



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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 28/29 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-Sixth Sunday of the Year

Today's readings show how God's spirit works in unexpected ways. Anyone can be chosen to share God's message, even those who do not follow the way of Jesus. We are all called to live justly and work together.

Just as the Lord shared the spirit that was on Moses with the 70 elders in the tent, his spirit also rested on two who were not present. Joshua objected to these two men prophesying, but Moses declared that anyone speaking the word of the Lord should be allowed to do so. **(First Reading)**

We see a parallel to this in the **Gospel**. Jesus rebukes John for being concerned about someone outside their group casting out demons in Jesus' name. But Jesus teaches his disciples to be open and inclusive, instructing them not to hinder anyone doing good. They, too, are part of his mission. Jesus uses strong metaphors to emphasise the importance of avoiding sin.

James (**Second Reading**) warns about misuse of wealth and exploitation of workers. Helping those in need is a key part of living our faith. The **Psalm** sings of the gift of God's law. The law of love revives the soul, gives wisdom and creates joy in the heart. In seeking God's closeness, and with the law as our guide, we will truly live.

This week, let's pray for the grace always to be open and receptive to the promptings of the Lord's spirit, and to recognise and support his work in others.



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Corrigan, Nick Setaro, Maureen Haynes, Christina Maiyo, Frank Barry, Jennifer Childs, Paul McIntosh, Elaine Purvey & David Dawson.

ANNIVERSARIES: Robyn Haberecht, Patrice Peters, Jeanette Dethlefs, Hayden Corrigan, Molly Livermore, Ron Brindley, Clare Maloney, Bernie Moncrieff, Edith Cane, Elinor Monk, Cody Antone, Gary Hunt, Maureen Stirling, Douglas Tooth, Jenny McLaurin, Vicky Gyoles and Shirly Thomas. *Gather our loved ones into your arms. Quiet our doubt and anger and send us your healing grace. Through Christ our Lord.*



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

Lily Hannah Donaldson

Daughter of Ashleigh and Andrew.

ROSTERS

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 Michael Regan	Carey Menz-Dowling Dianne Treacy Sue Betts
Cantor Musicians	Brian Waters/John van Lint Val Hayes	Margie, Ed and Heath

Counters: Gordon Bryant & Laurie Moylan

Sat / Sun: 5th / 6th October

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Justin Clancy	Sr Carina Morton
Lector 1	Volunteer please	Sr Patricia Weekes
Lector 2	Paula Waters	Lorraine Willis
Eucharistic Ministers	Michael Regan Catherine Cutler	Eamonn Buckley Narelle Naughton Sr Siony
Cantor Musicians	Judy Lindsay Judy Foley	David Hicks Val Hayes

Counters: Gemma

Prayer for Refugee & Migrant Sunday

God, Almighty Father
we are your pilgrim Church
journeying towards
the Kingdom of heaven.
We live in our homeland,
but as if we were foreigners.
Every foreign place is our home,
yet every native land
is foreign to us.

Though we live on earth,
our true citizenship is in heaven.
Do not let us become possessive
of the portion of the world
you have given us as a temporary
home.

Help us to keep walking,
together with our migrant brothers and
sisters,
toward the eternal dwelling
you have prepared for us.
Open our eyes and our hearts
so that every encounter with those in
need
becomes an encounter with Jesus,
your Son and our Lord.
Amen.

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"Today's migration movements offer an opportunity for us to overcome our fears and let ourselves be enriched by the diversity of each person's gifts. Then, if we so desire, we can transform borders into privileged places of encounter, where the miracle of an ever wider "we" can come about."

Parish News

Letter from Bernie Sandral, Chief Operating Officer, Diocese of Wagga Wagga

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The faithful have a duty to provide for the material needs of the Church, according to their abilities. As members of the Catholic Church, we are called to be a community of faith, love, and service. Our Church plays a vital role in our spiritual lives, offering opportunities for worship, education, and fellowship. To continue offering these valuable programs and services, we rely on the generous support of our parishioners. Your donations help to support our priests, fund our ministries and maintain our church buildings.

Regarding weekly collections:

1. **The First Collection** supports our Priests. Most Parishes do not receive enough to fully support their priests financially. Therefore, the first collections from across the Diocese are aggregated, and the Diocese must raise additional funds to pay the priests' minimum stipend each fortnight.
2. **The Second Collection** supports the operations of the parish. These donations cover costs such as administration, parish ministries, building maintenance (including electricity and insurance), and a small contribution (5%) towards the education of priests.

How much should I give to each collection? "

Each should give as much as you have decided on your own initiative, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

How can I give? Set up your own regular payment through mobile or Internet banking using the account details on for North Albury Presbytery 066-789 100005575 North Albury Church 066-789 100005574 . Visit the Parish Website or ask your Parish Priest for a Direct Debit Request form (regular payments can be taken from your credit card or account). Visit the Church and use the EFTPOS terminal at the entrance. Place Money on the First and Second collection plates at Sunday Masses. Whichever method you choose, please consider the importance of regularly supporting both our priests and parish. Your generosity enables us to fulfill our mission of sharing the joy of the Gospel and serving our community. Another way to assist our parish is to consider a gift in your will. Your gift of any size will help our parish continue our good works and loving outreach.

Thank you for your support and generosity

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

Thanks to all those who attended our conversation with Richard Leonard S.J. on Thursday evening. As Fr Richard stressed the importance of continuing to tell the good news of our Catholic faith story and the necessity of supporting one another on our mission with Christ. Gratitude is extended to Heath Neville for co-ordinating the gathering and liaising with Richard. Thanks is extended to the newly appointed Year 12 student leadership team for their presence and assistance in providing hospitality.

Sacrament of Anointing

The sacrament of Anointing will take place during our celebration of Eucharist on Friday 11 October at 9.30am. Through the sacrament of anointing, Christ strengthens those who are afflicted by illness and those who are weakened by age. Morning tea to follow in our parish hall. If possible please bring something to share. The next sacrament of anointing at Mercy Place will take place in the Chapel on Tuesday 15 October at 2.00pm during our celebration of Eucharist.

All welcome to attend.

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.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Book of Numbers

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'
The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm 18

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

Response: The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
It gives wisdom to the simple. **R**

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **R**

So in them your servant finds instruction;
great reward is in their keeping.
But can we discern all our errors?
From hidden faults acquit us. **R**

From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin. **R**

A reading from the letter of St James

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.
The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth:
make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 9:38-43; 45, 47-48

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, they will most certainly not lose their reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone around their neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.' The Gospel of the Lord