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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-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 5th/6th Oct 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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<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
Thursday 10 October—Mass for St Vincent de Paul Members and Helpers at 5.30pm St Patrick's Church.

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-seventh Sunday of the Year

Our readings today lead us to consider the importance of several elements in Jesus's teaching: marriage and commitment, families and children, struggle and compassion.

In the **First Reading** we hear the story in Genesis of the beginning of humanity: how God made man and woman to find completion in each other, so that they become one body.

The **Psalm** is a song of praise for the gift of marriage and a happy family life.

The **Second Reading**, from the letter to the Hebrews, speaks of how completely Jesus took on the human condition, even to the point of enduring a shameful death. In the **Gospel** Jesus is being challenged by the Pharisees, who are trying to trap him. While accepting that our frailty can lead to divorce, Jesus insists on the sacred unity of marriage. He then blesses little children, encouraging us to welcome them and to be more childlike in our faith.

This week, may we pray for all families, the happy and the struggling, those separated and those dispersed. May all find support and friendship in their communities.



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Peter Treacy, Alma Withers, John Walker, Barbara Bowdren, Liddy Soule, John Corrigan, Nick Setaro, Maureen Haynes, Paul McIntosh.

ANNIVERSARIES: Sinclair Parkinson, Liam O'Farrell, Edith Alvarado, Reece Tehan, Betty Healy, Bessie Stephenson, Reginald Gard, Sr Patricia O'Connor, Sr Francesca Parkin, Kathleen Yensch, Dawn Rixon, Paul Hagan, Josephine Frauenfelder, Tom Whitty, Lois Ferris, Thomas Smith, Raymond Neal, Arnold Corte, Mary Powell, Fred Sheather, Vera Smith, Nicholas McLeod– Nibbs, Emilie Lautenbacher, Drahoslov Molinek, Algy Arendarcikas, Mary & Les Davies, Gladys Hodgson.

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:

Lucy Rosemary Carroll
daughter of Rory and Lauren

ROSTERS

| Sat / Sun: 5th / 6th October | | |
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| Ministry | Vigil | 9.30am |
| Commentator | Colleen Day | 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 | Judy Lindsay | David Hicks |
| Musicians | Judy Foley | Val Hayes |
| Counters: Gemma | | |

| Sat / Sun: 12th / 13th October | | |
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| Ministry | Vigil | 9.30am |
| Commentator | Colleen Day | Richard Parkinson |
| Lector 1 | Damian Carroll | Roy Thompson |
| Lector 2 | Kaye Deanshaw | Brigita Serbinek |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Pat Hopkins Michael Regan | Shinead Kilroy Marisa Hart Trish Parkinson |
| Cantor | John van Lint/Brian Waters | Damien Parkinson |
| Musicians | Judy Foley | Val Hayes |
| Counters: Jane Togher | | |

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 ."

Prayer for Peace in the Middle

East

God of mercy and compassion,
of grace and reconciliation,
pour your power upon all your children in
the Middle East:

Jews, Muslims and Christians,
Palestinians and Israelis.

Let hatred be turned into love,
fear to trust, despair to hope,
oppression to freedom,
occupation to liberation,
that violent encounters may be
replaced by loving embraces,
and peace and justice
can be experienced by all.



Amended Roster—Lectors, Commentators & Eucharistic Ministers

For those without email access the amended rosters for Oct 2024—Jan 2025 are available for collection at the Swan Street entrance.

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

Parish Morning Tea

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

Parish Pastoral Council News

The annual general meeting of our parish pastoral council was held on Thursday evening 12 September. 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.

Sacrament of Anointing

The sacrament of Anointing will take place during our celebration of Eucharist this 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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST—Lavington & North Albury

On Saturday 12 October in the Sacred Heart Hall, North Albury from 7.45am. Speaker: Rev Fr Norman Banzuela, Oblate Fathers of St Joseph. Cost: donation. Funds raised to support Religious Education in State Schools.

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Palms Australia—Mission: Transform Lives

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Date: Wednesday 9 October 2024

Time: 7.30pm—8.30pm

More info 02 9560 533 or palms@palms.org.au

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Book of Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate'. So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 127

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

Response: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord,
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **R**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **R**

Indeed thus shall be blessed;
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life!
May you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace!. **R**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another,
God will live in us in perfect love.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the Law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us,' they said, 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So what God has united, no one must divide.' [. . .]

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms around them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

The Gospel of the Lord.