



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.

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
20th / 21st January 2024*

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In the First Reading, Jonah takes the word of God to the people in Nineveh. They hear it, are inspired to change their evil ways, and God shows them his mercy. God's love and forgiveness are at the heart of the Psalm, as we pray for better understanding of the ways in which the Lord invites us to live our lives.

St Paul issues a challenge to the Christian community in Corinth in this week's Second Reading. At the centre of this, though, is an encouragement to us to free our minds and hearts from reliance on the things of this world, and to place our hope in the reign of God.

The Gospel speaks of the opening of the hearts and minds of the first apostles as they leave behind everything they know in order to follow Jesus.

This week, perhaps I can give myself the gift of a little extra time with scripture. I pray that the Lord will open my mind and heart, so I can see more clearly where my path with him lies.

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:

No Masses for this coming week

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.



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: Barbara Patterson, Bernard Weiss, Lillian Hancock, Myles Borg, Brian Rolfe, Mark Harrington, Louis Payne, Paul l'anson, Ada Pertile, John Briggs, Kevin Houlihan, Jack Whitty, Garth Clifford, Brian Lane, Zachary Peters, Alma Hancock, Hilda Brewster, Rosemary Cossor, Gilford Hailstone, Norman Lane, Gus Mitsch, Norman Gray, Ian Miller, Tim Berkley, Edna Hudson.

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: 20th /21st January		
Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Justin Clancy	Cathy Nyhan
Lector 1	Catherine Cutler	Lorraine Willis
Lector 2	Michael Byrnes	Roy Thompson
Eucharistic Ministers	Anna Farrell Pauline Mulquiney	Mercedes Goss Di Treacy Eamonn Buckley
Cantor	Judy Lindsay	David Hicks
Musicians	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
Counters: Lachlan McIntyre & Wendy McFerran		
Sat /Sun: 27th / 28th January		
Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Colleen Day	Sr Carina Morton
Lector 1	Paula Waters	Brigita Serbinek
Lector 2	Kaye Deanshaw	Kay Morrell
Eucharistic Ministers	Adrian Mitchelhill Jeneice Harding	Trish Parkinson Gemma Whitehead Marisa Hart
Cantor	John van Lint	Ed, Margie, Heath and Don
Musicians	Judy Foley	
Counters: Carey Menz-Dowling & John Dowling		

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.

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"The Word of Christ is intended to reach out to everyone, in particular those who live in the peripheries of existence, so that they might find in Him the center of their life and the source of hope."



Parish News

TO PONDER:

Ordinary Time is anything but “ordinary.” As we begin this season, our readings reveal an urgency to undergo conversion as a response to divine mercy, as an act of seeking the God who seeks us. The conversion of an entire city (Jonah), the immediate answer of the disciples whom Jesus calls (Mark), and Paul’s tireless urge to cling to Christ (1 Corinthians) all communicate an urgency not based in fear, but in the promise of a compassionate God coming to reclaim, heal and transform the world.

What might it be like to view our “repentance” and our work not as a reaction to looming danger, but as a response to God’s compassionate promise?

A wonderful image from our first reading may help us ponder the full meaning of conversion and repentance. We are told that because of Jonah’s prophetic ministry, the people of Ninevah “believed God” and repented. The story then goes on to say that when God saw their repentance, “God . . . Repented” (or “relented”; Hebrew *niham*). In other words, when the people changed, God changed. But isn’t God immutable, unchanging? This is not the story Scripture tells. God responds to human beings and their decisions. God responds to us. Conversion and repentance are ongoing, and through it all, God is not above us, detached. God is with us, responding. Conversion is an ongoing relationship between God and God’s people.



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

Nathan William Kernaghan
Son of Daniel and Nina

SAVE YOUR USED STAMPS

Mary Mackillop today recycles used stamps to raise urgently needed funds to fight poverty. Your used stamps will: **Give** disabled children an education in Papua New Guinea; **Fund** training programs for poor women to learn life skills in Peru; **Provide** vital health care to poor communities in Timor—Leste. Your used stamps will be sold at auctions to collectors in Sydney. The money raised will go directly to Mary Mackillop Today (MMT) in Sydney. Please place your used stamps in the container provided on the table near the Sacred Heart window.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 2024

The first meeting of the Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council for this calendar year will take place on Thursday 1 February at 6.00pm in the Parish Hall. Any agenda items for discussion need to be emailed to the secretary Marjorie Serbinek: m4serbinek@gmail.com or by contacting the parish office by email / phone.

SACRED HEART PARISH MORNING TEA

Our monthly morning tea resumes on Sunday 4 February at the conclusion of our celebration of 9.30am Eucharist. A special invitation is extended to those who are new to our parish, to those moving or returning to our local area. You are most welcome to be involved in the life and ministries of this faith community. For the faithful regulars, please bring something to share if possible.

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 every 2nd Saturday of the month. The next breakfast will be on Saturday 10 February. 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.

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

Liturgy of the Word

First reading: Prophet Jonah

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sack-cloth, from the greatest to the least. God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented; he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 24

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

Response: Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **R**

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **R**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is near:
believe the Good News.
Alleluia!

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

Brothers and sisters, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away

The word of the Lord.



A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 1: 14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come,' he said ' and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.