaned the sacred vessels, washed and ironed the linen and liturgical garments, hand made baptismal stoles. In addition to this she cooked magnificent meals and cleaned the presbytery meticulously (avoiding my many piles of paperwork). Most importantly, she took communion to the sick and homebound and visited the local nursing home each week.

Affectionately known as 'the queen', a term never to be used in her presence—she characterises that generation we are never likely to see again.

The last time I visited her at home in late November she had been up since sunrise, prayed, washed the car by hand, picked and froze fresh beans, dug the vegie patch made fresh biscuits, packed a box of assorted homemade goodies, set the table with fine china cups for my arrival.

Of course she was a formidable woman, no shrinking violet. Nevertheless, she was a faithful woman of prayer and a true servant of the church who came to accept the idiosyncrasies of the many priests she encountered.

Re-united with her beloved husband Joe, may she rest in peace since her many good deeds go with her.

## PRAYER FOR UKRAINE & THE HOLY LAND

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine and the Holy Land today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, Prince of Peace.  
Amen



*This week we welcome into the community of the Christian church through the sacrament of Baptism:*

***Chelsie Mary Clare & Hazel Cynthia Clare***  
*daughters of Travis and Rachel*

***Logan Tassell*** son of David and Isabella

***Billy Hugh Musgrave*** son of Lindsay and Grace

## MEN'S BREAKFAST—2024—Sacred Heart Hall

For 2024 Men's Breakfast will be held monthly in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Mate Street, North Albury. It began on Saturday 13 January and the next one will be held on Saturday 10 February. They are held every 2nd Saturday of the month.

Great Food—Great Fellowship—All men welcome  
Time: 7.45 am for tea/coffee. Grace at 8.00 am followed by cereals etc., hot food—summer special.

Contact Kip on **0417 668 717** or email: **asleeper@bigpond.com** for more information.

# Liturgy of the Word

## **First reading: First Book of Samuel**

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called. 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down and if someone calls say, 'Speak Lord, your servant is listening.' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered 'Speak Lord, your servant is listening.' Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

The word of the Lord.

## **Responsorial Psalm 39**

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

### **Response:**

*Here I am, Lord I come to do your will.*

I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry.  
He put a new song into my mouth  
praise of our God. **R**

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,  
but an open ear.  
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.  
Instead, here am I. **R**

In the scroll of the book it stands written  
that I should do your will.  
My God, I delight in your law,  
in the depths of my heart. **R**

Your justice I have proclaimed,  
in the great assembly.  
My lips I have not sealed;  
you know it, O Lord. **R**

## **A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 1: 35-42**

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus around, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi' - which means Teacher- 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' - which means the Christ- and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon, son of John; you are to be called Cephas' -meaning Rock.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## **A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord and the Lord for the body. God who raised the Lord from the dead will by his power raise us up too. You know surly, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him. Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

The word of the Lord.

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**We have found the Messiah:**

**Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.**

**Alleluia!**