



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.

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time 2nd/3rd Nov 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

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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:

NO MASS 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—Thirty-first Sunday of the Year



The readings this week remind us that the love of God and the love of other people lie at the core of our lives as Christians.

In the **First Reading**, Moses reminds the people of Israel, who are about to enter the promised land, that they must love God with all their heart, soul and strength.

The **Psalms** expresses our love for God, who is our rock and our refuge. It praises the God who has done so much for us.

The writer of the letter to the Hebrews (**Second Reading**) speaks of Jesus as the ideal high priest. Unlike previous high priests, he lives for ever, and can 'intercede for all who come to God through him'.

Answering the question posed by a scribe in the **Gospel**, Jesus goes beyond the exhortation of Moses. We are indeed to love God, but we must also love our neighbour. Love of God, the greatest commandment, is inseparable from love of neighbour.

This week, we might want to focus our prayer on the people around us, near and far, that they should know and love the Lord, and live in peace.

Parish Community



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

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Lloyd Kennedy, Laurie Dykes, Margaret Steele, Jim Rosewarne, Geraldine Steele, Margaret Corby, Agnes Black, Elsa Morton, Jim Thompson, Patricia White, John Murray, John Cullen, John Cummins, Mavis Waser, Baron Lethbridge, Valerie Scales, Gary Fearn, Ceily Kirley, Tony Kirley, Lil McAuliffe, Norma Duffy, Irene Berg, Frank Gain, Keith Barnett, Kathleen O'Rourke, Alan Buckhorn, Kathleen Grove.

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: 2nd / 3rd November

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Jan Skinner	Mercedes Goss
Lector 1	Paula Waters	Sr Carina Morton
Lector 2	Kaye Deanshaw	Hugh Pinter
Eucharistic Ministers	Michael Regan Pauline Mulquiney	Moira Porta Dianne Treacy Sr Siony
Cantor Musicians		Cutler Family Val Hayes
Counters: Margaret Brown & Moira Porta		

Sat / Sun: 9th / 10th November

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Colleen Day	Bede Hart
Lector 1	Mary-Jayne Boyd	Liz Phegan
Lector 2	Jan Skinner	Sue McLaurin
Eucharistic Ministers	Adrian Mitchelhill Justin Clancy	Trish Parkinson Cathy Nyhan Sue Betts
Cantor Musicians	John van Lint/Brian Waters Judy Foley	David Hicks Val Hayes
Counters: Anne Gordes & Lorraine Willis		

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"Loving God means serving our neighbour without reserve, and trying to forgive without limits."

Prayer for Remembering Our Loved Ones who have died during the month of November

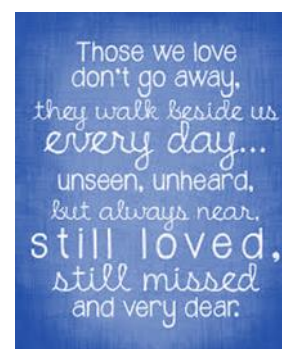
Lord, Jesus Christ, you experienced all that it means to be human, including the loss of those you loved. You wept for your friend Lazarus and took pity on the poor widow who had lost her son.

When we feel the pangs of separation from our loved ones help us to always recall your profound love and compassion. Remind us with your gentle touch that in death life is changed not ended.

Give us the gift of gratitude, that we may recall the generosity and greatness of those who have gone before.

Let us live in your grace that we may build on their legacy and honour their memory now and for ever.

Amen



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, Sacred Heart 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, Sacred Heart 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.

November Parish Morning Tea

An opportunity to discuss your tip for the Melbourne Cup with good company and enjoyable food at the conclusion of the 9.30am mass today in our parish hall.

All welcome.

FUNERALS AT SACRED HEART THIS WEEK

Requiem Mass of Thanksgiving for the life of John Muldoon Monday 4 November, 1.30pm.

Requiem Mass of Thanksgiving for the life of Ray Allen Friday 8 November, 11.00am

World Catholic Mission Sunday Appeal

We would like to thank you for your generosity supporting the Church in Mongolia and the House of Mercy. Thanks to your kindness, people like Chuluunbaatar will have access to the support they need to help them get back on their feet.

So far our parish community has donated \$1,333.65 to the appeal. If you did not have an opportunity to contribute to the leaving collection last weekend and are in a financial position to do so, please use the mission envelopes available at all the church entrances and place them containing your generous donation on one of the collections.

Congratulations Catherine Cutler

We offer our congratulations to Catherine Cutler who celebrates her 80th birthday this weekend. We express our gratitude to her children who will lead us in song during our celebration of 9.30am Eucharist.

Parish Alpha Gathering

Our monthly Parish Alpha gathering still meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 10.30am in the parish hall (with the exception of November, cup day!) it will be held the second Tuesday 12 November. We continue to reflect on a subject pertinent to our Christian faith and God's love for us.

And as always, we discuss and share our experiences over a cuppa and cake. You are welcome to join us anytime.

North Albury/Lavington Men's Breakfast

On Saturday 9 November in the Sacred Heart Hall, North Albury from 7.45am. Speaker: Phil Morton, Every Home for Christ will tell us more about Next Gen Ministry. Cost: donation. Funds raised to support Religious Education in State Schools.

Enq: Kip **0417 669 717** or asleeper@bigpond.com

November Book of Life

November is traditionally the month to remember the Holy Souls. Our Book of Life will be displayed at the front of the church during November. If you would like to add family members to this book there are sheets of paper and sleeves inside front of book.

November Mass Envelopes will also be available on table at back of Church if you wish to request a Mass or prayers for your deceased family members or friends.

Parish Working Bee Review

Last Saturday a substantial number of people of different ages and levels of physical fitness renovated the lawn area on the car park side of the church and in the memorial garden precinct. Thanks to those who toiled in the morning sun and those who provided refreshments for the weary.

Gratitude is expressed to Michael Regan for his initiative in organizing the event and the materials needed.

Appreciation is extended to those who have already provided monetary donations to cover the necessary expenditure.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: from the book of Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your children and your grandchildren. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

"Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength."

Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm 17

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

Response: I love you Lord, my strength

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
My shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **R**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!,
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **R**



A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 7:23-28

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them, and we will
come to them.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 9:28-34

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

The Gospel of the Lord