



*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-ninth 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:**

**As both priests will be attending the diocesan retreat at Galong from Monday-Friday there will be no weekday masses at Sacred Heart this week.**

**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-ninth Sunday of the Year**

As we contemplate Jesus as the Servant King, our readings today challenge us to consider themes of service and sacrifice. The **First Reading** comes from Isaiah's fourth song of the suffering servant. Although the servant is rejected because of the message he proclaims, and will suffer because of it, his sufferings will 'justify many'.

**The Psalm** encourages us to look with hope to the Lord always, especially in challenging times. We can trust in his merciful and loving help, for he is 'our help and our shield'. The **Second Reading** then reminds us that we can trust even more in finding mercy and grace in times of trouble, because Jesus shared in our humanity. Although he remained without sin, he knows all that human nature brings, including the temptations.

The **Gospel** brings us full circle as Jesus again speaks of the sacrifice that he, 'the Son of Man', will make. We see James and John approach Jesus seeking a share in his glory. He foretells the suffering that they, like him, will face, and reminds us all that, above all else, we must serve those in need.

Perhaps, this week, we can take time to review the ways in which we serve the needs of others. Knowing that the Lord will always hear us, we can ask for the grace and strength we need to do his will.



# Parish Community



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

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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Craig Dunkerley, Mac Terlikowski, Rosa Vuga, John Howard, Pasquale Carnovale, Lauren Flegeltaub, Sr Gabriel Sheahan, Mary Parkinson, James Murphy, June Harrison, George McIntosh, Irene Norman Stella Boyd, Peter Crisp, Nella O'Brien, Kate Hallam, Margaret Baker, Ted Green, Margaret Morrow, Jack Daly, Allie Quinn, Ron Healey, Mary-Ann Packer, Donald Sullivan, Arthur Deanshaw, Bill Murphy, Frank Corrigan.

*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:*

**Jordan Louise Duus**  
Child of Tara and Maddi

## ROSTERS

**Sat / Sun: 19th / 20th October**

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

**Sat / Sun: 26th / 27th October**

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Justin Clancy	Natalie Osborne
<b>Lector 1</b>	Xavier Clancy	Stuart Thompson
<b>Lector 2</b>	Catherine Cutler	Yvonne Thompson
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Kaye Deanshaw Adrian Mitchelhill	Fran Kernaghan Eamonn Buckley Nicole Morton
<b>Cantor</b>	Judy Lindsay	Bernadette, Helen and
<b>Musicians</b>	Judy Foley	Wendy
<b>Counters:</b> Diane & Greg Bartsch		

### **Thought for the Week ( Pope Francis):**

“Work, meeting other people, our daily duties, and the chance events of each day. These are the opportunities we have to allow ourselves to be “guided by the Holy Spirit.”

## WORLD MISSION PRAYER 2024

Loving God,  
inspire us to ‘go and invite everyone to the banquet.’  
Nourished from gathering around your table, may our communities reflect your unconditional love, so that all are welcomed with open arms, and the most vulnerable find refuge, care, and compassion. May our prayers and generosity bring strength to missionaries, enabling them to share the joy that faith brings, so that everyone, everywhere, may experience your hope and love, renewing and healing our world.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen



# Parish News

## World Mission Sunday

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to “invite others to the banquet”, and we invite you to share the warmth of God’s love with our brothers and sisters who need it most in Mongolia. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.

In Mongolia, Chuluunbaatar suffered a life-altering injury while trying to rescue a submerged vehicle, leaving him unable to work and reliant on scarce support services for basic needs. Without shelter and food, Chuluunbaatar faces the risk of freezing to death. Resources are limited but the Church in Mongolia is working hard to provide essential services to people in need.

**This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance these vital services. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope and tangible assistance to individuals like Chuluunbaatar.**

You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, contributing to the special collection next weekend or going online at:

[catholicmission.org.au/mongolia](http://catholicmission.org.au/mongolia)

## 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 collections 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.

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



## Church Lawn Working Bee

This coming Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 8.00am we are holding a working bee to rejuvenate the car park lawn and memorial Garden Areas in preparation for the Parish 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. If you can help, please bring your wheelbarrow, shovel, and rake. If you would like to make a monetary donation towards the purchase of topsoil, lawn seed and weed killer this can be placed in an envelope marked ‘Church Lawn Renovation’ and put on either of the collections.

For more information contact Michael Regan 0419 982 574 or the Presbytery during office hours.

## TO PONDER:

The Suffering Servant Songs of Isaiah have long been a source of fascination, for they explore the idea of someone who suffers for the sake of (or in the place of) another. Most of us have experienced this personally in some way. In this reading from Isaiah, what is key is that the servant is not alone; God is actively involved in the servant’s suffering (it is “*the will of the Lord*” that “*shall be accomplished*” through the servant). Both Judaism and Christianity have embraced this notion of being willing to sacrifice—or lay down one’s own life—for the sake of another.

*This week we might ponder where we have seen or experienced this suffering for the sake of another and where God was present in such actions.*

“You do not know what you are asking.” Jesus’s statement is a call to self-examination, to consider what we request in prayer, and to reflect on the extent to which we trust in the long view, in that which we cannot yet see. The first reading offers a glimpse of what to expect from a life of faith, and it is clear that to be on this journey means that suffering is inevitable. The promise of both Isaiah and Jesus, however, is a deeper happiness that comes from obedience to God, a steadiness that results in fixing our eyes upon a reality beyond the things of this world. James and John want reassurance that their efforts will not be in vain. They do not trust or see clearly yet. *What reassurance do we need, and what do we ask for in our own prayer lives?*

## Parish Pastoral Council News

At Thursday evening’s meeting after further discussion it was decided to hold a Christmas Lunch in Sacred Heart Parish Hall on Christmas Day from 12 noon—3pm. The lunch provides an outreach to those parishioners who otherwise might be alone on that day.

If you would like to join us for lunch on that day and have not already done so please add your name to the list at the Sacred Heart window area or contact the presbytery during office hours.

In coming weeks we will compile a list of those willing to contribute food or act as helpers on the day.

Thanks again for your support of this parish council initiative.

# Liturgy of the Word

## **First Reading: from the prophet Isaiah 53:10-11**

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.  
If he offers his life in atonement,  
he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life  
and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.  
His soul's anguish over,  
he shall see the light and be content.  
By his sufferings shall my servant justify many,  
taking their faults on himself.  
The Word of the Lord



## **Responsorial Psalm 32**

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

**Response: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

The word of the Lord is faithful,  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love. **R**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. **R**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. **R**

## **A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 4:4-16**

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

The Word of the Lord

## **Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Son of Man came to serve  
and to give his life as a ransom for all.

**Alleluia!**

## **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 10:35-45**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking', Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for the seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant: they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.' When the other 10 heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.' The Gospel of the Lord