



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.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 15th / 16th 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.

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



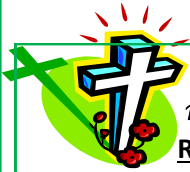
The theme of this Sunday's readings can be summarised in two words: happiness and trust. Looking for happiness has always been at the core of people's preoccupations. In the **First Reading**, Jeremiah tells his audience that they need to make a clear choice: they either trust only in people, or only in God. With striking images from nature, Jeremiah contrasts dry, wild wastelands with a luxurious tree growing by the waterside.

Using similar imagery, the Psalm makes the same point: trusting in the Lord will bring happiness. It starts with a 'beatitude' which is also at the core of the Gospel, this year read in Luke's version. Luke's Beatitudes are shorter than those in Matthew's Gospel, and also include warnings for those who have made the wrong choices: 'Alas for you ...'

For Paul in the **Second Reading**, it is Christ's resurrection which is the source of our hopes and happiness. If he had not risen, we would have remained the most unfortunate of all people.

So our prayer this week may well centre around the choices we have made, do make, and will make, as we try to find happiness – not just for ourselves, but also for those around us or for the world at large. We can perhaps also ask the Lord for greater trust in him.

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Mathey, Scott Howard, 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: Arthur & Pat Scott, Wilma Friedlieb, Mary Keane, Angela Muntz, Val Garland, Eileen James (Keogh), Vin Griffiths Snr, Hubert Newhauser, Sr Jean Murray, Noel Flanagan, Drago Hanzic, Jane Student, James Mallay, Claude Gilson, Keith Clancey, Harry Bevan, John Evans, Jack Gilbert, Monica Bayley, David Rodgers, Barney Frauenfelder, Kylie Evans, Ena Gale, Connie Murphy, Glen McConville, Michael Jones, Aileen Sheahan, Peter Rothe, Matthew Hartwig, Eileen Duck, Maurice Higgins.
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: 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		

Sat / Sun: 22nd / 23rd February

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Michael Byrnes	Bede Hart
Lector 1	Mary-Jayne Boyd	Liz Phegan
Lector 2	Shinead Kilroy	Bethany Carey
Eucharistic Ministers	Kaye Deanshaw Pat Hopkins	Pamela McIntosh Carey Menz-Dowling Cathy Nyhan
Cantor	Brian Waters/John van Lint	Bernadette, Helen and
Musicians	Val Hayes	Wendy
Counters: Barry Pickett & Bernie Seaton		

Holy Spirit Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth.
Lord,
by the light of the Holy Spirit you have taught the hearts of your faithful.
In the same Spirit help us to relish what is right and always rejoice in your consolation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



**"Hope does not disappoint" (Rom 5:5),
but strengthens us in times of trial**

**WORLD DAY
OF THE SICK 2025**



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.

LOGO

The logo shows four stylised figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples. The figure at the front is holding onto the cross. It is not only the sign of the faith which this lead figure embraces, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need. There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolising the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. Often the circumstances of daily life and events in the wider world require a greater call to hope. That's why we should pay special attention to the lower part of the cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into the waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. In maritime jargon the 'anchor of hope' refers to the reserve anchor used by vessels involved in emergency manoeuvres to stabilise the ship during storms. It is worth noting that the image illustrates the pilgrim's journey not as an individual undertaking, but rather as something communal, marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the cross. The cross in the logo is by no means static, but it is also dynamic. It bends down towards humanity, not leaving human beings alone, but stretching out to them to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope. At the bottom of the logo is the motto of the 2025 Jubilee Year: Peregrinantes in Spem (Pilgrims in hope), represented in green letters.



Sacred Heart Footy Tipping Competition

The Opening Round of the 2025 AFL season kicks off on Thursday 6 March. Cost of participation \$24.

Please think of joining us in this leviathan battle between club loyalty, football knowledge and sheer luck.

The competition will once again be run through the parish office with selections needing to reach us before the beginning of each round via email/phone/snail mail box.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE 2025

The service for the North Albury area for this year will be celebrated at St James Anglican Church, Cnr Herriot/Schneider Sts, Lavington on Friday 7 March at 10.00am. Followed by morning tea (BYO plate to share).

All Welcome.

This prayer service is celebrated in 170 countries around the world and this year the service has been prepared by the Women of The Cook Islands.

St Vincent de Paul—Commissioning Ceremony

Anthony Foley will be commissioned as the St. Vincent de Paul Central Council President for the Wagga Wagga Diocese during our celebration of the Eucharist this Saturday evening. We welcome Peter Houweling, State Council President and all Vincentians for this important rite of blessing.

Congratulations, Pat l'Anson

Pat celebrated the milestone of her 90th birthday last Wednesday. Her vibrant personality, innate kindness and deep faith adds much to the life our parish community. We wish you every blessing, Pat.

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 **0419 982 574**. 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.

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, Yarrawonga, 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.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: From the prophet Jeremiah 17:5-8

The Lord says this: 'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited.

A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought and never ceases to bear fruit.' The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 1:1-4

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

Response: Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorner,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord.
and who ponders his law day and night. **R**

He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due time
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper. **R**

Not so the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **R**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven.

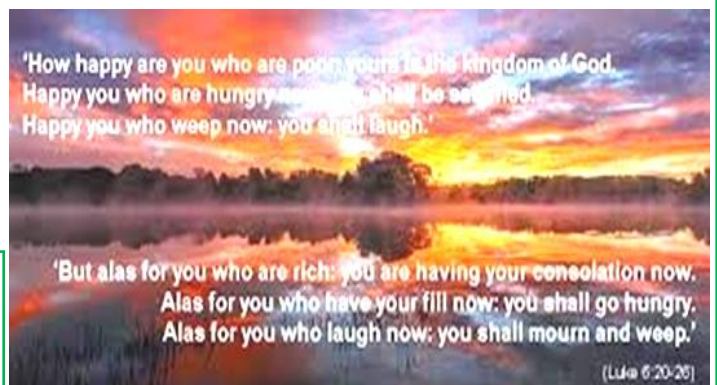
Alleluia!

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

The word of the Lord.



A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 6:17, 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.' The Gospel of the Lord.