



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-second Sunday in Ordinary Time 9/10 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:

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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

RECONCILIATION: SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.

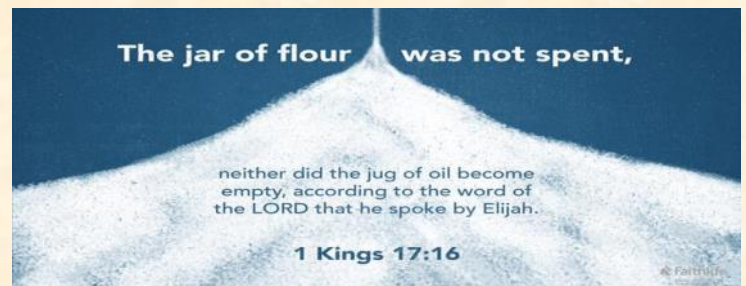
CHILDRENS LITURGY:

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-second Sunday of the Year



The reign of the Lord glorified in today's Psalm is a kingdom of justice for the oppressed. The other readings, too, all focus on God's loving concern for the poor, the weak and the powerless. In the **First Reading**, a destitute Gentile widow gives to Elijah all that she has left in the world, when he asks for help. Though she herself is not one of the people of Israel, her generous self-giving is rewarded by a miraculous multiplication of her tiny supply of flour and oil.

The **Psalm** continues this theme, celebrating God's eternal faithfulness and loving care to those who are vulnerable, bowed down and hungry. By way of introduction to today's Gospel scene, which takes place outside the Temple in Jerusalem, the **Second Reading** explains that the death and resurrection of Jesus have done away once and for all with Temple offerings and sacrifices for sin.

As Jesus sits outside the Temple treasury (**Gospel**), he teaches his disciples to be wary of people like the scribes, who flaunt their privilege and entitlement in public places. The rich and powerful have a false sense of their own importance.

In contrast, Jesus honours the humble actions of another poor widow passing by. Although she only gives a tiny amount to the Temple, her contribution is all the more generous because she is offering all that she has to the Lord. It is her example that we are asked to follow.

Let us pray this week for a generous and loving heart. May we never be afraid to give of ourselves to the Lord, so that we may bring about his Kingdom of love in the world today.

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: Patricia Sheridan, Shane Fifield, Trixie Stephens, Sr Cabrini Knott, Lloyd Kennedy, Mick Kirley, Millice Hailstone, Paul Halpin, Nance Barnett, Rosa Sargeant, Anne Mulquiney, Bill Phillips, Charles Mitsch, Jim McMahon, William Plunkett, Anna Schmidt, Mary Star, Pat Kennedy, Patrick Costello, David McEachern.

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: 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	John van Lint/Brian Waters	David Hicks
Musicians	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
Counters: Anne Gordes & Lorraine Willis		

Sat / Sun: 16th / 17th November

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Nicole Morton	Roy Thompson
Lector 1	Damian Carroll	Stuart Thompson
Lector 2	Paula Waters	Yvonne Thompson
Eucharistic Ministers	Anna Farrell Pat Hopkins	Shinead Kilroy Narelle Naughton Carey Menz-Dowling
Cantor	Judy Lindsay	Damien Parkinson
Musicians	Catherine Cutler	Val Hayes
Counters: Judy Warren & Michael Byrnes		

Prayer for Remembrance Day

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give them peace.

For the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God.

For those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss.

For peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free.

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace.

As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.

Amen

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"Church tradition has always urged prayer for the dead, in particular by offering the celebration of the Eucharist for them: it is the best spiritual help that we can give to their souls."



Parish News

Fr Martin—Annual Leave

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

We thank Fr Bernie Thomas who will celebrate Eucharist with us this weekend.

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.

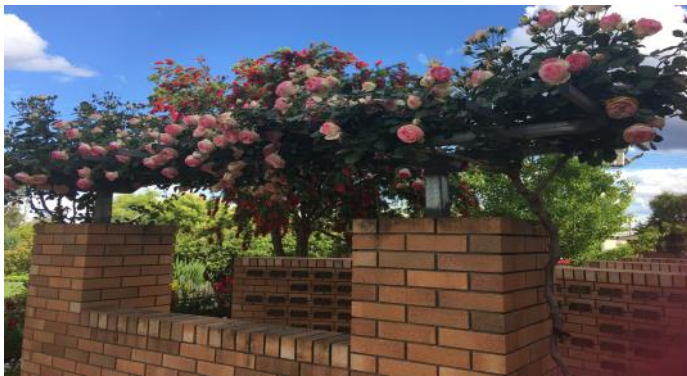
November Book of Life

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 the table at back of Church if you wish to request a Mass or prayers for your deceased family members or friends.

Memorial Plaques

Plaques in the Sacred Heart Memorial Garden in remembrance of loved ones are still available. The cost is \$300 per plaque. It takes approximately eight weeks from the time of ordering to delivery. If you are interested in purchasing a plaque please contact the parish office and you will be provided with a sample order form.



To Ponder

The women in 1 Kings and the Gospel act faithfully and without concern for their own needs (the widow in 1 Kgs even sacrifices her child's last meal for the sake of hospitality). Both widows fulfill the greatest commandments in their actions. Elijah saves the widow by fulfilling her needs extravagantly. But the widow in Mark is not rewarded, at least not in this life; the leaders "devour" her in their greed. Yet this week's responsorial psalm claims that regardless of human cooperation, God eventually "secures justice for the oppressed" and gives "bread to the hungry" (Ps 146:7). Are we also willing to give "all that we have" in order to love God and one another? And do we trust that God will take care of us?

World Catholic Mission Sunday Appeal

On behalf of the Church in Mongolia, and people like Chuluunbaster, we would like to again thank you for your generosity. Your gift is already working towards programs like the House of Mercy, which will support people that have been affected by a range of issues, such as homelessness and domestic violence.

So far our parish community has donated \$2,053.65 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.

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 this 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.

Advent 2024 Mission Event Retreat—Jesus is Coming - Time to Get Ready

Experience the life-changing love of Christ and be strengthened in your faith journey this Advent alongside many people from around the world with The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes.

Inspiring and transforming talks; Opportunities to pray and reflect; Practical strategies for impactful living; Life-changing encounter with Christ.

To help you go deeper in your prayer life and spiritual journey, you are invited to attend the **Advent Mission Event Retreat online** from 7-9th December with unlimited streaming until the end of Advent. To find out more and register, go to: <https://TheCatholicGuy.com/missionevent>

Register now on the website or for more information, email:

Parish Christmas Day Lunch

Our Parish Christmas Day lunch will be held in our parish hall from 12 noon—3pm. This 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 of the church or contact the presbytery during office hours.

We also have a list for anyone wanting to donate food or drinks or who may be able to help prepare and decorate the hall, serve food or tidy up. Thank you.

St Patrick's Parish Albury

See flyers on table near Swan St entrance.

Lightning Strikes— Saturday 16 November 9am—9.15pm 13-17 year olds

All or Nothing—An afternoon for young adults 18-35 years. 17 November 2.30-9.30pm.

These days will be facilitated by the Sisters and Lay Missionaries of the Immaculata.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: A reading from the book of Kings 17:10-16

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please,' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: "Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."' The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah. The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 145

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

Response: Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord who sets prisoners free. **R**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R**



A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 9:24-28

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him. 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 12:38-44

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the people who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

The Gospel of the Lord.