

Sacred Heart Parish

NORTH ALBURY

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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-First Sunday in Ordinary Time 24/25 August 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

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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.

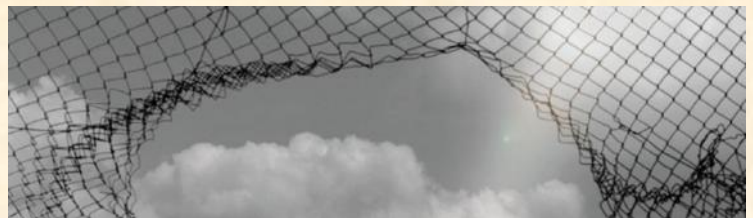
CHILDRENS LITURGY:

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.

Social Justice Sunday



Truth & Peace

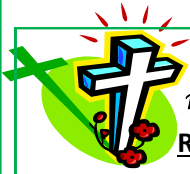
A Gospel Word in a Violent World

*O God, Trinity of love,
from the profound communion of your divine life,
pour out upon us a torrent of sisterly and brotherly love.
Grant us the love reflected in the actions of Jesus,
in his family of Nazareth,
and in the early Christian community.
Grant that we Christians may live the Gospel,
discovering Christ in each human being,
recognising him crucified
in the sufferings of the abandoned
and forgotten of our world,
and risen in each sister or brother
who makes a new start.
Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty,
reflected in all the peoples of the earth,
so that we may discover anew
that all are important and all are necessary,
different faces of the one humanity
that God so loves.*

AMEN.

Access to Social Justice statement:
<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/>

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Paul McIntosh, Elaine Purvey, David Dawson, Patricia Boyle, Max Blomeley, Kathleen Murray, Cath Breen, Graeme McMaster, Mark Hopper, Helen Gesterkamp, Jim Sandral, Ken Shanahan, Keith Hodge, Christine Murphy, John O’Keeffe.

ANNIVERSARIES: Alma Terlikowski, Julie Morey, Andrew Lindner, Maria Lawrowicz, Molly McLaughlin, Maria Paizis, Maria Carnovale, Pat Boadle, Barry Godde, Valerie Wynack, Kathleen Slattery, Valda Cunningham, Mary Cox, Tom Quade, Robert Rossmann, Joseph Foley, Flo Mitsch, Mary Mullavey, Joe Packer, John Worsley, Bill King, Frank McLaughlin, Thomas Pass, Mark Fraser, Colin Hodda, Olive Thistleton, Frances King.

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:

Piper Mae & Harvey James Feltwell
Children of Rory and Jessica

Max Douglas Buckmaster
Son of Luke and Emma

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 24th / 25th August

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Colleen Day	Cathy Nyhan
Lector 1	Paula Waters	Lorraine Willis
Lector 2	Catherine Cutler	Samuel Serbinek
Eucharistic Ministers	Michael Regan Jeneice Harding	Sr Patricia Weekes Pamela McIntosh Volunteer
Cantor	Judy Lindsay	David Hicks
Musicians	Catherine Cutler	Val Hayes
Counters: Judy Warren & Michael Byrnes		

Sat / Sun: 31st August / 1st September

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Adrian Mitchelhill	Richard Parkinson
Lector 1	Michael Byrnes	Brigita Serbinek
Lector 2	Justin Clancy	Hugh Pinter
Eucharistic Ministers	Damian Carroll Kaye Deanshaw	Moira Porta Shinead Kilroy Di Treacy
Cantor	John van Lint/Brian Waters	Damien Parkinson
Musicians	Catherine Cutler	Val Hayes
Counters: Barry Pickett & Bernie Seaton		

Prayer for those Preparing for

First Holy Communion

We pray for all those children who are preparing to receive the sacrament of First Communion. Please bless them with wisdom and strength as they prepare to grow in their faith.

We ask that you give them a thirst for knowledge, so that they may learn all that they can about your love and grace.

We pray that you would help them to become more like you: loving, forgiving, and compassionate.

Give them courage to face whatever challenges come their way, and grant them the desire to share your love with those around them.

Be present with their parents as they accompany them on this journey. Help us all to appreciate the sacrament of the Eucharist in our lives and to be strengthened as we continue our journey to be the presence of Jesus to all whom we meet. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

“It is the hunger for life - the hunger for eternity - that only He can satisfy because He is the bread of life.”



Parish News

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion will be celebrated in the parish of Sacred Heart North Albury over the weekend of Saturday 7 September at 6.00pm & Sunday 8 September at 9.30am. Our commitment masses will be held over the weekend of Saturday 10 August at 6.00pm & Sunday 11 August at 9.30am.

The Eucharist is essential for us: it is Christ who wishes to enter our lives and fill us with his grace. (Pope Francis)
The word Eucharist means thanksgiving. Make a list of all the things you give thanks for in your life, the life of your family, the life of our parish community. Is the Eucharist significant in my life? How do I show this? When am I Eucharist for others?

First Eucharist Commitment Prayers.

Candidates Commitment:

Dear Jesus, I really want to receive you in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. I ask you to help me during our special preparation time, to be more like the person You want me to be. When you come to me in Holy Communion, you will be with me more fully in a special way, sharing your life and love with me. Amen

Parents Commitment:

We will continue to support our child on their journey of faith, which began at Baptism. Lord, help us to give our child an example of Christian living, and help us to pass on to our family the importance of the celebration of the Eucharist. Amen

Parish Community's Commitment:

As the parish community of Sacred Heart we commit ourselves to supporting these children on their faith journey in prayer and by being visible signs of the life giving presence of Jesus Christ in our world. Amen

Parish Morning Tea

Morning tea will be held next weekend on **Sunday 1st September** at the conclusion of our celebration of Eucharist. Please bring a plate to share. All welcome

Footy Tipping Comp Ladder: (End Round 23)

129: Richard Power; **127:** Coyle Family, Fr Martin, Carey Family; **126:** Richard Hickey, Val Hayes, Ray Trebilcock; **125:** Matty Boyd, Carmel Butts; **124:** Kay Locke; **123:** Judy Lindsay, Brian Butts; **122:** Bede Hart, Judy Warren; **121:** Brian Millgate, O'Keeffe Family, Chrissie Trebilcock; **120:** Wendy Glazebrook, Liz Jones, Liz Phegan; **119:** Joan Moylan; **118:** John Dowling, Eamonn Buckley, Genny Green; **117:** Cathy Nyhan; **116:** Joseph Kipper; **114:** Kansas Michael, Clancy Family; **112:** Les Murray; **109:** Denis Shirley. **Bonus point returns for anyone who chooses all 9.**

Thank you to Fr Prasanth for dealing with a number of pastoral issues in my absence as well as continuing to celebrate Eucharist with our parish community.

Parish Pastoral Council—Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting of our parish pastoral council will take place on Thursday 12 September at 6.00pm in the parish hall. Drinks and finger food provided. All welcome and encouraged to attend.

Country Hope—On Key 4 Kids

Celeste Walsh will be continuing to sell raffle tickets after mass in support of this organization which supports more than 150 families locally as they navigate their children's cancer journey.

If you wish to engage in a more upmarket way a British High Tea will be held at 'Adamshurst' 603 David Street, Albury on Saturday 21 September from 3.00—5.00pm. Tickets \$80 per person. The dress theme is 'Best of the British' with prizes for the best-dressed. To book tickets phone (02)6021 3264.

TO PONDER

Joshua's call to "decide . . . whom you will serve" as a sort of logical decision is in tension with the notion of absolute, whole hearted, full-bodied abandonment in faith. The household codes in our second reading contain this tension: we decide to commit to each other, yet ultimately love and service mean total abandonment to the other. And in the Gospel, while many others abandon Jesus, the Twelve abandon *themselves to him*, asking, "Master, to whom (else) shall we go?" This tension between choice and abandonment is also for us. We decide this day, and ever day, whom we will serve and how wholeheartedly we will abandon ourselves to that service.

Parish Pastoral Council News

The Parish Pastoral Council is exploring the possibility of holding Lunch on Christmas Day 2024 in our Parish Hall. The lunch would be open to all parishioners, especially those who find themselves alone this day. A member of the pastoral council will address our parish community during masses this weekend on the nature of this initiative.

At this stage we are seeking to attain expressions of interest so that the viability of holding such a function can be determined.

If you are interested in the possibility of gathering in the hall on Christmas Day for lunch please add your name to the list on the table at the church entrance. If you wish to remain anonymous, simply include a tick (✓). If transport required, please write (T).

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.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Book of Joshua

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? What is more, the Lord drove all those peoples out before us, as well as the Amorites who used to live in this country. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm 33:2-3, 16-23

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

Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times
his praise on my lips;
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. **R**

They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **R**

Many are the trials of the just man
But from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
Not one of his bones shall be broken. **R**
Evil brings death to the wicked;
Those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 5:21-32

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. *For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body.* This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church. The Word of the Lord

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? 'It is the Spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows them.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.' The Gospel of the Lord