



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.

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 15/16 June 2024

Sacred Heart Parish is a Child Safe Community. We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all and a zero tolerance to child abuse.

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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: Name # Please contact Office for a number

Presbytery A/c *BSB: 066 789; A/c No: 10000 5575*

Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable People:

<https://wagga.catholic.org.au/safeguarding-children-vulnerable-people/>

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 Only 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 continues every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 7.00pm in the parish hall.

Reflection Eleventh Sunday of the Year

Our readings this week are full of hope and confidence. May we grow in joyful hope as we pray and ponder them. The theme of growth, seeds, and trees winds in and out of these readings. So does the notion of universality: God's kingdom is for the whole of humanity.

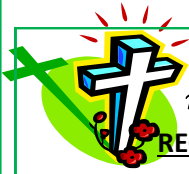
In the First Reading, God, through the prophet Ezekiel, promises the tiny remnant of Israel that they will grow into a new people, just as the cedar grows from a small shoot. The Psalm is a song of thanksgiving to the Lord who enables the just to grow and flourish like a cedar.

St Paul, in the Second Reading, reminds the Corinthians of the confidence they have, despite the tensions of living while waiting for the Lord. This fills them with the expectation of being with him one day. The Gospel contains two parables of the Kingdom: that of the seed, growing secretly; and the parable of the mustard seed. Both parables reveal God working continuously for the growth of his kingdom.

As we go about our lives this week, we may find other metaphors for the God who works secretly for his kingdom in all those around us, in our surroundings and in all events.



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Elizabeth Hore, Ivan Mejak, Jean Godde, Kerry Heinrich, Ellen Haynes, Peter Gleeson.

ANNIVERSARIES: Pat Gleeson, Ron Turner, Peter Fraser, Fr Len Egan, Ruth Wynter, Warner Hogan, Anita Williams, Kevin Thomas, Phillip Adams Marie Dick, Brian McNamara, Leo Boswell, Bob Monk, Ken Willis, Vera Maguire, Christopher Nuttall, Thomas Heuts, Ena Joseph, Mary Packer, Eileen Muldoon, Anne Slattery, Angelika Huysse, Lesley Collins, Shirley Hill –Willis, Mary Hull, Christopher McDermott, Jan Duke, Leonard Hogg, Frank Williams, Jake & Maddison Murray, Nell McIntyre, Arthur Benson.

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



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

Ellena Eve Murtagh; Ariyah Anne Murtagh and Olivia Sam Murtagh daughters of Sean and Shelley

Wesley Glenn Moreland son of Andrew and Rochelle

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 15th / 16th June

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Nicole Morton	Roy Thompson
Lector 1	Colleen Day	Stuart Thompson
Lector 2	Paula Waters	Yvonne Thompson
Eucharistic Ministers	Michael Regan Pat Hopkins	Volunteer Narelle Naughton Carey Menz-Dowling
Cantor	Lachlan McIntyre	David Hicks
Musicians	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
Counters: Barry Pickett & Bernie Seaton		

Sat / Sun: 22nd / 23rd June

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Justin Clancy	Richardson Parkinson
Lector 1	Catherine Cutler	Shinead Kilroy
Lector 2	Xavier Clancy	Sr Patricia Weekes
Eucharistic Ministers	Jeneice Harding Pauline Mulquiney	Pamela McIntosh Marisa Hart Mercedes Goss
Cantor	Brian Waters/John van Lint	Heath Neville
Musicians	Brigita Serbinek	Ashleigh Donaldson
Counters: Bethany Carey & Brian Fealy		

Quote Pope Francis:

"God's Kingdom requires our cooperation. The victory of the Lord is certain: his love will make every seed of goodness present on the ground sprout and grow. This opens us up to trust and hope, despite the tragedies, the injustices, the sufferings that we encounter."

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

Sacrament of Confirmation

Bishop Mark Edwards conferred the sacrament of Confirmation on candidates on Friday evening in the Sacred Heart Church.

Please remember in your prayers the children, parents, sponsors and families in their commitment to continue to open their lives to inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Confirmation Candidates

Maeve Jenke	James Coleman
James Coleman	Charlie Scammell
Clancy Fifield	Bodie Cahill
Felicity Lynch	Paige McMenamin
Ethan Simmons	Mannix Murray
Laila Wenzke	Emily Ward
Alexander Petrovic	Jude Finlayson
Alex Junck	Pippa Hartley
Eva Glynn	Tully Shearer
Sophie Gardiner	Cooper Scott-Young
Patrick Mirtschin	Georgie Grigg
Kasey Blair	Alexis Hocking
Lily Fleming	Lachlan Bourke
Grace Hughes	Erica Schilg
Edward Nixon	Hugo Ross
Oscar Webb	Noah Kelly
Ethan Wilson	Seamus Clancy
Emmi DeMamiel	Cruze Fischer
Gertie McGrath	Sienna Oliver
Olivia Rice	Poppy Heran
McKenzie Drinkwater	Willow Elliott
Victoria Muntz	Joseph Charlton
Claudia Redfern	Ruby May
Jack Telford	Riley Howe

Thanks to Bede Hart for his continued pastoral and spiritual leadership in our parish primary school.

Gratitude is expressed to all those involved in the preparation of the students and the co-ordination of the liturgy—Nick Goode, Rebecca Taylor, Marg Jessup & Lea Allibon.

PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

God of all ages, You send out your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, look kindly on those who were confirmed on Friday in our Sacred Heart Parish.

We pray that you send your Spirit to enlighten, guide, strengthen, console, and open their hearts as they continue to seek a closer relationship with you.

Help them to truly know the deep and abiding love you have for each of them and fill them with the joy of your presence.

Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit. Help them to experience and trust your dwelling within so that they can count on your guidance today and every day.

***Show us the way to help one another become better disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing your love with our world and with each person we meet.
Come, Holy Spirit! Come! Amen***

Retirement of Mr Bede Hart as Principal of St Anne's Primary School

As mentioned in previous newsletters Mr. Bede Hart will retire as Principal of our parish primary school, St Anne's at the conclusion of Term 2. As part of the celebrations to honour and give thanks for Bede's incredible commitment of service to Catholic Education in our diocese for forty years the following events will occur:

Friday 28 June—Informal gathering of families past and present. Sausage Sizzle. At Anne's Hall. 4.00—6.00pm.

Sunday 30 June—Parish/School Mass of thanksgiving. Sacred Heart Church 9.30am. Morning tea to follow in parish hall. Please bring something to share if possible.

Tuesday 2 July—Liturgy of Farewell and formal assembly. St Anne's School Hall 9.30am

You are invited to attend any or all of the above mentioned gatherings.

Sacramental Dates—First Holy Communion (Yr 4 & beyond)

Student/Parent information and reflection session

Monday 29 July 6.00pm St Anne's School Hall.

Commitment Masses for candidates and their families—Saturday 10 August and Sunday 11 August.

Celebration of the Sacrament of First Eucharist during parish masses weekend of September 7/8.

Preparation for 70th Anniversary of our Parish 2025

In preparation for the celebration of the 70th Anniversary of our parish in 2025 we are hoping to see how many parishioners are still around who were in the parish in 1955. If you were part of the parish either as a child, teenager or adult could you record your name and present town location in one of the folders at the back of the Church.

Footy Tipping Comp Ladder: (Leaderboard as of Rd 13)

76: Carmel Butts; **75:** Richard Power; **72:** Coyle Family, Liz Jones, Val Hayes, Bede Hart, Carey Family; **71:** Matty Boyd, Judy Lindsay, Liz Phegan, Fr Martin, Brian Butts, John Dowling; **70:** Kay Locke; **69:** Eamonn Buckley, Genny Green, John O'Keeffe, Chrissie Trebilcock, Ray Trebilcock; **68:** Wendy Glazebrook, Clancy Family, Joan Moylan; **67:** Cathy Nyhan, Richard Hickey, Judy Warren.

Sacred Heart Planned Giving

We wish to thank those who contribute to our planned giving program. If you would like to be part of this program either via envelopes or direct deposit please fill out a form at the back of the church or contact the parish office between 9am-2pm Monday, Wed. or Fridays.

2024/25 planned giving envelopes (blue) are ready for collection on the table at the Mate Street entrance.

Alpha Invitation

Alpha continues this Tuesday with the question "How can I resist evil? You are invited to come along **Tuesday 18 June at 10.30am** in the parish hall. All welcome.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow. Who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken and I will do it.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 91

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

Response: *Lord it is good to give thanks to you.*

It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. **R**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R**

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

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

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight—we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The word of the Lord.



A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 4: 26-34

Jesus said: 'This is what the Kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'What can we say the Kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like the mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.' Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord.