



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.

First Sunday of Advent 30th Nov / 1st Dec

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:

Tuesday 3 Dec—Sacrament of Anointing & Mass at Mercy Place Chapel—2.00pm.

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.

First Sunday of Advent Lighting of the first Advent Candle Candle of Hope



Priest: Our expectation begins now.

We begin our journey, like Joseph and Mary. We cannot see the way ahead. We cannot know what hope will come but we trust God to journey with us, beckoning along with the prophet... "O House of Israel, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord."

This is our hope as we light the first candle of Advent.

First Candle is lit

All listen or sing Christ be our Light

All: We light this candle to remember what was promised and to dream about what could be. We light this candle full of hope because we know the days are surely coming as we have seen signs of God's hope. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus may we see signs of your hope in the midst of so much uncertainty.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Rosalind Smith, Peggy Gallagher, Anne Munk, Bob Hilton, Lloyd Charter, Leigh Torrisi, Phillip Wise, John Raines, Bernard Hore, Joan Quick, Mike Egan, Ray Allen, Peter Treacy.

ANNIVERSARIES: Anthony McLeod-Nibbs, Angela Lynch, James Burke, Leesa Hammond, Margaret Power, Gerry Harrington, Anne Mitchell, Carmel Glasgow, Jack O'Rourke, Winifred O'Brien, Mary Mulquiney, Antonia Ramaekeres, Angela Leber, Mary Willis, Vera Coyle, Elizabeth Clancy, Daniel O'Connor, Jane Hicks, Herb Norman, Jack Collins, Peter Schnitzer, John Robinson, William Mulquiney, John Dyball.

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: 30th Nov / 1st December

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Colleen Day	Natalie Osborne
Lector 1	Paula Waters	Kay Morrell
Lector 2	Kaye Deanshaw	Lorraine Willis
Eucharistic Ministers	Jeneice Harding Anna Farrell	Trish Parkinson Cathy Nyhan Eamonn Buckley
Cantor	John van Lint/Brian Waters	Bernadette, Helen and
Musicians	Val Hayes	Wendy
Counters: Bethany Carey & Brian Fealy		

Sat / Sun: 7th / 8th December

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Jan Skinner	Bede Hart
Lector 1	Michael Byrnes	Roy Thompson
Lector 2	Mary-Jayne Boyd	Bethany Carey
Eucharistic Ministers	Kaye Deanshaw Pat Hopkins	Sr Siony Sue Betts Moirra Porta
Cantor	Brian Waters/John van Lint	Ed, Margie, Heath and Don
Musicians	Judy Foley	
Counters: Lachlan McIntyre & Wendy McFerran		

Advent Prayer

Lord Jesus,

Master of both the light and darkness,
send you Holy Spirit upon our
preparation for Christmas.

We who have so much to do seek quiet
spaces to hear your voice each day.

We who are anxious over many things
look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways
long for the complete joy of your
kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the
joy of your presence.

We are your people walking in darkness
yet seeking the light.

To you we say 'Come Lord Jesus'
Amen.

(Henri Nouwen)



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"Advent is the time we are given to welcome the Lord who comes to encounter us, and also to verify our longing for God, to look forward and prepare ourselves for Christ's return."

Parish News

St Clare's Conference North Albury Christmas Appeal

With Christmas approaching and the demand for our services increasing, we again ask for your support with donations of gifts (unwrapped) suitable for children to the age of 12 years; cash donation or festive food items. These will be distributed to members of our local community who are in need. Baskets will be placed at the doors of the Church during December.

Fr Martin's Annual Leave

We welcome Fr Martin back from his annual leave this weekend and hopefully he is well rested and not too broke! Fr Norman thank you for taking care of us while Fr Martin was away

Parish Pastoral Council

The last meeting of our Parish Pastoral Council for 2024 takes place on Thursday 12 December at 6.00pm in the Parish Hall.

All agenda items need to be referred to the council Secretary Marjorie Serbinek: m4serbinek@gmail.com by Monday 9 December.

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.

Trivia Night Fundraiser by Albury Young Adults

Trivia night to be held on Saturday 7 December at Holy Spirit Hall, Mutsch Street Lavington. Doors open 6.00pm for 6.30pm start. Dress theme: wear blue in honour of Our Lady. Tickets: \$20pp or \$120 for a table of 7.

For all enquiries, contact Bernadette O'Brien on 0460 698 582.



This weekend we welcome into the community of the

Christian church through the sacrament of Baptism:

Elliott Marcus Boyd

Son of Benjamin and Natalie

Parish Morning Tea next Sunday

As already announced Ed Brown has decided to retire from teaching at the end of the 2024 school year.

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 Prayer Resource—Hope Reigns

As we embark on the journey of Advent, *Hope Reigns* will help us clarify our vision, so that we can welcome anew the wonder of the Christ child who brings heaven to earth and opens the door to the extraordinary gift of life everlasting, the fullness of life for which we long.

Please take a free copy available at entrances to the church.

Australian Catholics—Bringing Faith to Life

The summer edition of Australian Catholics is available at all entrances to the church. Please take a free copy.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Murray Concert Choir will present its Christmas concert on Friday 6 December at Zion Church, Walla at 7.30pm; at St Matthew's on Saturday 7 December at 7.30pm and at St John's Wodonga on Sunday 8 December at 2.30pm.

Parish Invitational Brochure

Our Invitational brochure was launched last weekend. This is a resource we can all hand out to people who might like to come and join us for mass or any of our parish ministries mentioned.

It also has the Christmas mass times but can be handed out all year round! We hope you have someone in mind to invite, and through our community, into a relationship with Jesus. They are available at all entrances to the church.

Alpha Survey

Alpha is about making our faith meaningful and building our Parish Community. To help us decide a direction for our 2025 Parish Alpha program we are conducting a survey and would love your feedback. There are forms available at all entrances to the church for you to fill out and place in the box provided at back of the church.

Sacred Heart Parish Christmas Mass Times 2024

Christmas Eve (Tuesday 24 December)

6.00pm Xavier High School Hall

9.00pm Sacred Heart Church

Christmas Day (Wednesday 25 December)

9.30am Sacred Heart Church

Roster for Christmas Eve (9pm) & Christmas Day (9.30am) is available for you to put your name down on table at Swan Street entrance.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: From the prophet Jeremiah 33:14-16

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time,
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,
who shall practice honesty and integrity in the land.
In those days Judah shall be saved
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.
And this is the name the city will be called:
The-Lord-our-integrity.’
The Word of the Lord



Responsorial Psalm 24

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

Response: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **R**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **R**

His ways are faithfulness and love
For those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord’s friendship is for those who
revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. **R**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Finally, then, brothers and sisters, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

‘But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’ The Gospel of the Lord