



*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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time 16/17 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

Fr Norman Banzuela (OSJ) Priest in Residence

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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-third Sunday of the Year**



As we approach the end of the Church year, the readings challenge us to reflect on the 'End Times' and judgement that follows; our own death; and the hope we have in Christ. Today's Scripture reveals the fidelity of our God who stays with us through it

all, encouraging us to remain faithful to God's love, even in difficult times.

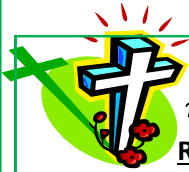
The poetic, symbolic language of the **First Reading** offers hope to those facing persecution. It includes one of the earliest Old Testament references to resurrection, where the faithful will rise from the dust to 'shine as bright as stars for all eternity'.

Jesus uses similar imagery in the **Gospel** to describe a world beset by turmoil and distress, just like our own. Jesus nevertheless assures his disciples (including us) of his constant presence and his ultimate victory. God's promises will be fulfilled: we can be confident in knowing that we will rejoice with Christ forever.

The Letter to the Hebrews (**Second Reading**) was written to Jewish Christians who were struggling with their faith. It speaks of Jesus as the perfect high priest who offered himself as the final sacrifice for our sins. Through Jesus, we are forgiven and made holy.

The **Psalm** is a hope-filled song of trust that God will offer deliverance from death. It praises God for his care and protection. *This week, let's pray for each other. We ask to follow the Lord's path of life closely, showing it to others through the way we live our own lives.*

# Parish Community



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Bob Hilton, Lloyd Charter, Leigh Torrisi, Phillip Wise, John Raines, Bernard Hore, Joan Quick, Mike Egan, Ray Allen, John Muldoon, Dianne Bain, Mark Stevens, Mary Dunne, Barry Lindner, Peter Treacy.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Terry Walsh, Rom Hayes, Christine Glennon, Jean Parker, Margaret Liston, Paul McDonald, Ellen Hagan, Les Coward, Sr Therese Esler, Sr Mary Clancy, Wally Patterson, Karen Bin, James Hollis, John Gaudry, Jean Painter, Irene Monk, Ita Whitty, James Briscoe, Frank Esler Jnr, Joyce Patterson, Hugh McKenzie-McHarg, Wally Hirst, Laurence Wenke, Gill Baxter, Brian Oliver, Ellen Esler, Vera Peric, Wolly Lawrowicz, Mary Fox, Raymond Dickenson, Frank Wyatt, George Godde.  
*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: 16th / 17 November**

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

**Sat / Sun: 23rd / 24th November**

| Ministry                                       | Vigil                              | 9.30am                                          |
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| <b>Commentator</b>                             | Justin Clancy                      | Richard Parkinson                               |
| <b>Lector 1</b>                                | Catherine Cutler                   | Shinead Kilroy                                  |
| <b>Lector 2</b>                                | Xavier Clancy                      | Sr Patricia Weekes                              |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                   | Pauline Mulquiney<br>Nicole Morton | Pamela McIntosh<br>Marisa Hart<br>Mercedes Goss |
| <b>Cantor</b>                                  | Lachlan McIntyre                   | Heath Neville                                   |
| <b>Musicians</b>                               | Catherine Cutler                   | Ashleigh Donaldson                              |
| <b>Counters:</b> Barry Pickett & Bernie Seaton |                                    |                                                 |

## Prayer for World Day of the Poor

**14th November 2024**

Generous God, we thank you:

For the gifts you have given us, the abundance of your Creation, and the beauty that surrounds us.

For the people whose lives have touched ours, for the love they show, the burdens they lift, the hopes we share.

Compassionate God, we ask you: to fill us with your love, to place in our hearts a spirit of courage, to move us to reach out to others in need.

And lead us to play our part, so that now and in generations to come all your children may share in our hope for a better world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen



## Thought for the Week ( Pope Francis):

"In everything, Jesus teaches that poverty is not the result of fate, but a concrete sign pointing to his presence among us. We do not find him when and where we want, but see him in the lives of the poor, in their sufferings and needs, in the often inhuman conditions in which they are forced to live."

# Parish News

## Fr Martin's Annual Leave

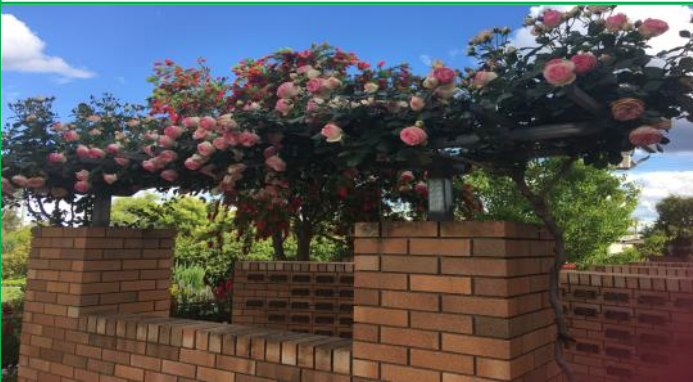
Fr Martin is taking holiday leave from Saturday 2 November until Friday 29 November.

Please contact Fr Norman 6025 1516 for priestly assistance in his 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.



## MERCY NIGHT—Friday 29 November ST PATRICK'S CHURCH 7.30pm

Open to anyone wanting to grow closer to the Lord and experience his mercy - including those who want to encounter the Lord for the first time.

Music, Adoration, Confession, testimony and prayer.  
Enquiries: Grace 0476 143 279.

## TO PONDER:

In its historical context, apocalyptic imagery in Daniel and Mark was meant to comfort people who were suffering. The promise was that eventually, the world would right itself. There was a reason to remain steady, to seek justice, wisdom and God. Eventually, those who oppressed others would be called to judgement, while those written in the "book of life" would shine brightly forever, like the stars and the firmament. As we close this liturgical year, our readings promise that Christ's coming is real and that there is a reason to live morally now. They remind us of the inevitability of judgement and the need for vigilance. Yet the overwhelming focus is not judgement but the promise that we are being "made perfect" (Hebrews) for what comes next, and that God will show us the "path to life, abounding joy" forever (Ps 16:11).

## December Parish Morning Tea—Change of Date

As already announced Ed Brown has decided to retire from teaching at the end of the 2024 school year. Ed has a distinguished career in our diocese as a talented and committed educator. Previous to his position at Xavier High School as RE Co-Ordinator and Director of Faith and Mission, Ed was firstly Principal at St Joseph's Primary School, Finley and then St Mary's Primary School, Corowa.

Always an active parishioner here at Sacred Heart we have an opportunity to give thanks for his faith filled service to the teaching profession during our celebration of Eucharist on Sunday 8 December at 9.30am. Morning tea to follow in our Parish Hall. If possible, please bring something to share.

## 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 7-9<sup>th</sup> 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: [info@brucedownes.org](mailto:info@brucedownes.org)

## 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.

**There is also a list to put your name and phone number down 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.**

## St Patrick's Parish Albury

See flyers on table near Swan St entrance.

Continuing at St Patrick's Parish:

*All or Nothing*—An afternoon for young adults 18-35 years.

Sunday 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 prophet Daniel 12:1-3**

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

The Word of the Lord.

## **Responsorial Psalm 15**

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

**Response: Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.**

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay. **R**

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever. **R**

## **Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Be watchful and pray constantly, that you may  
be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.

**Alleluia!**

## **A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 10:11-14**

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. He, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

The Word of the Lord



## **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 13:24-32**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven. 'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord