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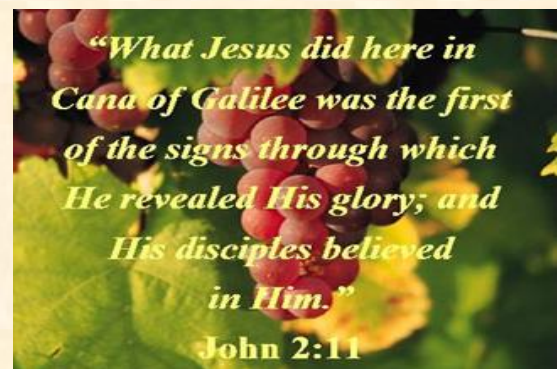
Sacred Heart Parish, North Albury, pays respect to the Wiradjuri people, the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather to celebrate our faith and worship God. We acknowledge with respect elders past, present and emerging.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18th / 19th January 2025

Parish Clergy:

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After his Baptism, Jesus now starts his public ministry by giving us a first 'sign' of his transformative love. At the wedding feast of Cana, he changes water into wine at the suggestion of his mother. Here we see Mary already interceding for others. (Gospel)

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:
Wednesday & Friday 9.30am

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 at 9.30am mass during school terms.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP:

Our parish bible study group is held every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 7.00pm in the parish hall. We will resume in February 2025.

The **First Reading** also uses the image of a wedding to show that the Lord rejoices in his people 'as the bridegroom rejoices over his bride'. St Paul teaches the people of Corinth about the various gifts given to each one of them – and to each one of us – which can be used for the good of all in a variety of ways. These gifts all witness to the same Spirit, the same God. (**Second Reading**) **The Psalm** is a joyful song of praise that reflects the spirit of the other readings. It invites us to 'Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples'. God will judge the people with fairness.

As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year, the joyful image of wedding festivities might inspire us to think of all who suffer from food poverty. We pray that each one of us might use our different gifts generously to help those in need, so that all have sustenance. In this way, may we appreciate the transforming love that God has for every one.

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Jim McGee, Alfred Brunner, Barbara Matthews, Esther Fair, Lucia Fornasiero, Fr Tony Loth, John Hogan, Richard Toole, Shaun Sutcliffe, Katica Mejak, Rhonda McCormack.

ANNIVERSARIES: Wilga Jones, Barbara Patterson, Mark Harrington, Harry Struck, Louis Payne, Paul I'Anson, Sr Christopher Ryan, Ada Pertile, John Biggs, Garth Clifford, Zachary Peters, Alma Hancock, Hilda Brewster, Rosemary Cossor, Gilford Hailstone, Gus Mitsch, Norman Gray, Ian Miller, Robert Watson, Albert Williams, Mary Lonergan, Kevin Murphy.

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 January

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Colleen Day	Cathy Nyhan
Lector 1	Paula Waters	Hugh Pinter
Lector 2	Catherine Cutler	Samuel Serbinek
Eucharistic Ministers	Michael Regan Pauline Mulquiney	Sr Patricia Weekes Pamela McIntosh Carey Menz-Dowling
Cantor	Judy Lindsay	Bob Mathews
Musicians	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
Counters: Diane & Greg Bartsch		

Sat / Sun: 25th / 26th January

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Adrian Mitchelhill	Richard Parkinson
Lector 1	Michael Byrnes	Brigita Serbinek
Lector 2	Volunteer	Hugh Pinter
Eucharistic Ministers	Kaye Deanshaw Pat Hopkins	Moira Porta Shinead Kilroy Fran Kernaghan
Cantor	John van Lint	Ed, Margie, Heath & Don
Musicians	Judy Foley	
Counters: Gemma Whitehead		

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of
the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from
within both humanity and the whole
cosmos in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil
vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

A marriage is not successful just because it endures; quality is important. To stay together and to know how to love one another forever is the challenge for Christian couples."



Parish News

Extract From: Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen Bishop of Parramatta

Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church. 2025

Pope Francis reminds us that the Church cannot be fully itself without involving everyone as co-responsible for its life and mission.

The time has come for Church leaders to engage in an energetic communal search with the faithful in their dioceses if they want to be bold and creative in the task of rethinking the goals, structures, style and methods of evangelization in their respective communities.

We are all learners in this new way of being Church. There is a certain sense of vulnerability on the part of the ordained as we learn to adopt a more collaborative, humble and listening style of leadership. Many of the laity themselves are accustomed to deferring to their pastors and hence are more comfortable with being simply passive. But this would not lead to effective mission and better outcomes. It is the responsibility of the clergy not simply to exercise the authority of the ordained but also to encourage the co-responsibility of the faithful. Similarly, it is integral to the baptismal consecration for the laity to participate in the mission of the whole Church. In this way, the culture of mutual discernment, consensus and decision-making can lead us, the ordained and laity, to the strengthening of our common mission.

Jesus told his disciples that new wine must be poured into new wineskins. The way of being Church that the Holy Spirit has inspired us to embrace necessitates a collective conversion. The clergy will need to learn to listen to the *sensus fidei* and the laity will need to take responsibility as agents of evangelization. Together, we commit ourselves to the task of discerning the voice of the Holy Spirit. If synodality is a truly constitutive dimension of the Church, then the sense of the faithful must be given expressions in a way that witnesses to the dynamism of communion and inspires all ecclesial decisions.

We have great challenges ahead of us as we form ourselves into the new wineskins capable of containing and sharing Christ the new wine. However, we also have the assurance of the Lord who promised to be with us always to the end of time. This consciousness, deepened by our lived experience of the synodal Church, has been the inspiration for the vision and theme of our pastoral plan: "Behold, I am with you always". (Matthew 28:20)

Encouraged by this promise and strengthened by the encounter with Jesus, let us rise to walk the journey of participation, communion and mission. Let us plough the fields for the seeds of the synodal Church to grow and bear fruit. Let us spread the good seeds and be champions of synodality in our respective environments. Let us pray that we may grow through chaos and uncertainty in order to be more aligned with God's purpose. May Mary who listened to God's Word and acted in sync with the Holy Spirit accompany us on the road of discipleship and witness. May Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's first canonised saint intercede for us as we endeavor to embody the Gospel for our times just as she did for hers in trusting, generous and prophetic ways.

Formation In Faith

In the Bible in a Year podcast, Fr Mike Schmitz walks you through the entire Catholic Bible in 365 episodes, providing commentary, reflection and prayer along the way.

Find out more about the Bible in a Year and how to listen at: ascensionpress.com/bibleinayear

Some paper copies of the programme are available for collection on the table near the car park entrance.

A similar guide is available to explore the Catechism of the Catholic church at: ascensionpress.com/ciy

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors Roster

A new roster is being prepared for those wishing to carry out the ministry of reader/commentator and Eucharistic minister from February—May 2025.

If you are currently on the list all you need do is advise any dates that are unsuitable.

We are looking for those who are new to our parish who wish to participate in these ministries of service.

Please add your name to the list at the Swan Street entrance or contact our parish office by phone or email.

Congratulations Trish Parkinson

We extend our best wishes to Trish Parkinson who celebrates the milestone of her 80th birthday this week.

We thank her for her witness of faith to our parish community and for her service over many years to the charitable work and pastoral care offered by St Clare's St Vincent de Paul Conference.

Farewell Lucia Fornasiero—Rest in God's Peace

Lucia was born on 26th May, 1915 in the small Italian village of San Daniele del Friuli. She came to Australia during the summer bush fire season of 1938, a week after marrying her husband Emilio (d:1970). They had 7 children: John, Michael, Maria, Peter, Paul (dec), David (dec), Christine (dec).

Lucia's earthly life ended at the gate of a New Year, 31 December 2024. Lucia was a strong woman of active and vibrant faith. May the trust she always put in the Lord lead her safely home to enjoy her heavenly reward.

In a particular way thanks is extended to Sr Carina for visiting Lucia each week so that she could receive the nourishment that participating in the Eucharist provides.



This weekend we welcome into the community of the Christian church

through the sacrament of Baptism:

Lainey Skye Herne

Daughter of Jay and Teresa

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: From the prophet Isaiah 62:1-5

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you. The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm 95

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

Response: Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
Sing to the Lord all the earth.

O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **R**

Proclaim his help day by day,
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name. **R**

Worship the Lord in his temple.

O earth, tremble before him.

Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'

He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given to them by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues, and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel

To share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine'. Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews. Each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now', he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus; it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him. The Gospel of the Lord.