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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.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8th / 9th February 2025

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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Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable People:

<https://wagga.catholic.org.au/safeguarding-children-vulnerable-people/>



However unworthy we may feel or believe ourselves to be, God sees beyond this, and is inviting each of us without exception to live a fulfilled life in the flow of his bountiful love. In the Temple, Isaiah experiences a vision of the wonder of God and is overcome with self-doubt and self-criticism. Despite this, he is given a blessing and told his sins are forgiven. His response is immediate: ‘Here I am! Send me!’ (**First Reading**) In a similar way, when Simon Peter first meets Jesus (**Gospel**), he is overcome with a sense of worthlessness and sinfulness in the presence of the unsought bounty of God. Jesus’ response is to gently but firmly tell Simon (and us): ‘Do not be afraid, just follow’. And Simon Peter does. St Paul, writing to the Corinthians (**Second Reading**), is all too aware of his shortcomings to proclaim the Gospel, given his past life as a persecutor of Christians. But with God’s grace, he gladly accepts that he is called to follow Christ and preach the Good News. We can easily imagine that Paul and the Apostles prayed this week’s **Psalm** with joyful thanks, as they experienced the unconditional love of God. Let us join them in praying it with gratitude too.

As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year, we pray for the grace to see beyond the limitations that we set upon ourselves. We ask to glimpse the beauty and potential that God sees within us and calls us to share with the world. Let us encourage and support each other to answer God’s call to bring hope-filled justice and peace, wherever it is needed.

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 is held every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 7.00pm in the parish hall.

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Patricia Smyth, Kevin Kernaghan, Nonee Reis, Fr Jim McGee, Alfred Brunner, Barbara Matthews, Esther Fair, Lucia Fornasiero, Fr Tony Loth, John Hogan, Richard Toole.

ANNIVERSARIES: Wilma Friedlieb, Richard Kennedy, Matthew Griffiths, Alice Frauenfelder, Pauline Blissett, Kath Dowling, Alma Whitehead, Alan Gray, Sadie Berkley, Des Healy, George Dalahunty, Les Bingham, Arthur Campbell, Shirley Pantling, Herbert O'Callaghan, Catherine McCormack, Alice Butler, Birute Valys, Stephen Ratcliffe, Claude Jones, Edith Ryan, John Gogoll, John Powell, Matthew O'Brien, Bill Gibbs.

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: 8th / 9th February

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Adrian Mitchelhill	Richard Parkinson
Lector 1	Xavier Clancy	Roy Thompson
Lector 2	Catherine Cutler	Brigita Serbinek
Eucharistic Ministers	Shinead Kilroy Pauline Mulquiney	Trish Parkinson Sandra Temple Pamela McIntosh
Cantor	Judy Lindsay	Damien Parkinson
Musicians	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
Counters: Anne Gordes & Lorraine Willis		

Sat / Sun: 15th / 16th February

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Colleen Day	Ed Brown
Lector 1	Paula Waters	Kay Morrell
Lector 2	Jan Skinner	Samuel Serbinek
Eucharistic Ministers	Adrian Mitchelhill Michael Regan	Sue Betts, Gemma Whitehead Dianne Treacy
Cantor	John van Lint/Brian Waters	Heath Neville
Musicians	Judy Foley	Ashleigh Donaldson
Counters: Judy Warren & Michael Byrnes		

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of
the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from
within both humanity and the whole
cosmos in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil
vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"...we need his word: so that we can hear, amid the thousands of other words in our daily lives, that one word that speaks to us not about things, but about life."



Parish News

Jubilee Year of Hope

Welcome to the warm weather of February, to all those beginning the school year, and to you our regular and new parishioners.

If you are new to our parish you are most welcome. Please take the opportunity to introduce yourself to myself (Fr Martin) before or after mass. If you are already a regular parishioner here at Sacred Heart please introduce yourself to those near or around you in the pews, as we celebrate our 70th Year as the parish community of Sacred Heart, North Albury.

Being pilgrims of hope in the world

St Mary of the Cross Mackillop used to say: 'We are but travellers here.' For the 2025 Jubilee Year, Pope Francis invites us to reflect on what it means to be pilgrims of hope: a people who are not only travellers here but walking in joyful anticipation of 'the heavenly goal to which we have been called' (SNC §25).

Pope Francis believes that, in today's world, hope suffers; that too many people have been robbed by cynicism and despair. During Jubilee 2025, he wants everyone to have 'an intense experience of the love of God that awakens in hearts the sure hope of salvation in Christ' (SNC §6). Only this hope—born from knowing that nothing can separate us from God's love (Rom 8:35-39)—can breathe life back into weary souls.

This hope is not optimism. It is not a forced positivity in the face of hardship and evil. It is a grace from God, a trust in the Lord's promises: that he is good, that he is merciful, and that we are journeying towards the one who says, 'Look, I am making everything new' (Rev 21:5)

Blessing and Lighting of Jubilee Candle

Sacred Heart Parish:

- A community of faith
- A community of vision
- A community of tolerance
- A community in love with God.

Response: In all that we celebrate, God is with us.

Sacred Heart Parish:

- A community of welcome
- A community of compassion
- A community of service
- A community of prayer

Response: In all that we celebrate, God is with us.

Sacred Heart Parish:

- A community that recognizes the dignity and equality of all people
- A community of outreach to the sick, marginalized and needy
- A community of hope
- A community that dares to be different

Response: In all that we celebrate, God is with us.

Parish Noticeboard

A parish noticeboard is located near the Sacred Heart window. Please contact the parish office before placing material which advertises upcoming events, groups and services.

Welcome to Ben Griffin—Principal, St Anne's Primary School

Ben Griffin joins our community as the new Principal of St Anne's Primary School. He joins us from Sacred Heart Primary School and Parish, Yarrowonga, where he was Deputy Principal for the last six years.

Ben is married to Georgia who is also a teacher and has three beautiful daughters, Olivia (6), Maeve (4) and Harriet (8 months).

He is originally from Wangaratta but has lived and taught across north east and central Victoria and London. Ben is very excited to be starting his Principal journey with St Anne's and to be joining the Sacred Heart Parish.

Film Screening—"The Great Warning"

Synopsis: In a world where the inexplicable becomes reality, this documentary immerses us in the impactful experiences of people from different countries, unknown to each other but united by a common destiny. Through dramatic and gripping accounts, these individuals reveal that they have lived through supernatural encounters linked to ancient prophecies and biblical passages. Their testimonies, filled with mystery and wonder, converge in an alarming revelation: an event of unimaginable proportions is about to occur and will change the course of humanity forever. This documentary film invites us to question our perception of reality and warns us of an imminent future we cannot ignore.

You Tube Trailer <https://youtu.be/S6XOtPoV42M>

Tickets can be purchased by accessing the website: <http://fan-force.com/screenings/the-great-warning-regent-cinema-albury/> For further information contact Michael Regan email mjregan68@bigpond.com Tickets \$30.00. Monday 10th March 6.30pm Regent Cinema Albury. A minimum of 36 tickets must be sold for the screening to go ahead.

If the screening does not go ahead due to insufficient numbers all money paid for tickets will be refunded.

Children's Liturgy

Thanks to the initiative and creativity of Genn Hamam children's liturgy is offered in Sacred Heart Parish community each second and fourth Sunday of the month during school terms within our celebration of 9.30am Mass.

So that the responsibility does not rely solely on her shoulders we are looking to build up a group of parents/parishioners to support her in this role and lead our children in worship / reflection. All materials provided.

For further details please contact Genn: gennwhelton@hotmail.com or our parish office.

Father/Son Bible Study

A father and son bible study group takes place each first Thursday of the month at 7.00pm in St Patrick's Albury Slattery Centre. For all enquiries please contact Sean Lee on 0499 001 653.



This weekend we welcome into the community of the Christian church through the

sacrament of Baptism:

Tylan Lucas Milham son of Kane and Shanice

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: From the prophet Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out one to another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged'. Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me'.
The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm 137

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

Response: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

I thank you, Lord with all my heart,
You have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **R**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **R**

All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways;
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **R**

You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **R**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 5:1-11

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch'. 'Master,' Simon replied, 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man'. For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men and women you will catch'. Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him. The Gospel of the Lord.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15:1-11 (Shorter Form)

In the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James and then to all the apostles and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. But what matters is that I preach what they preach and this is what you all believed. The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord

and I will make you fishers of my people

Alleluia!