



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.

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time 22/23 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 & 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 continues every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 7.00pm in the parish hall.

Reflection Twelfth Sunday of the Year

This weekend's readings provide an opportunity to focus on our trust in God with great courage and hope. Three of the texts demonstrate the Lord's power over the sea, and his care for us. In the First Reading, the Lord responds to Job's complaints that he has been punished unjustly. God speaks of his divine power over his own creation.

God's control over nature is also echoed in the Gospel, as Jesus calms the storm. The disciples panic as the gale takes hold, awakening Jesus, who chides them for their lack of faith. They are filled with awe as Jesus stills the waves, asking: 'Who can this be?'

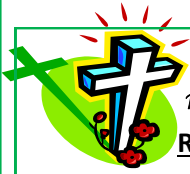
The Psalmist tells of the sailors' fear as their frail boats are buffeted by the winds and waves, but they give thanks to the Lord for his loving care as he leads them to a safe haven. St Paul expresses his gratitude for the overwhelming love of Christ, through whose life, death and resurrection we are offered a new creation.

(Second Reading)

This week we might pray for an increasing awareness of the Lord's constant presence in our lives. We can express our gratitude for his love in the words of the psalm refrain: O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever.



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.

ANNIVERSARIES: Matt McIntosh, Tim Van Kerkoerle, John Flood, Braedon Hensel, Stan Taylor, Joan Thompson, Ann Purvey, Joseph Hanrahan, Brian Gawen, Mary Dale, Amy Allen, Reg Watson, Jessie Cullen, Lucy Takle, Reg Packer, Eileen Seymour, Denis O'Reilly, Des Kennedy, Hannah Evans, John Sheehan, Eileen Brown, Keith Heran, John Purtell, Catherine O'Brien, Tim Mitchelhill, Kathleen Halyday, Verna Roberts, Catherine Dale, Marie Fromholtz, Josie Tynan, Jack Dynan, Sheila Jarvis.
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: 22nd / 23rd June

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Justin Clancy	Richard 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		

Sat / Sun: 29th / 30th June

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Colleen Day	Ed Brown
Lector 1	Paula Waters	Kay Morrell
Lector 2	Kaye Deanshaw	Lorraine Willis
Eucharistic Ministers	Adrian Mitchelhill Anna Farrell	Trish Parkinson Cathy Nyhan Eamonn Buckley
Cantor	John van Lint/Brian Waters	Bob Mathews
Musicians	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
Counters: Lachlan McIntyre & Wendy McFerran		

Quote Pope Francis:

"Today let us invite Jesus into the boat of our life. Like the disciples, we will realize that once he is on board, the winds die down and there can be no shipwreck."

Prayer for the Winter Solstice

Creator God we turn to you as we mark the shortest day of the year.

We pray that at this turning point, we may be alive to the transition moments in our own lives.

For many ancient cultures the winter solstice was a time of rebirth and was celebrated with ritual and ceremony.

We ask for courage and endurance when we are at our lowest ebb, when faith and hope are hard to find and the night seems to be without end.

May the celebration of the solstice as well as the seasons and cycles of nature remind us that all things pass.

We give thanks for those moments when a crisis passes, and we recover from illness or some other setback in life and life seems good again.

Help us to develop our own rituals and ceremonies to celebrate these turning points so that we may continue to nurture our faith and hope.

Amen



Parish News

TO PONDER:

Our readings invite reorientations of perspective. In Job, God comes out of the whirlwind to shift Job from a *self-centered* to a *God-centered* perspective. Paul speaks of becoming a “new creation” in Christ, of having his view transformed to view all creation not from a human view, but from that of Christ crucified and raised. Jesus draws his disciples across the sea to be similarly transformed by witnessing Jesus’s power. These readings ask us to consider our own perspectives. Are we also open to transformation, awe and wonder?

Why good people suffer is perhaps the most haunting question of human existence. The power of the book of Job is that it refutes any trite or superficial response to this question. Job is finally comforted not because he receives an answer, but because he experiences God. The disciples, like Job, are exposed to a great squall or whirlwind until they experience Jesus’s power over it. Our texts do not shy away from the realities of this life: suffering, terror, death. Nor do they suggest that pain is understandable. But they do promise that God is present in and through suffering, even if we do not feel God or experience that presence.

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.

Sacrament of Confirmation

This important sacrament of initiation was conferred on candidates on Friday 14 June in Sacred Heart Church by Bishop Mark Edwards. May the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom—Knowledge—Understanding—Right Judgement—Courage—Reverence—Wonder and Awe bear fruit in all our lives by the way we demonstrate love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control in our encounter with others. 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 and Bede Hart.

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.

We are planning to put together a mega Heartbeat edition for the 70th Anniversary and are looking for volunteers to help us with this. Please phone Marjorie 0411 596 567.

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

As the end of Term 2 approaches we as a parish and school community have a wonderful opportunity to pay tribute to Bede for his dedicated commitment as a teacher, administrator and principal.

You are invited to attend any or all of the planned activities listed below:

Friday 28 June—Informal gathering of families past and present. Sausage Sizzle. At Anne’s School 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.

Sacred Heart Parish Planned Giving

Thank you for your ongoing support of our parish community in this regard. The parish is reliant on your generous monetary contributions to meet its financial commitments and to engage in pastoral, liturgical and outreach activities.

If you are in a position to contribute to the wellbeing and sustenance of our parish and are not currently doing so through the envelope scheme or by direct deposit please fill out a form located on the table near the confessional or contact the parish office (Mon-Wed-Fri between 9.00am—2.00pm).

The other option is to use the tap and go machine by following the prompts when you arrive for mass.

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

Please use the new envelopes from the weekend of 6/7 July and destroy any old unused ones as your designated number may have changed.

Alpha Invitation

Alpha continues this Tuesday with the question “Why and How Should I Tell Others?” You are invited to come along **Tuesday 25 June at 10.30am** in the parish hall. All welcome.

Footy Tipping Comp Ladder: (End Round 14)

80: Carmel Butts, Richard Power; **78:** Coyle Family, Val Hayes, Bede Hart; **77:** Judy Lindsay, Liz Phegan, Carey Family; **76:** Kay Locke, John Dowling, Fr Martin, Brian Butts, Matty Boyd; **75:** Chrissie Trebilcock, Liz Jones; **74:** Wendy Glazebrook; **73:** Cathy Nyhan, Richard Hickey, Judy Warren, Eamonn Buckley, Joan Moylan, Genny Green, John O’Keeffe, Ray Trebilcock; **72:** Clancy Family; **70:** Joseph Kipper, Les Murray, Kansas Michael, Brian Millgate; **63:** Denis Shirley.

Children’s Liturgy—This Sunday 23 June during our celebration of Eucharist.

Bible Study Group—This Wednesday 26 June in the parish hall at 7.00pm. All welcome.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Book of Job

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said: Who pent up the sea behind closed doors when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb, when I wrapped it in a robe of mist and made black clouds its swaddling bands; when I marked the bounds it was not to cross and made it fast with a bolted gate? Come thus far, I said, and no farther; here your proud waves shall break.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 106

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

Response: Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

Some sailed to the sea in ships
to trade on the mighty waters.
These men have seen the Lord's deeds,
the wonders he does in the deep. **R**

For he spoke; he summoned the gale,
tossing the waves of the sea
up to heaven and back into the deep
their soul melted away in their distress. **R**

Then they cried to the Lord in their need
and he rescued them from their distress.
He stilled the storm to a whisper,
all the waves of the sea were hushed. **R**

They rejoiced because of the calm
and he led them to the haven they desired.
Let them thank the Lord for his love,
the wonders he does for men. **R**

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

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

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them. From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ there is a new creation; the old creation has gone and now the new one is here.
The word of the Lord.

**And he awoke and
rebuked the wind and
said to the sea, "Peace!
Be still!" And the wind
ceased, and there was
a great calm.
Mark 4:39**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 4: 35-41

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.