



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.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 16th / 17th September 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: This Week:

NO Wednesday mass only 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 during school terms.



A Prayer in Times of Disaster

God with us in light and darkest days –

We pray for all impacted by earthquake, flood or other disaster: survivors, displaced people, loved ones, lost ones.

Where there's life, let there be rescue.

Where there's need, let there be care.

Where there's loss, let there be consolation.

We pray for all on the ground, responding with urgency: emergency workers, medics, people donating food and blood.

Where there's fear, let there be hope.

Where there's confusion, let there be clarity.

Where there's weariness, let there be rest.

As we pray for people directly affected, we pray also for ourselves: aware, far-off, watching on.

Where there's compassion, let there be action.

Where there's love, let there be solidarity.

Where there's concern, let there be generosity.

God with us in light and darkest days –
hear our prayer.

Amen.



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sr Stephen Rhynehart RSM, Margaret McDonald (Griffith), Cassie Purtle, Carmel Jolley, Sr Clare Ries RSJ, Jean MacIntosh, Tony Brandt, Fay Martin, Sr Catherine Hughes RSM, Fr Steve Bohan, June Quirk, Bill Lally, Bert Fletcher, Kathleen Williams, Fr Terence Mahedy.

ANNIVERSARIES: Harold Groch, Charlie Kavanagh, Pat O'Shaughnessy, Val Bullock, Margaret Doyle, Jim Sheahan, Jock Gordon, Sandra Syphers, Dorothy Fegan, Nicole Shirley, Bernard Rolfe, Neil Russell, Teresa Dynana, Gwen McSpadden, Amanda Bowen, Jill Mitsch, Judith Taylor, Mary Egan, Kerry Osmond, Brad Carrick, Terry McCabe, Patricia Kernaghan, Geoffrey Thompson, Irene Shanahan, Ray Desmond, Iry Binding, Noel Rothe, Dora Drennan, Michael Conroy, Paul Holmes, Tom O'Brien.

Gather our loved ones into your arms. Quiet our doubt and anger and send us your healing grace. Through Christ our Lord.



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

Olive Florence Bent daughter of Samuel & Cailey

Chiara Francisca Morrissey daughter of Anthony & Emiliana

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 16th / 17th September

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Justin Clancy	Bede Hart
Lector 1	Catherine Cutler	Mercedes Goss
Lector 2	Paula Waters	Lorraine Willis
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Hopkins Anna Farrell	Carey Menz-Dowling Pamela McIntosh Sue McLaurin
Cantor Musicians	John van Lint Judy Foley	Bernadette & Wendy

Counters: Richard & Trish Parkinson

Sat / Sun: 23rd / 24th September

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Adrian Mitchelhill	Margy Brown
Lector 1	Catherine Cutler	Sr Carina Morton
Lector 2	Michael Byrnes	Kay Morrell
Eucharistic Ministers	Jeneice Harding Pauline Mulquiney	Trish Parkinson Noelene Cruise Gemma Whitehead
Cantor Musicians	Brian Waters Judy Foley	Ed, Margy, Heath & Don

Counters: Diane & Greg Bartsch

Prayer for Fr Martin

30th Anniversary of Priesthood

Heavenly Father, we come before You today with hearts full of gratitude for our parish priest, Fr Martin, as we celebrate his 30th anniversary of his priestly ordination. Thank You for the gift of his dedicated service, unwavering faith, and compassionate guidance. We are truly blessed to have him as our spiritual leader.

We pray for Your guidance and protection over him, filling him with Your peace.

Surround him with a supportive community that uplifts and encourages him.

We thank You for the countless ways he has faithfully served Your people, guiding us on our spiritual journey. May You grant him strength, wisdom, and joy as he continues to shepherd Your flock.

May he be filled with Your Holy Spirit, that he may lead us closer to You and inspire us to live lives of faith.

We thank him for his selfless dedication and pray that You, Lord, continue to guide and bless Fr Martin in all his endeavours.

In Jesus' name, we pray.
Amen.



Parish News

Announcements from Director of Catholic Education Wagga Wagga—Dr Andrew Watson

Re: Mr Gavin Dykes - 'I write to advise that Mr Gavin Dykes has accepted the appointment to the position of Principal at Mt St Patrick's College, Murwillumbah, located within the Lismore Diocese to commence at the beginning of 2024.

I offer Gavin our congratulations on his appointment. I thank Gavin for his dedicated service and outstanding leadership of Xavier High School for the past 11 years. His time as Principal has seen a focus on the wellbeing of all Xavier students and staff, innovative approaches to learning and teaching which has led to improved student educational outcomes.

During his time as Principal Gavin has also ensured the continued improvement of buildings and resources at Xavier and the completion of the most recent significant building project the construction of the wonderful St Francis Xavier Centre.

Gavin's care and concern for the families of Xavier High School has been so very evident and his leadership of the College through the difficult COVID years, especially for a school on the border is to be commended. We wish Gavin, Joanne and family, all the very best for the move north to Mt St Patrick's College. We will acknowledge, celebrate, and give thanks for Gavin's leadership of Xavier High School toward the end of this year.

CEDWW will commence immediately the process to recruit and appoint the next Principal of Xavier High School.'

Re: Sr Anne Hagan - 'Sr Anne has informed me of her intention to retire at the end of this year after 14 years of dedicated service to Catholic Education Diocese of Wagga as an Education Officer with the Evangelisation and Religious Education Team, formally known as the Catholic Life Team and prior to this as a Principal, REC and teacher within the Diocese.

There is no doubt about Anne's significant contribution to the work of CEDWW, particularly as she worked tirelessly to support our RECs and Religious Education Teacher in the development of our Catholic Identity, Religious Education curriculum and spirituality days. Anne has also been instrumental in the support of our graduate teachers as they commenced their careers in Catholic education.

Thank you Anne for all you have done for the students, staff and school communities within the Diocese of Wagga. You leave a great legacy of dedicated service to others and we wish you all the very best in retirement.'

Saint Lorenzo Ruiz Mass

You are invited to attend St Lorenzo Ruiz mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Thurgoona on Thursday 28 September at 5.30pm. Bring a plate for a cuppa after the mass. Contact: MACE Sisters 0402 090 438.

Sacred Heart Parish—Annual General Meeting

Copies of the Annual Report 2023 are still available for collection at the usual distribution points (Swan Street entrance and back table, Mate Street).

Congratulations Fr Martin 30th Anniversary of your Ordination

On 17 September 1993, Fr Martin was ordained to the priesthood and has faithfully served the Diocese of Wagga Wagga in Leeton, Finley/Tocumwal and now (thankfully) in North Albury.

He continues to be a blessing in the lives of countless people, regardless of their religious affiliation or beliefs, and he always promotes a vision of the Church as inclusive, welcoming and synodal. We offer our thanks and congratulations to Fr Martin on this great and joyful occasion, and wish him many, many more years of selfless service and devotion in the love of God.

Congratulations Fr Martin

Rest in peace, Cassie Purtle

Lovingly cared for by her family Cassie completed the journey of her earthly life and entered her eternal home on Sunday 3 September. Our funeral mass of thanksgiving, in celebration of Cassie's life will be held here at Sacred Heart within her parish community on Monday 18 September at 11.30am. The wake will be held immediately following the conclusion of the mass in our parish hall. The rite of committal will take place at Glenmorris Gardens Cemetery at 3.00pm. Let us continue to support Cassie's family in prayer in the coming days.

Caritas Australia's Emergency Appeals—Morocco/Libya

Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water and medical assistance. Please support Caritas Australia's emergency appeals. Donate at: www.caritas.org.au
A prayer in times of disaster on front page of bulletin.

Australian Catholics—Spring Edition

The spring edition of Australian Catholics has arrived. In this edition the articles presented are centered around the theme 'Climate for Change', and reflect the views of both adults and young people.

The feature article by Michael McGirr 'Kinchela Boys find their voice' P14 is particularly timely and Fr Andrew Hamilton's article 'Exploring a Changing Church' P29 gives plenty of food for thought.

Please take and distribute your free copies.

SAVE THE DATE—St Anne's Primary School Country Fair

Friday 13 October 2023 from 3.30—7.00pm. Live Music, Family Games, Spinning Wheel, Face Painting, Cakes, Plants and more. The event is on school grounds—cnr Curlew & Lowry Streets, North Albury. Free Entry.

Article on the Voice Referendum by Fr Frank Brennan SJ

Hard copies are still available at the usual collection places around the church. Alternatively you can access a digital copy by going to the 'Eureka Street' website.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Book of Ecclesiasticus

Resentment and anger, these are foul things and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things and stop hating, remember dissolution and death and live by the commandments. Remember the commandment and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High and overlook the offence. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 102

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

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R**

His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **R**

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. **R**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 18: 21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. 'Give me time,' he said, 'and I will pay the whole sum.' And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. 'Pay what you owe me,' he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, 'Give me time and I will pay you'. But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?' And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment;

Love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!