



*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.*

## *Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 26th/27th 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:**

Fr Martin Cruickshank—Parish Priest

Fr Norman Banzuela (OSJ) Priest in Residence

**Parish Office 9am-2pm**

Gemma Whitehead—Monday

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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 9.30am**

**Friday (Feast Day All Saints—All Souls) 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—Thirtieth Sunday of the Year**

**Our Scripture today invites us to worship Christ**

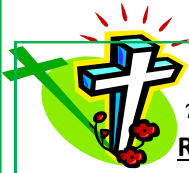
**Jesus**, who opens our eyes to the marvels that he has done for us as our high priest, and reveals to us the Father. The readings also assure us that our God never abandons us, even in our bondage.

Using tender, compassionate imagery, Jeremiah addresses the exiled people of Israel with a poem of restoration. He promises that God will bring them home again: they will be restored to their own land, and God's loving purpose will again be triumphant. (**First Reading**) The account of the miracle in the **Gospel** reveals another type of restoration: the restoration of sight to Bartimaeus, the blind beggar at the roadside who cries out to Jesus in desperation. Not only is Bartimaeus healed and his sight restored, but he also models discipleship by following Jesus without hesitation.

In the **Second Reading** from Hebrews, the theme of restoration appears again: Christ Jesus is our compassionate high priest who restores us as daughters and sons of God. The **Psalms** is a pilgrim song of hope and joy, reminding us of God's goodness in the past and his ongoing deliverance of his people.

*This week, we pray for the eyes of our heart and mind to be opened, so that we might receive the life-giving revelations and blessings of Jesus. We also pray for all who are living lives of bondage and slavery in our world today, and seek God's guidance as to how we can help.*

# Parish Community



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Mike Egan, Ray Allen, John Muldoon, Dianne Bain, Mark Stevens, Mary Dunne, Barry Lindner, Peter Treacy, Barbara Bowdren.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Elizabeth Kennedy, Peter Freeman, Mary Cruickshank, Joe Hancock, Andrew Prichard, Mary Smith, Mary Curtis, Pat Nesire, Fr Michael Hayes, Dorothy Hamilton, Francis Butler, Mary Hutchinson, Lionel Mitchell, Josephine Estevez, Desmond Wynack, Marie Collins, Beatrice Hammond, Frank Eames, Barney Oak, Jessica Stone, William Hudson, Elizabeth Pochdalofszky, Leslie Rose, Isabel Fietz, Jim Bowcher, Tom Flemming, Kathleen Birtles, Mary Fallett, Peg Hogan.

*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: 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		

**Sat / Sun: 2nd / 3rd November**

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Jan Skinner	Mercedes Goss
<b>Lector 1</b>	Paula Waters	Sr Carina Morton
<b>Lector 2</b>	Kaye Deanshaw	Hugh Pinter
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Michael Regan Pauline Mulquiney	Moira Porta Dianne Treacy Sr Siony
<b>Cantor</b>	Brian Waters/John van Lint	Catherine Cutler
<b>Musicians</b>	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
<b>Counters:</b> Margaret Brown & Moira Porta		

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

"The mission of the Church, herself a pilgrim in the world and the Mother of all, is thus to love Jesus Christ, to adore and love him, particularly in the poorest and most abandoned; among these are certainly migrants and refugees, who are trying to escape difficult living conditions and dangers of every kind."

## **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.



# Parish News

## Fr Martin—Annual Leave

Fr Martin will be taking holiday leave from Saturday 2 November until Friday 29 November.

We welcome back to our parish community, Fr Bernie Thomas who will celebrate Eucharist with us over the weekends of November 2/3 and November 9/10.

Fr Norman is returning to the Philippines on Tuesday 29 October and will return to parish duties at Sacred Heart by Thursday 7 November. In the first instance please contact Fr Norman 6025 1516 for priestly assistance in my absence. Our office will be staffed as usual Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9.00am—2.00pm for the usual enquiries.

## From the Bishop's Office:

### Clergy Appointments 2025 (from Wed 15 Jan, 2025)

- Fr Norman Banzuela OSJ, Assistant Priest, St Patrick's Parish, Griffith.
- Fr Prasanth Mary Das IVD, Assistant Priest, St Patrick's Parish, Albury.
- Fr Thomas Brancik, Parish Priest, St Francis Parish Yenda-Yoogali-Hanwood.
- Fr Sean Byrnes, Parish Priest, Holy Spirit Parish, Lavington
- Fr Christopher Heffernan, Administrator, St Mel's Parish, Narrandera.
- Fr Neil Hernandez OSJ, Assistant Priest, St Patrick's Parish, Griffith.
- Fr Marco Killingsworth, Assistant Priest, St Michael's Cathedral, Wagga Wagga.
- Fr Roshin Michael IVD, Assistant Priest Finley-Jerilderie-Tocumwal.
- Fr Peter Murphy, Administrator, St Michael's Cathedral, Wagga Wagga.
- Fr Cyprian Onuorah, Administrator, Mulwala-Barooga-Berrigan.
- Fr Connell Perry, Administrator, All Saints Parish, Tumbarumba.
- Fr Peter Stojanovic, Parish Priest, St Brigid's, Howlong (from 21 April, 2025).

The four new priests from overseas will stay in their current parishes until the movement of priests in 2025.

So I am pleased to announce that Fr Norman will remain here at Sacred Heart, North Albury until his reassignment to Griffith in 2025.

## TO PONDER:

God's care for the most vulnerable is linked with God's care for the whole community. We see this in Jeremiah when God promises to gather up all those in exile and bring them home to Jerusalem as an "immense throng." The particular focus is on the most vulnerable, but the goal is the return of the whole. In Hebrews, Christ is the great high priest who gathers the sins of the whole community onto himself.

This week's readings invite us to contemplate this relationship between the vulnerable and the whole community, and the ways this relationship can inspire us to care for those who need us most.

## World Catholic Mission Sunday

We welcome Jane Plum to our parish this weekend. She will be speaking at our Sunday mass with a presentation of the missionary work of the Church reaching out to those in need in Mongolia.

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.

This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most. Lack of access and social stigma mean that some of the most vulnerable people are not getting the support they require.

**The House of Mercy will provide a haven for many people, including those affected by homelessness and domestic violence. Without your partnership, people in need will go without the assistance they require.**

You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, contributing to the special collection today or going online at: [catholicmission.org.au/mongolia](http://catholicmission.org.au/mongolia)

## November Parish Morning Tea

An opportunity to discuss your tip for the Melbourne Cup with good company and enjoyable food. As usual at the conclusion of 9.30am mass next Sunday 3 November in our parish hall.

If possible please bring something to share. All welcome.

## Parish Pastoral Council News

On Thursday 17 October at our Parish Council 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.



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

**Jack Joseph Mullavey**

*Son of Joseph and Jennifer*

**Reef William Frost**

*son of Trevor and Melissa*

**Paddy Thomas Robertson**

*son of Thomas and Stephanie*



# Liturgy of the Word

## **First Reading: from the prophet Jeremiah 31:7-9**

The Lord says this: Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout: 'The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel!' See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.  
The Word of the Lord.

## **Responsorial Psalm 125**

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

**Response: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seeds for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **R.**

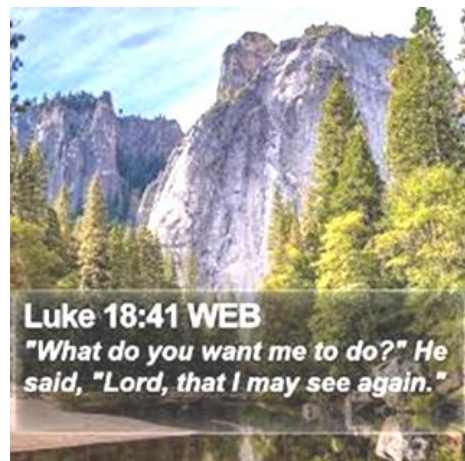
## **Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel.

## **A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 5:1-6**

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: *You are my son, today I have become your father*, and in another text: *You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.*



## **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 10:46-52**

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So, they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' Throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him, 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned, and he followed him along the road.  
The Gospel of the Lord.