



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-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 12th/13 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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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

Tuesday 15 Oct—Mass of Anointing, Mercy Place Chapel—2.00pm. No RAT test required.

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-eighth Sunday of the Year

The readings this week give us an opportunity to step back from the busy-ness of our everyday lives to consider more deeply the riches we have been given, and what it is we truly value. In the **First Reading**, the spirit of Wisdom has come to the writer through prayer. Beside her, everything else that might be valued on earth seems worthless, and pales into insignificance.

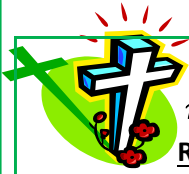
The **Psalmist** revels in the joy that comes from knowing the love of God, and witnessing to God's glory. It is through constantly pursuing wisdom of heart that we will be sustained in our service of the Lord.

In the **Second Reading** the author of the letter to the Hebrews likens the word of God to a sword that can penetrate every aspect of our lives. Living and acting in accordance with the word draws us ever closer to the God who knows and loves us through and through.

These themes of wisdom, selfless values, and service to the Lord are drawn together in the **Gospel** story of the rich young man, whose attachment to wealth prevents him from truly following Jesus. Through this encounter, Jesus teaches that whatever we leave behind to follow him will be far surpassed by the treasures we will inherit in heaven. During this week, we might pray for the gift of ever greater wisdom to help us recognise and seize every opportunity to show our love of God through the good we do each day.



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: Elaine Thomson, Kelley Gabriel, Jan Dzwigol, Charlie Kavanagh, Lindsay Beck, Margaret Newman, Bill Toohey, John Stapleton, Jack Daly, Allie Quinn, Ron Healey, Matthew Walshe, Eileen Maher, Raymond Piltz, Andreas Christy, Shirley McNuff, Gladys Smith, Martha Wilson, Arnold Quick, Leo Plunkett, Joseph & Jule Plasto, John Tynan, Norman Cos, Elizabeth Flanagan, Irene Hertzog.

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:

Harriet Joy & Michael Andrew Donnoley
children of Tony and Stacey

Oscar Jeremy Andronicos
son of Myros and Lucy

Teddy James Hawkesworth
son of Thomas and Megan

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 12th / 13th October

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		

Sat / Sun: 19th / 20th October

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Nicole Morton	Roy Thompson
Lector 1	Justin Clancy	Samuel Serbinek
Lector 2	Jan Skinner	Mercedes Goss
Eucharistic Ministers	Kaye Deanshaw Anna Farrell	Pamela McIntosh Carey Menz-Dowling Sr Patricia Weekes
Cantor	Lachlan McIntyre	Heath Neville
Musicians	Judy Foley	Ashleigh Donaldson
Counters: Richard & Trish Parkinson		

Thought for the week (Pope Francis):

"We will never be disillusioned or lose our way if we are guided by God."

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.*

Amen



Parish News

TO PONDER:

According to our first reading, wisdom is worth pursuing and praying for as a means to a richer life and a fuller relationship with God, the source of wisdom. This wisdom that comes from God is not “brain smarts” but knowledge of God, spiritual discernment, the understanding of our mortality in relation to God’s immortality. The psalmist prays for this wisdom in the recognition of how fleeting human life is (Ps 90:12).

How has wisdom come to you in life, and what is its value?

Perhaps the rich man is us. We try to follow the commandments. Yet there is always a next step available, a deepening of our faith, a further letting-go of that which holds us back from God. This is often wealth and material possessions, but it can also be other things (addictions, pride, etc.). God will demand everything from us, if we only ask honestly what still holds us back, like the rich man does. And even if we are unwilling to ask, to see ourselves clearly, God sees us. According to Hebrews, God sees through our souls. Jesus sees the rich man fully, with love. Like all of us, the man continues his journey. Perhaps he returns later to Jesus, like many of us do in life’s twists and turns.

This week, we might contemplate what this path of faith is really about. What does it feel like, taste like, look like, to let go and follow God?

Financial Update

As you would be aware the incoming Chief Operating Officer for the Diocese Mr Bernie Sandral has written to parishes addressing the ongoing issue of the necessity of providing financial support of our priests, the funding of pastoral ministries and the maintenance of church buildings. The letter was published in our newsletter over the previous two weekends.

Thank you for your generous ongoing support of our parish community in this regard.

Since we have returned to physical collections at mass our income on both the first and second collection have increased. As you know the parish is reliant on your generous monetary contributions to meet its financial commitments (insurance, utility expenses) and to engage in pastoral, liturgical and outreach activities. If you are in a position to contribute to the wellbeing and sustenance of our parish and are not currently doing so through the envelope scheme or by direct deposit please contact the parish office.

The other option is to use the tap n go machine by following the prompts when you arrive at mass.

Parish and Presbytery Account details are located on the front page of the parish newsletter.

Church Lawn Working Bee

Saturday 26th October 8.00am to rejuvenate the car park lawn and memorial Garden Areas in preparation for the Parish 70th anniversary celebrations. If you can help, please bring your wheelbarrow, shovel, and rake. If you would like to donate towards topsoil, seed, weed killer etc. or for more info call Michael Regan 0419 982 574. If you would like to donate to the Parish water bill for the season, call the presbytery office hours Monday, Wednesday or Friday or contact us by email. Thank you.

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.

Funerals this Week at Sacred Heart

Requiem mass of thanksgiving for the life of Peter Treacy on Monday 14 October at 11.00am.

Prayers of thanksgiving for the life of Alma Withers on Friday 18 October at 11.00am.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace.

Liturgy News

A liturgy meeting will be held this Tuesday 15 October in the presbytery at 4.00pm to reflect on the readings and plan the hymns as we approach the season of Advent. Any interested parishioners welcome to attend.

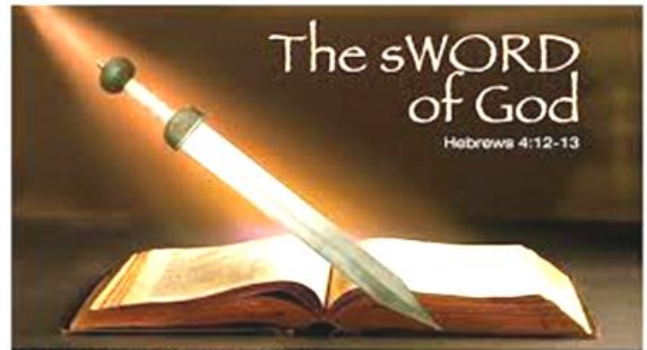
Lectors, Commentators & Eucharistic Ministers Roster

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

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Book of Wisdom 7:7-11

I prayed, and understanding was given me;
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.
I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,
and beside her silver ranks as mud.
I loved her more than health or beauty,
preferred her to the light,
since her radiance never sleeps.
In her company all good things came to me,
at her hands riches not to be numbered.
The Word of the Lord



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Responsorial Psalm 89

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

Response: Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Make us know the shortness of our life,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. **R**

In the morning, fill us with your love;
We shall exult and rejoice all our day.
Give us joy to balance our affliction
for the years when we knew misfortune. **R**

Show forth your work to your servants;
Let your glory shine on their children
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
Give success to the work of our hands. **R**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 4:12-13

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 10:17-30 (part)

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth. Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case', they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men and women', he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.' The Gospel of the Lord