



*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.*

## **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 27/28 July 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.*

### **Parish Clergy:**

Fr Martin Cruickshank—Parish Priest

### **Parish Office 9am-2pm**

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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 Seventeenth Sunday of the Year**

The readings this week focus on the generosity of the Lord who feeds his children 'till they want no more', both physically and spiritually.

In the **First Reading**, Elisha, the man of God, feeds 100 people with only 20 barley loaves. Despite the misgivings of Elisha's servant, everyone is fed and there are some left over. This story is of course the precursor of the feeding of the 5000, which is today's Gospel. Despite Philip and Andrew's doubts, five loaves and two fish feed everyone, and yet 12 baskets are still left over.

The **Psalm** continues the same theme of God feeding his creatures, using the image of God opening his hands to give his people the spiritual or physical food they desire.

In the **Second Reading**, Paul reminds us that we must preserve unity and peace as we are all part of one Body, sustained by one faith in God the Father of all.

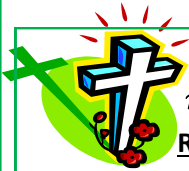
*This week then, I might pray that all those who hunger for food and for God may be satisfied. I also ask the Lord to help me give generously when I come across people in need, and to find ways of working towards greater unity and peace.*

### **CHANGE TO MATE STREET CAR PARKING**

At our request the Albury City Council has placed a **NO STANDING** sign on the North side of the Mate Street car park entrance (one space).

Please observe the restriction otherwise you may be fined!

# Parish Community



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Sylvia Bilson, Thomas Smyth, Greg Gwynne, Helen Gesterkamp, Jim Sandral, Santa Dissegna, Ken Shanahan, Keith Hodge, Christine Murphy, John O'Keeffe, Beryl Kelly, Constance Roper, Patsy Marshall, Elizabeth Hore, Julian Crouch-Hall, Anne Duck.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Peter Donkers, Brian Savage, James McLoughlin, Elwyn Farrugia, Frank Martin, Sr Margaret Watson, Eileen Houlihan, Kathleen Hollis, Margaret Stout, Ben Paring, John Dallinger, Patrick Hillman, Ned Mulquiney, Sr Marcellus, Bob Hamilton, Les Gehrig, Beryl McPhee, Billy Giovanetti, Martin Skahill, Jackie Bullock, Tom O'Brien, Samuel Mathews.

*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:*

**Ruben David Batchelor  
&**

**Audrey Maree Batchelor**

*Twin children of  
Scott and Kate*

## ROSTERS

**Sat / Sun: 27th / 28th July**

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Adrian Mitchelhill	Cathy Nyhan
<b>Lector 1</b>	Catherine Cutler	Sue McLaurin
<b>Lector 2</b>	Michael Byrnes	Kay Morrell
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Jeneice Harding Pauline Mulquiney	Fran Kernaghan Pamela McIntosh Narelle Naughton
<b>Cantor Musicians</b>	Brian Waters/John van Lint Judy Foley	Ed & Margie Brown Val Hayes
<b>Counters:</b> Richard & Trish Parkinson		

**Sat / Sun: 3rd / 4th August**

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Nicole Morton	Bede Hart
<b>Lector 1</b>	Adrian Mitchelhill	Roy Thompson
<b>Lector 2</b>	Jan Skinner	Bethany Carey
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Pat Hopkins Colleen Day	Sr Siony Trish Parkinson Moira Porta
<b>Cantor Musicians</b>	Judy Lindsay Val Hayes	Bernadette, Helen and Wendy
<b>Counters:</b> Diane & Greg Bartsch		

### **Thought for the Week ( Pope Francis):**

"In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15) "

"The special sensibility that those of us who are elderly have for the concerns, thoughts and the affections that make us human should once again become the vocation of many. It would be a sign of our love for the younger generations".

## **Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly Day**

God our loving Father, you are the source of life and of all gifts. You lovingly sustain us at every moment of our lives and you bring us to fullness of life in Jesus your Son.

We thank you for the wonderful gift of our grandparents and the elderly. You have given them to us to be our guide as they share with us the wealth of their experiences and the wisdom that they have gained through the years. We thank you for making them witnesses to us of your abiding presence and care at every turn and change of life. We pray that you bless all of them with joy and peace and with the faithful love of their family. Give them the patience and courage to bear the cross of sickness and weakness of the body. Help us to continue to support, respect, and love them.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Saints Joachim and Anne**



# Parish News

## Rite of Confirmation

Please pray for Grace Phegan and Luke Walsh who will be confirmed during our celebration of Eucharist this Saturday evening. May they, their parents, sponsors and families continue to open their lives to the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

### PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

*God of all ages, You send out your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, look kindly on all those confirmed 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*

## Mercy Night-Friday 9 August, St Patrick's Church-7.30pm

After the great success of our last Mercy night, the Emmanuel Community will again be hosting another evening to encounter God's Mercy through Adoration, Confession, a testimony and prayer. This event is open to all people wanting to grow closer to the Lord—or those who want to encounter the Lord for the first time. See flyer in the church. Enquiries: Annie 0427 371 122.

## Parish Pastoral Council

The next meeting of our Parish Pastoral Council takes place this Thursday 1 August at 6.00pm in the Parish Hall. All agenda items need to be referred to the council Secretary Marjorie Serbinek: [m4serbinek@gmail.com](mailto:m4serbinek@gmail.com) by Monday 29 July.

## Parish Morning Tea

Morning tea is next weekend on **Sunday 4 August** at the conclusion of our celebration of Eucharist. Bring a plate to share if possible. All welcome.

## Footy Tipping Comp Ladder: (End Round 19)

**109:** Richard Power; **108:** Carmel Butts; **107:** Fr Martin; **106:** Coyle Family; **105:** Matty Boyd, Brian Butts, Val Hayes, Kay Locke, Carey Family; **103:** O'Keeffe Family, Richard Hickey, Judy Lindsay; **102:** Chrissie & Ray Trebilcock, John Dowling, Bede Hart; **101:** Wendy Glazebrook; **100:** Judy Warren, Liz Jones, Liz Phegan, Joan Moylan; **98:** Eamonn Buckley, Kansas Michael, Brian Millgate; **97:** Genny Green, Joseph Kipper, Cathy Nyhan; **96:** Clancy Family; **92:** Les Murray; **88:** Denis Shirley. **Bonus point returns for anyone who chooses all 9 winners.**

## ON KEY 4 KIDS COUNTRY HOPE—RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE

A local organization dedicated to helping families who have children with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses. See Celeste Walsh at back of church who is selling raffle tickets and find out more about this worthy cause.

## St Anne's Primary School—Principal Appointments

We welcome Mr Michael Gallagher as Principal for the remainder of the 2024 school year.

Previously, Michael has worked as Principal at St Joseph's Primary School, Narabeen and St Kieran's Primary School, Manly Vale, both within the Broken Bay Diocese.

Following an interview process, Mr Ben Griffin has been appointed as Principal of St Anne's Primary School commencing in January 2025. Since 2019 Ben has been the Deputy Principal of Sacred Heart Primary School, Yarrowonga, which is a school of over 400 students.

## Fr Prasanth Mary Das

Thanks to our parish community for welcoming Fr Prasanth during his stay with us.

At this stage Fr Prasanth is considering adopting Carlton Blues as his AFL team but is open to alternative options!

## Return of Parish Collections

By popular request we return to the pre-covid method of arranging collections during our celebration of Eucharist on a weekend.

Both collections (1st & 2nd) take place at the end of the Prayers of the Faithful before the Offertory Procession. Therefore, we will need 4 volunteers to take up the collection at each mass.

**First Collection:** Covers all presbytery housekeeping expenses. Pays for priest's stipends distributed from central pool.

**Second Collection:** The only income derived to provide for all parish expenses i.e. utilities, water rates, insurance, maintenance, liturgical supplies, pastoral outreach & wages. Contributions through the Tap n Go and direct debit will continue to be gratefully received. Please support both collections as generously as you are able.

## Parish Alpha Program

Recently the Parish Alpha program completed with a focused group sharing time together learning more about their spiritual journey in faith and sharing experiences. We discussed topics like: Who is Jesus? Why and How should I pray? How does God guide us? This helped us find value in our faith journey over several weeks and given the positive response the group plans to meet regularly on a monthly basis. The first Tuesday of each month we will meet in the parish hall at 10.30am beginning Tuesday 6th August.

## 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.

## Spirit Weavers Spirituality Day 'A New Heart I Will Give You'

You are invited to attend on Saturday 10 August—10.00am—3.00pm. Xavier High School, Fallon St Albury.

**Presenter:** Dr Sandie Cornish. Sandie is a senior lecturer at ACU, specialising in Catholic Social Teaching. **Cost:** \$20.

**Contact:** Christine Savage on **0429 643 353**.

**Registration:** <https://forms.gle/tGm3CvzUxxLTw9qp6> **OR**

**Email:** [spiritweaverswagga@gmail.com](mailto:spiritweaverswagga@gmail.com) **RSVP: 29/7/24**



# Liturgy of the Word

## **First Reading: From the Second book of Kings 4:42-44**

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some over." He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said. The Word of the Lord.

## **Responsorial Psalm 144:10-11, 15-18**

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

**Response: The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. **R**

The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. **R**

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. **R**

### **Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia!**

## **A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 4:1-6**

I, Paul, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

The Word of the Lord



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

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough, he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

The Gospel of the Lord.