



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-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 14/15 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:

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BSB: 066 789; A/c No: 10000 5574;

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Presbytery A/c BSB: 066 789; A/c No: 10000 5575

Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable People:

<https://wagga.catholic.org.au/safeguarding-children>

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—Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year

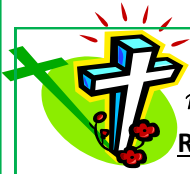
The readings this week invite us to reflect on the person of Jesus, the Christ, and the challenges and possible suffering involved in being his follower. In the **First Reading**, from Isaiah's third song of the Suffering Servant, we see a description of the ideal disciple. Despite intense suffering and misery, this person never loses hope and trust in the Lord.

The **Psalmist**, like the Suffering Servant, also calls on the Lord from the depths of his anguish and sorrow. The Lord hears and saves him. However, as James points out in the **Second Reading**, we cannot call ourselves followers of Christ if we do not do what we can to help the needy, the sick and the poor.

When we come to the **Gospel**, we are invited, like Peter, to make our own profession of faith. However, proclaiming that Jesus is the Christ also means accepting that hardships will come our way. We may well have to take up our cross to follow him.

This week, then, we may want to focus our prayer on all who suffer for their beliefs in the Lord, and for all those who are in need of safety, food and shelter, wherever they may be.

Parish Community



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

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Denise Geraghty, Pat O'Shaughnessy, Margaret Harris, Val Bullock, Margaret Doyle, Jim Sheahan, Jock Gordon, Bernard Rolfe, Neil Russell, Teresa Dynan, Gwenith McSpadden, Norm McLaurin, Judith Taylor, Mary Egan, Mario Fabbro, Brad Carrick, Terry McCabe, Patricia Kernaghan, Irene Shanahan, Bill Ditchfield, Emily Clark, Geoffrey Loulson, Noel Rothe, Fr Brian McEwan, Dora Drennan, Paul O'Loughlin, Mary-Rose Tynan, Les Ryan, John Lindner, Whilhelmine Dempsey.

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: 14th/ 15th September

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Adrian Mitchelhill	Sr Carina Morton
Lector 1	Xavier Clancy	Bethany Carey
Lector 2	Justin Clancy	Mary Hunt
Eucharistic Ministers	Jeneice Harding Colleen Day	Fran Kernaghan Pamela McIntosh Sue McLaurin
Cantor Musicians	Brian Waters/John van Lint Val Hayes	Helen Regan and Bob Mathews
Counters: Lachlan & Wendy McFerran		

Sat / Sun: 21st / 22nd September

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Jan Skinner	Narelle Naughton
Lector 1	Kaye Deanshaw	Cathy Nyhan
Lector 2	Paula Waters	Liz Phegan
Eucharistic Ministers	Pauline Mulquiney Anna Farrell	Sue Betts Trish Parkinson Moira Porta
Cantor Musicians	Brigita	Bob Mathews Val Hayes
Counters: Carey Menz-Dowling & John Dowling		

A Prayer for Safeguarding

Loving God, we pray for children in our community and beyond. May they grow in safety, love and care. We ask that you bless them with bright futures filled with hope, faith, love and promise.

Guide us to be more and more, a community that upholds the dignity and rights of every child. May we work together to ensure that every child, regardless of their circumstances, receives a fair go.

Grant us the wisdom and compassion to protect and nurture the young ones in our midst.

Through Christ the Lord we pray. Amen

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

“Let us ask the Lord to give each of us the grace to forbear others, to forgive, to be merciful, as the Lord is merciful with us; and to have this Christian way of compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience.”

Parish News

Parish Pastoral Council News

The annual general meeting of our parish pastoral council was held on Thursday evening. Thanks to all involved in the compilation of reports and summaries of parish activities (including those from St Anne's and Xavier High School). Copies of the annual report are available for collection at all the usual places in the church.

After six years of committed service Ed Brown has stepped down as chairperson. I thank Ed for his boundless energy, vibrant faith and his collaborative and innovative leadership. It was he who convinced me to livestream Sunday mass during COVID—just for a couple of weeks. More importantly, the example that Ed has provided reminds us that Sacred Heart Parish as it has been for nearly 70 years is the gift and responsibility of all of us who call this parish community our spiritual home.

Gratitude is extended to Lorraine Willis—Chairperson, Michael Regan—Deputy Chairperson and to Marjorie Serbinek and Lyn Hamilton for continuing in their secretarial roles.

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Thursday 17 October at 6.00pm in the Parish Hall. New members most welcome.

Safeguarding September

The parish of Sacred Heart North Albury and the diocese of Wagga Wagga are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and adults at risk in our community.

We renew our commitment to work together to ensure that every member of our community gets a fair go, is supported and feels safe.

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**.

THE PATIENCE OF JOB—Murray Concert Choir

Murray Concert Choir will present a concert of beautiful scriptural music and some more modern pieces all reflecting aspects of the human condition.

Saturday 21 September at St Matthew's at 7.30pm and Sunday 22 September at St John's Wodonga at 2.30pm.

Tickets: \$25 (\$20 concession) at the door.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & LECTORS ROSTERS—Sept

The 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.

Together and Australian Catholics

The September edition of Together and the spring edition of Australian Catholics are available for collection at all Church entrances.

Welcome Fr. Norman Banzuela (OSJ)

Bishop Mark Edwards has engaged four priests from overseas, two from the Philippines and two from India to work in our diocese. They have all been ordained priests for a significant number of years and have been in various positions of responsibility in the church. As part of their journey each is undergoing a process of acculturation and acclimatisation in preparation for permanent appointments. To this end Fr. Prasanth concluded his time with us last weekend and has been re-appointed to St Michael's Cathedral.

Fr. Norman Banzuela joins us this weekend for a similar purpose for a couple of months. Please make him welcome. Again like Fr. Prasanth he is open to invitations to visit your home or engage in spiritual, pastoral and recreational activities.

Parish Guest Speaker —Fr Richard Leonard S.J.

Fr Richard Leonard S.J. will be offering a spiritual and pastoral reflection in our parish community on Thursday 26 September between 6.00—7.00pm in the Parish Hall.

Fr Richard Leonard has worked extensively in the media and the communication of faith in today's world. He directed the Australian Catholic Office Film and Broadcasting for the Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference for 22 years. Currently he is Parish Priest of Our Lady of the Way, North Sydney. He is the author of 14 books which include *What are we doing on earth for Christ's sake? Where the hell is God? What's it all about? Living lives of faith, hope and love. The Law of Love: Modern words for Ancient Wisdom*. His most recent book released early this year is titled *'Why God—Stories to Inspire Faith!'*

All welcome and encouraged to participate in this wonderful opportunity to reflect on and renew our journey of faith. Invite a family member or friend.

Finger food and drinks provided. To help with catering please indicate your intention to attend by contacting the parish office by email/phone or adding your name and number of people attending to the list at the Swan St and Mate St entrance.

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.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Book of Isaiah

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm 114

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

Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. **R.**

They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with the anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me! **R.**

How gracious is the Lord and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me. **R.**

He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living. **R.**

A reading from the letter of St James

Take the case, my brothers and sisters, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that they have faith. Will that faith save them? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty', without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.' The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said; 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you', he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And Jesus gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But turning and seeing his disciples, Jesus rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but as human beings think.' Jesus called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let them renounce themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save their life will lose it; but anyone who loses their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.' The Gospel of the Lord