

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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 7/8 September 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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Gemma Whitehead—Monday

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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:

NO MASS 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 this 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 of Many Breads

We pray then, good and gracious God, that we might recognize you in the breaking of bread today. May we recognize you every time we join someone on a journey, every time we share a meal, every time we take bread in our hands. And may this recognition call forth such joy in us that we might never lose sight of your goodness.

May it inspire such love in us that our hearts might continue to burn within us, keeping alive your memory and your promise.

And may it provide such a longing for truth in us that we will never be satisfied until the whole earth experiences your justice and your peace.

Amen.

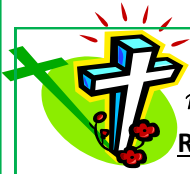
Fillipino Saint Lorenzo Ruiz Mass

St Lorenzo Ruiz Mass on Saturday 28 September Sacred Heart Church North Albury at 11.00am followed by Pot Luck Lunch in the hall. All are invited. Contact: MACE Sisters—0438 391 990 or 0402 090 438.

Australian Catholics—Spring Edition

The spring edition of Australian Catholics has arrived. Please take and distribute your free copies.

Parish Community



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

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Eileen Gill, Marisa Copperwaite, Denise Geraghty, Gerald Murphy, Maureen Toner, Sr Margaret Schmetzer, Noeleen Low, Jan McNamee, Anne Twomey, Allan Wessen, Arthur Walsh, Gloria Dawson, Megan Ryan, Jo Handley, Geoff Hore, Bob Kirkwood, Bill Ashworth, John Austin, Patrick Hamilton, Harold Hopp, Ludwig Jankowski, Agnes Sutherland, Ken Herbert Valda Beebar, Frederick Buckhorn, Graham Marshall, Jack Weber, Jim Newman, Bruno Karwowski, William Gaudry, Alan Seaton, Josie Graeba.

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

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 7th / 8th September

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

Sat / Sun: 14th / 15th

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Adrian Mitchelhill Xavier Clancy Justin Clancy	Sr Carina Morton Bethany Carey Mary Hunt
Eucharistic Ministers	Jeneice Harding Colleen Day	Fran Kernaghan Pamela McIntosh Sue McLaurin
Cantor Musicians	Judy Lindsay Val Hayes	Helen Regan
Counters: Lachlan McIntyre & Wendy McFerran		

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"It is important that children be prepared well for their First Communion and that every child receive it, because it is the first step of this intense belonging to Jesus Christ, after Baptism."



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

Polly Bridget Pargeter

Daughter of Jeremy and Rachel

Prayer for Children making their First Communion

Loving God, You are the giver of all we possess, the source of all of our blessings. We thank and praise you for the children receiving Communion for the first time and those asking for a special blessing.

May these children come to know you, the one true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. May your Holy Spirit help them and their families to grow in faith, hope, and love, so they may know peace, truth, and goodness.

May their ears hear your voice.

May their eyes see your presence in all things. May their lips proclaim your word. May their hearts be your dwelling place. May their hands do works of charity. May their feet walk in the way of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord.

Amen.



Parish News

Congratulations and Blessings First Holy Communicants

This weekend many of our children will receive the gift of the Eucharist for the first time.

Let us reflect on the words of Pope Francis *'The Eucharist is essential for us: it is Christ who wishes to enter our lives and fill us with his grace.'* (Pope Francis)

Just as the bread and wine are turned into the real body and blood of Christ, so too are those who receive the gifts, transformed into a living Eucharist, becoming the Body of Christ for others.' (Pope Francis)

On 6 August 2023 Pope Francis reflecting on who is welcome in the church reasserted *'The Lord is clear—the sick the elderly, the young, old, ugly, beautiful, good and bad. Everyone is welcome.'*

The rite of baptism acknowledges the role of parents as the first teachers of their children in the way of faith. The final blessing concludes *'May you be the best of teachers bearing witness to the faith by what you say and what you do.'* Pope Francis reminds us that faith is not a thing of the past, like an artefact in a museum. Rather faith is a born and reborn from a life giving encounter with Jesus from experiencing how his mercy illumines every situation in our lives. May your own faith be nurtured and nourished inspired and enlightened so that your children will more closely follow the call of Jesus in their lives.

Gratitude is extended to all those involved in the preparation of our children for the reception of Christ's life giving presence especially Cassandra Jones, Jason Hollard Mary Findlay, Lisa Bauerle and Karon Grimmer for the making of the stoles.

A huge thank you to Genn Hamam for the commitment and creativity shown in preparing children after school hours and helping to nourish and deepen their faith.

EUCCHARISTIC 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 or put your name and details on the sheet provided.

MEN'S BREAKFAST—Lavington & North Albury

On Saturday 14 September in the Sacred Heart Hall, North Albury from 7.45am. Speaker: Michael Regan (retired Ambulance Paramedic). Cost: donation. Funds raised to support Religious Education in State Schools.

Eng: Kip **0417 669 717** or asleeper@bigpond.com

Volunteers Urgently Needed

Holy Spirit Parish are in desperate need of volunteers to assist with Catholic scripture/SRE in public schools in Lavington. Some training required. Contact Holy Spirit Office 6025 1784.

Parish Pastoral Council—Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting of our parish pastoral council will take place this Thursday 12 September at 6.00pm in the parish hall. Drinks and finger food provided. A report will be tended 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.

Fr Prasanth Mary Das—Thank You and Farewell!

Fr Prasanth received news from Bishop Mark Edwards last 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.

Words of Farewell from Fr Prasanth Mary Das

With heartfelt love and gratitude, I remember each one of you. This is my first parish experience in Australia. These were the most joyful and blessed days of my life. I will never forget these memorable days. You welcomed me as a member of this parish family, showing me care, love, and consideration. You even prepared delicious meals for me and welcomed me as a guest in your homes. Thankyou for everything

Dear Fr. Martin, I fondly remember the immense support and encouragement you gave me, preparing me enthusiastically for every task. You set aside so much time for me with such love—cooking meals, taking me to different places, and explaining about schools and parish activities. The care and love I experienced during these days with you were truly remarkable. Thank you, dear Fr. Martin, and all my parishioners, for everything. I miss you all dearly.

Save the Date—Fr Richard Leonard S.J.

Fr Richard Leonard S.J. will be offering a spiritual reflection in our parish community on **Thursday 26 September between 6.00—7.00pm in the Parish Hall**. Finger food and drinks provided. To help with catering please indicate your intention to attend by adding your name and number of people attending to the list at the Swan St & Mate St entrance or contact our parish office by email/phone.

Fr Richard Leonard has worked extensively in the media and the communication of faith in today's world. His most recent book is titled "Why God? - Stories to Inspire Faith."

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The people were worried.
So the Lord told Isaiah to say to them:
Cheer up! Don't be afraid.
Your God is coming to punish your enemies.
God will take revenge on them and rescue you.
The blind will see,
and the deaf will hear.
The disabled will leap about like deer,
and tongues once silent will shout.
Water will rush through the desert.
Scorching sands will turn into lakes,
and thirsty ground will become fountains.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 145

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

Response: Praise the Lord, my soul!

God always keeps his word.
He gives justice to the poor
and food to the hungry. **Response**

The Lord sets prisoners free
and heals blind eyes.
He gives a helping hand
to everyone who falls.
The Lord loves good people
and looks after strangers. **Response**

He defends the rights
of orphans and widows,
But destroys the wicked.
The Lord God of Zion will rule forever!
Shout praises to the Lord! **Response**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The Gospel of the Lord

A reading from the letter of St James 2:1-5

My friends, if you have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, you won't treat some people better than others. Suppose a rich person wearing fancy clothes and a gold ring comes to one of your meetings. And suppose a poor person dressed in worn-out clothes also comes.

You must not give the best seat to the one in fancy clothes tell the one who is poor to stand at the side or sit on the floor.

That is the same as saying that some people are better than others, and you would be acting like a crooked judge.

My dear friends, pay attention. God has given a lot of faith to the poor people in this world.

He has also promised them a share in his kingdom that he will give to everyone who loves him.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

