



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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 31 Aug/1 Sept 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:

Tuesday 3 Sept—Mass of Anointing Mercy Place Chapel—2.00pm. No RAT test required.

Wednesday & Friday—9.30am

RECONCILIATION: SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.

CHILDRENS LITURGY:

With the celebration of First Holy Communion there will be no children's liturgy next weekend.

The next children's liturgy will be held on Sunday 22 September during our celebration of 9.30am mass.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Our parish bible study group continues every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 7.00pm in the parish hall.

PRAYER FOR FATHERS DAY

Let us praise those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice.

Let us praise those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a worthy and virtuous father.

Let us praise those fathers who, by their own account, were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support. As well, let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by words and actions of their children.

Let us praise those fathers who, despite marital discord, have remained in their children's lives.

Let us praise those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has nurtured a thriving life.

Let us praise those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their step children's love and respect.

Let us praise those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.

Let us praise those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

Let us praise those men who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides.

Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Des Koschel, Maureen Kennedy, Paul McIntosh, Elaine Purvey, David Dawson, Patricia Boyle, Max Blomeley, Kathleen Murray.

ANNIVERSARIES: Cassie Purtle, Tony Whiting, Jean MacIntosh, Mary McLaurin, Sally Robinson, Maryanne Kennedy, Don Fraser, Bishop Brennan, Stewart Bryant, Sandra Mitsch, Mary Emerson, Cess Herbert, John Sharman, Eric Livermore, Theresa Lopez, Nell Cruikshank, Geertja Van Gorkom, Anne Fallett, Michael Lawrence, Irene Lieberman, Kathleen Bomford, Lawrence Taylor, Krystal Crowther, Joseph Terlick, Laura Bowen, Craig Pierpoint, Nancy Parnell, Bill Maloney, George Keogh, Fr Bongiorno. *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:

Kendrick Liam Foley
Carter Leigh Foley
Sons of Shane and Mikaela

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 31 Aug / 1 Sept

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		

Sat / Sun: 7th / 8th September

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator		
Lector 1	First Holy Communion	First Holy Communion
Lector 2		
Eucharistic Ministers	Anna Farrell Michael Regan	Mercedes Goss Marisa Hart Sr Patricia Weekes
Cantor		Heath Neville
Musicians	Val Hayes	Ashleigh Donaldson
Counters: Bethany Carey & Brian Fealy		

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

“Fathers are so necessary as examples and guides for our children in wisdom and virtue. “

A PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN FATHERS

*Heavenly Father,
 you entrusted your Son Jesus,
 the child of Mary,
 to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.
 Bless all fathers
 as they care for their families.
 Give them strength and wisdom,
 tenderness and patience;
 support them in the work they have
 to do, protecting those who look to them,
 as we look to you for love
 and salvation,
 through Jesus Christ our rock
 and defender.
 Amen*

*May God be gracious to you.
 May God bless you.
 May God make his face shine upon you.
 May you be strengthened with all power
 according to God's glorious might.
 May you be filled with joy.
 May God give you the desire of your heart,
 and make all your plans succeed.
 Through Christ our Lord.
 Amen*

Parish News

Fr Prasanth Mary Das—Next Assignment

Fr Prasanth received news from Bishop Mark Edwards this week that at the conclusion of the Clergy Conference on Wednesday 11 September he will be re-assigned to St Michael's Cathedral Wagga Wagga. Each of the four newly arrived overseas priests will move to a different parish so that they may continue to understand how to minister effectively in our diocese in an Australian cultural context.

Prasanth has immersed himself fully in the activities of our parish community with enthusiasm and openness. As well as leading us in the celebration of Eucharist and preaching Prasanth has also engaged with both school communities. He has visited the sick and homebound, arranged baptisms and funerals, helped prepare children for the celebration of First Holy Communion, participated in the Spirit Weavers Retreat Day, Bible study discussion and Men's Breakfast. In my absence I thank him for dealing with a number of delicate and challenging pastoral issues with sensitivity and wise judgement.

As a parish community we have an opportunity during morning tea this Sunday to express our gratitude to Prasanth for his priestly and pastoral ministry over the last two months placement.

Parish Morning Tea

Morning tea will be held this Sunday at the conclusion of our celebration of Eucharist. All welcome

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & LECTORS ROSTERS—Sept

Thank you to everyone who is a part of this ministry.

At this stage we have only completed the month of September. The following months of October through to January 2025 will be available soon. Could you please put down the days you will be unavailable for this period on the sheets provided at back of church and on side table Swan Street entrance.

For anyone wishing to become a part of this ministry please call the Presbytery during office hours. Phone: **6025 1516 Mon, Wed or Fridays between 9am—2pm.**

Footy Tipping Comp Ladder: (End Round 24)

135: Richard Power, Fr Martin; **134:** Carey Family; **133:** Coyle Family; **132:** Matty Boyd, Val Hayes; **131:** Richard Hickey, Ray Trebilcock, Kay Locke, Judy Lindsay; **130:** Carmel Butts; **129:** Brian Butts, Judy Warren; **128:** Chris-sie Trebilcock; **127:** Joan Moylan, Wendy Glazebrook; **126:** Brian Millgate, O'Keeffe Family, Liz Jones, Liz Phegan; **125:** Eamonn Buckley, Genny Green; **124:** Cathy Nyhan; **123:** John Dowling, Joseph Kipper; **121:** Clancy Family; **119:** Les Murray, Les Murray; **114:** Denis Shirley. **Congratulations to winners and all who participated!!**

TO PONDER: Jesus reminds his audience to pay attention to what is going on internally rather than to external forms. In all of our readings, true religious practice manifests externally from these laws that are deep, internal, and intimately linked with God. These manifestations include justice (Deuteronomy, James, Mark), wisdom and discernment (Deuteronomy), and purity of heart (James, Mark). Our readings call us to examine our own religious practices. We might ask ourselves what our motivations are for our practices, to what extent we focus on the externals rather than inward transformation, and whether our practices help us to love and care for others. Though not easy, our Christian path should lead us to freedom; self-liberation and a sense of deep inner peace and reconciliation.

First Holy Communion

A final reminder that First Holy Communion for our children in Year 4 and beyond will take place during our celebration of Eucharist next weekend on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

We have repositioned this important part of the children's sacramental journey within a parish context rather than an isolated family event. Therefore, all parishioners are encouraged to come along and support these children and their parents and families in their faith journey.

The Eucharist is essential for us: it is Christ who wishes to enter our lives and fill us with his grace. (Pope Francis)

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 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. A report will be tendered on preparations for the celebration of the 70th Anniversary of Sacred Heart Parish in 2025.

A brief report will be given on the work of St Vincent de Paul in our local community and the way in which we might respond to the growing demand for support. As usual a report on the current financial state of the parish (income and expenditure).

All welcome and encouraged to attend.

Save the Date—Fr Richard Leonard S.J.

In the coming weeks Fr Richard Leonard S.J. is presenting an in service day for the staff of Xavier High School.

It is intended that he offer a reflection to our parish community on **Thursday 26 September between 6.00—7.00pm in the Parish Hall.** Light meal to follow afterwards.

Fr Richard Leonard is a Jesuit priest who has worked extensively in the media and the communication of faith in today's world on behalf of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference. His most recent book is titled "Why God? - Stories to Inspire Faith." More details next week.

Australian Catholics—Spring Edition

The spring edition of Australian Catholics has arrived. This edition is always designated as the youth edition. It is a guest edition edited by selected senior students who apply for the internship earlier in the year and it is also the edition where the winners of the Young Voice Awards are showcased. The articles explore the theme of the way in which our faith can be identified, explored and enriched.

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Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Book of Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm 14:2-5

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

Response: The just will live in the presence of the Lord

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?

He who walks without fault;

he who acts with justice

and speaks the truth from his heart. **R**

He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. **R**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
Who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R**

A reading from the letter of St James 1:17-18,21-22, 27

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruit of his creation.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the marketplace they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So the Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: "This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations." You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into you from outside can make you unclean. For it is from within, from your hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make you unclean.'

The Gospel of the Lord