



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.

*First Sunday of Advent
26th / 27th November 2022*

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

Live-streaming on Sunday 9.30am Mass by accessing our website.

WEEKDAY MASSES: This Week

Wednesday 9.30am

Friday 10.30am—Mass for Feast of St Francis Xavier in Xavier High School Hall.

1.30pm Funeral Mass to celebrate the life of Rom Hayes.

First Sunday of Advent

*Lighting of the First
Advent Candle*



Priest: Our expectation begins now.

We begin our journey, like Joseph and Mary. We cannot see the way ahead. We cannot know what hope will come but we trust God to journey with us, beckoning along with the prophet..... ‘O House of Israel, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.’

This is our hope as we light the first candle of Advent.

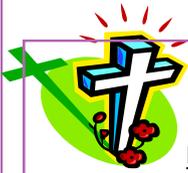
First Candle is lit

All: Christ be our light.

ALL: We light this candle to remember what was promised and to dream about what could be. We light this candle full of hope because we know the days are surely coming as we have seen signs of God’s hope. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus may we see signs of your hope in the midst of so much uncertainty. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Rom Hayes, Len Soule, Marlene Plummer, Margaret Tyson, Edith Alvarado, Charlie Kavanagh, Hilary Hanson, Evelyn Lawlor, Harold Groch.

ANNIVERSARIES: Corrie Van Lint, John Dale, Mark Conlon, Anne Mitchell, Lorie Quigley, Beatrice Purvey, Bob Tuziak, Gabe Farrah, Eileen Ryan, Sarah Caton, Br Trevor Kimble, Addie Mathieson, Christine Benson Kathleen Berg, Daisy Hobdell, Elizabeth Clancy, Daniel O'Connor, Cecil Woodhouse, Peter Hickey, Peter Schnitzer, Margaret Kane, Jim McLaughlin, Albert Gorkom, John Robinson, William Mulquiney, John Dyball, Jane Waite, Louise Harvey.

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: 26th / 27th November		
Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Justin Clancy	Cathy Nyhan
Lector 1	Michael Byrnes	Brigita Serbinek
Lector 2	Sr Carina Morton	Tammy Robertson
Eucharistic Ministers	Michael Regan Pat Hopkins	Narelle Naughton Trish Parkinson Fran Kernaghan
Cantor Musicians	Catherine Cutler/Judy Lindsay Judy Foley	Ann & Lachlan McIntyre
Counters: Laurie Moylan & Gordon Bryant (Sunday)		

Sat /Sun: 3rd / 4th December		
Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Colleen Day	Ed Brown
Lector 1	Justin Clancy	Narelle Naughton
Lector 2	Adrian Mitchelhill	Liz Phegan
Eucharistic Ministers	Judy Lindsay Kay Deanshaw	Moira Porta Sr Patricia Weekes Fran Kernaghan
Cantor Musicians	Mary Buckley Judy Foley	Ed, Margy, Kathy, Heath
Counters: Nardia Scarvell & Liz Simon		

Advent Prayer

Lord Jesus,
Master of both the light and darkness,
send you Holy Spirit upon our preparation for Christmas.
We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.
We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.
We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.
We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.
We are your people walking in darkness yet seeking the light.
To you we say 'Come Lord Jesus'
Amen.
(Henri Nouwen)



Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"Advent is the time we are given to welcome the Lord who comes to encounter us, and also to verify our longing for God, to look forward and prepare ourselves for Christ's return."

Parish News

"Celebrating Our Cultural Diversity"

As advised, in order to celebrate the cultural diversity of our Sacred Heart Parish community, all parishioners are invited to complete a short survey to assist the Parish Pastoral Council to identify the variety of cultural backgrounds we are blessed to have in our Sacred Heart Parish, and to ask for volunteers to be actively involved in the planning and preparation of a Mass and social event in 2023. Please take a moment during Mass this weekend to complete the survey and consider being involved, and stay tuned for further updates. Blessings, Ed Brown

Advent Prayer Resources—'Incarnate'

As we journey through the seasons of Advent and Christmas this year, you are invited to use this Advent prayer booklet to reflect daily on the wonder and incarnation of Jesus Christ. Each day has a scripture reading followed by a reflection inspired by that reading. It also features beautiful artworks throughout with enlightening "Artwork Spotlight" reflections written by the popular Monsignor Graham Schmitzer. You will find these booklets at all entrances to the church. Please take a copy.

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations are offered to Rhiannon Dolahenty and Samuel Harris who have committed themselves to each other in the sacrament of marriage this weekend. May the sacrament, a mirror image of God's love sustain and strengthen their commitment to each other.

Advent Reflection Books

In the Reading Room at the back of the Church there is a variety of Advent Reflection Books feel free to take and use.

Heartbeat

We plan to publish the next edition of Heartbeat for Christmas. If you have any ideas for content or would like to contribute an article please send an email to Karen bevispurtle@internode.on.net All articles need to be received by Sunday 11th December so proof reading and printing can take place.

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council meets this Thursday 1 December at 6.00pm. In the parish hall. Finger food and drinks provided.



*This weekend
we welcome
into the
community of
the Christian*

*church through the sacrament of Baptism:
Kye Antony Hall son of Mikaelah & Dathan*

Funeral Mass for Rom Hayes

Our mass of thanksgiving to celebrate the life of Rom Hayes will be held this Friday 2 December at 1.30pm in Sacred Heart Church. Rom was a man of great integrity and faith who contributed wholeheartedly to the life of our parish community with vibrant energy and committed prayer and practice. Let us continue to hold Val and their family in prayer during these difficult days.

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 are 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 usually around \$275. 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.



Roll up your sleeves; make a difference overseas

Do you require professional renewal, or are you seeking a retirement challenge? Communities abroad are asking for qualified and experienced Australians able to mentor their people in education, health, administration, trades, agriculture and more.

Since 1961 Palms Australia has been recruiting Australians able to offer mentoring that will allow overseas counterparts opportunities otherwise unattainable.

Sharing your skills will strengthen the capacity of workers overseas to serve their communities for generations to come, long after you return home. Communities in American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Zambia are seeking to fill a variety of roles. www.palms.org.au or **02 9560 533** or **0422 472 567**.

Diocesan Newspaper—'Together'

The November edition of Together has arrived and is available at all entrances to the church. Please take a copy.

Liturgy of the Word

First reading : Isaiah 2: 1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the law will go out from Zion and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.' He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob come, let us walk in the light of the Lord. The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm 121

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

Response: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
Within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R**

It is there that the tribes go up,
The tribes of the Lord.
For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. **R**

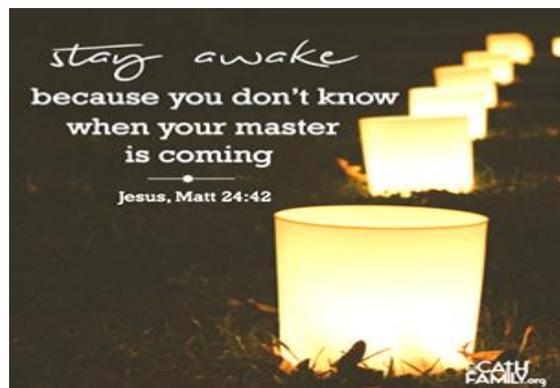
For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
'Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
In your palaces peace!' **R**

For love of my brethren and friends
I say: 'Peace upon you!'
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good. **R**

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon— let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.



Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 24: 37-44

Jesus said to the disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day. So will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left. 'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.' The Gospel of the Lord.