



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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 21/22 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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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—Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year

Throughout his ministry on earth, Jesus walked a path of compassion, humility and service. He embodied a true spirit of wisdom and understanding. Even when Jesus was aware that powerful forces were plotting against him and his death was imminent, he never lost sight of his desire to serve others.

In today's Gospel, Jesus gently challenges his disciples to abandon their self-importance and ambition and instead follow his example of solidarity alongside the weak and powerless. Jesus turns human power-values on their head: his greatness comes from putting the needs of others first. The **First Reading** from the book of Wisdom tells of how the godless are challenged by the truth. Their rejection of God's law of love foretells the way in which Jesus will meet his death. The **Psalms** picks up this same theme and is a prayer for strength and resilience in the face of evil and ignorance. We can imagine Jesus praying this psalm as he faced his death. The words offer comfort and consolation to those who face oppression for their beliefs today.

In the **Second Reading**, true wisdom is described as pure, gentle, kind and full of compassion. It directs us to become peacemakers. It is an antidote to the petty ambitions, jealousies and power-plays that were emerging in the early Christian community. We would do well to heed these words of caution in our own churches today.

This week, let us pray for the grace to be true servants of the poor, weak and powerless. In a world full of discord and fear, may we have the strength to stand against injustice and sow lasting seeds of peace and harmony.



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Maureen Haynes, Sylvia Bilson, Thomas Smyth, Greg Gwynne, Helen Gesterkamp, Jim Sandral, Santa Dissegna, Ken Shanahan, Keith Hodge, Christine Murphy, John O’Keeffe.

ANNIVERSARIES: Molly Fulford, Kevin Smith, Harold Groch, Margaret Gaynor, Peter Lawler, Sandra Syphers, Maureen Brady, Dorothy Fegan, Nicole Shirley, Keith Fegan, Amanda Bowen, Jill Mitsch, Kerry Osmond, Geoffrey Thompson, Betty Arendarcikas, Laurel Lindsay, Rose Ries, Sr Mary Aquinas, Ray Desmond, Ivy Binding, Muriel Freund, John Richardson Dawn Tenteye, Glen Simpson, Wayne Scott, Michael Conroy, Elsie Dunn, Phyllis Ryan, Paul Holmes, Mal McPherson, Bridget Delenc, Tom O’Brien.
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: 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	Brigita	Bob Mathews
Musicians		Val Hayes
Counters: Carey Menz-Dowling & John Dowling		

Sat / Sun: 28th / 29th September

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Colleen Day	Bede Hart
Lector 1	Adrian Mitchelhill	Kay Morrell
Lector 2	Damian Carroll	Hugh Pinter
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Hopkins Shinead Kilroy	Carey Menz-Dowling Dianne Treacy Sue Betts
Cantor	Brian Waters/John van Lint	Margie, Ed and Heath
Musicians	Val Hayes	
Counters: Gordon Bryant & Laurie Moylan		

Parish Prayer

God of Love, Source of all hope and good things; You call us in love, to share in the work and ongoing life of our Sacred Heart Parish.

Bless this parish of ours and lead us to be confident and joyful in serving those around us, so that through us, the world may catch a glimpse of the love you have for each one of us.

Make us instruments of your love to everyone that we encounter in our parish community, at home, at work and in our neighbourhood.

Help us to grow in gratitude so that we can recognise and thank you for all the good things you have given us.

Each day may we come to know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

“As stewards of God’s creation, we are called to make the earth a beautiful garden for the human family. When we destroy our forests, ravage our soil and pollute our seas, we betray that noble calling .”



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.

Fillipino Saint Lorenzo Ruiz Mass

St Lorenzo Ruiz Mass this 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.**

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.

Albury Needs Foster Carers—Join us for a free Info Night

Challenge Community Services are hosting a free information night at 2640 Restaurant on Wednesday 25 September from 6.00pm to 7.30pm. This event is for anyone interested in becoming a foster carer or looking to learn more about the process. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and hear from some of our current foster carers as they share their experiences.

In NSW, there are over 15,000 children and young people in the Out-of-Home Care system. Each year, we need 600 new foster carers to help care for these children who cannot live safely at home. Carers can be family members or foster carers from diverse backgrounds. All carers receive training, support and an allowance to assist them through out their journey. Refreshments provided and bookings essential. Go to:

<https://events.humanitix.com/challenge-foster-care-albury-information-night>

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors Rosters

Roster for the months of October through to January 2025 is now available on side table Swan Street entrance. Thank you for volunteering in this important ministry of our parish community.

Welcome Fr. Norman Banzuela OSJ (Oblate of St Joseph—Philippine Province)

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 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.

About Fr Norman Born 22 June 1971 on San Jose, Batangas, Philippines. Norman is the fifth of eight children of Rodrigo Banzuela and Norma Guce. He entered the Oblates of St Joseph minor Seminary (High School) in June 1984 at age of twelve. He studied Philosophy at St Francis Regional College Seminary in Batangas from 1988-1992. After the novitiate, he made his first profession of the religious vows in May 1993, and in Feb 1998, after completing his theological studies at Don Bosco School of Theology in Paranaque City, he made his perpetual profession of the vows. He was ordained as a deacon in 1998 and as a priest of the Oblates of St Joseph on 8th September 1999.

As a priest for 25 years now, his ministry includes serving as Assistant Priest in 4 parishes, as a Parish Priest in 5 parishes, as a Formator in the high school and college seminaries and in the novitiate, and as assistant Director in 2 schools run and administered by his religious congregation.

He arrived in Australia on 1 July 2024 and posted by Bishop Mark Edwards as resident priest of the Cathedral until September 10. On 11 September, he arrived here in the Sacred Heart Parish, North Albury to assist Fr Martin.

A Conversation with Fr Richard Leonard S.J. "On Mission with Christ"

Christianity is not a private feel-good collective. We are sent out to live and proclaim our spirituality. What does the world look like to which we are sent? What questions is the world posing to us, and what questions do we have as we go out? Thursday 26 September, 6—7pm in the parish hall.

Fr Richard has been published in America Magazine, Eureka Street, US Catholics, is regular columnist with The London Tablet and is often on ABC Radio.

He is the author of 13 books including: Where the Hell is God? What are we doing on earth for Christ's sake? What's it All About? Living lives of faith, hope and love.

The Law of Love: Modern Words for Ancient Wisdom and his latest book, "Why God?" has just been released.

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 Swan and Mate St entrances.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Book of Wisdom

The godless say to themselves:
'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us
and opposes our way of life,
reproaches us for our breaches of the law
and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.
'Let us see if what he says is true,
let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.
If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part
and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.
Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,
and thus explore this gentleness of his
and put his endurance to the proof.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death
since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.' The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm 117

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

Response: The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name;
By your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth. **R**

For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. **R**

But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. **R**



A reading from the letter of St James

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires. The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 9:30-37

After leaving the mountain, they made their way through Galilee; and Jesus did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again'. But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, they must make themselves last of all and servant of all'. He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me, but the one who sent me'. The Gospel of the Lord