



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.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 22nd / 23rd Feb 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

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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:

NO MASS WEDNESDAY

Thursday 27 February—Opening School Mass St Anne's Primary School Hall—9.30am

Friday 28 February—9.30am Includes Sacrament of Anointing & shared morning tea afterwards in the parish hall.

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 readings this week encourage us to be compassionate, towards ourselves, towards others, and in all that we do. In the First Reading, we see how David does not give way to revenge when he finds Saul asleep, vulnerable and under his power. David has a choice, and acts with loyalty and restraint. Saul has persecuted him, but David now spares his life because Saul is the Lord's anointed one.

The Psalm is a song of praise, describing with gratitude God's own compassion and love towards all of his children. St Paul (Second Reading) teaches us that although we are earthly by nature, by modelling ourselves on Christ, the second Adam, we receive his life-giving spirit.

All the readings prepare us for Jesus' challenging teaching in the Gospel. Jesus encourages us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hurt us, to lend without expecting a reward, to love without counting the cost. This is the way Jesus and his Father love us.

As we ponder these texts as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year, we may wish to pray particularly for a spirit of reconciliation and forgiveness in our own lives, our communities, our country, and in all the situations of war, strife, injustice and suffering in our world.

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Max Vogel, John Mathey, Scott Howard, Patricia Smyth, Kevin Kernaghan, Nonee Reis, Fr Jim McGee, Alfred Brunner Barbara Matthews, Esther Fair, Lucia Fornasiero, Fr Tony Loth.

ANNIVERSARIES: Ruth Shanahan, Patrick Nightingale, Margot Murray, Jan Hodge, Arnold Fletcher, Mary Corrin, Robert McIntosh, Fr Gerry Iverson, Ethel Herbert, Kath Dowling, Savina Patten, Megan O'Donoghue, Margaret Morgan, Alexander Irvine, Colin Watson, Arnold Russel, Marie Mulligan, Keith Clancey, John Drewe, Roy Mee, Hazel Richardson, Noreen Coyle, Marilyn Pullen, Nancy Flynn, Laszio Rhedey, Dinny Grentell, May Jones.

Gather our loved ones into your arms. Quiet our doubt and anger and send us your healing grace. Through Christ our Lord.



This weekend we welcome into the community of the Christian church through the sacrament of Baptism:

Anna Ailsa Behrends and Charley Robert Behrends Children of Luke and Laura

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 22nd / 23rd February

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Colleen Day	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 Musicians	Brian Waters/John van Lint Val Hayes	Bernadette, Helen and Wendy
Counters: Barry Pickett & Bernie Seaton		

Sat / Sun: 1st / 2nd March

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Justin Clancy	Mercedes Goss
Lector 1	Kaye Deanshaw	Sr Carina Morton
Lector 2	Xavier Clancy	Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers	Jeneice Harding Nicole Morton	Eamonn Buckley Sr Siony Marisa Hart
Cantor Musicians	Judy Lindsay	Bob Mathews Val Hayes
Counters: Bethany Carey & Brian Fealy		

Parish Prayer

God of Love, Source of all hope and good things; You call us in love, to share in the work and ongoing life of our Sacred Heart Parish.

Bless this parish of ours and lead us to be confident and joyful in serving those around us, so that through us, the world may catch a glimpse of the love you have for each one of us.

Make us instruments of your love to everyone that we encounter in our parish community, at home, at work and in our neighbourhood.

Help us to grow in gratitude so that we can recognise and thank you for all the good things you have given us.

Each day may we come to know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"Kindness is firm and persevering intention to always will the good of others, even the unfriendly."



Parish News

TO PONDER:

Our readings invite us to a radical reorientation of perspective. In the Gospel, when Jesus calls his followers to “hear,” he means not only to listen but to act. To “hear” is to act always with mercy and love, even in response to such things as hatred, violence, and judgment. This is a daily lesson and choice. Daily, we choose how we respond to those around us. Daily, we can choose to see the image of God in others, no matter who they are or how they act toward us. David sees this image in Saul in the first reading. He loved, respected, and valued Saul even when Saul wished him harm. If you examine your own life experiences, do you believe in this choice?

Jubilee Year of Hope

Welcome to the continuing 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Alpha Gathering—Change of Date for March 2025

Our Parish Alpha gathering for March will be held on Tuesday 11 March at 10.00am instead of the usual first Tuesday of the month. We will continue with first Tuesday after this one off.

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.

Parish Morning Tea

Our parish morning tea for next month occurs next Sunday 2 March at the conclusion of our 9.30am celebration of Eucharist. If possible please bring something to share.

The Season of Lent

The Season of Lent begins with our commemoration of Ash Wednesday on 5 March with mass at 9.30am. Our Lenten discussion group meets for the first time on Tuesday 4 March at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall. You are most welcome to join us for prayer and reflection.

We have obtained copies of the resource ‘Start Anew in Christ’ from Brisbane Archdiocesan Ministries. They provide a scripture passage, reflection and prayer for each day of the Lenten season.

You are welcome to take your free copy and utilize its contents as a way of examining our hearts and opening ourselves to be renewed and empowered by the Holy Spirit in this Jubilee Year of Hope.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: From the first book of Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head with Abner and the troops lying round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai; 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them. David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed. The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm 102

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

Response: The Lord is Kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
All my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
And never forget all his blessings. **R**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R**

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **R**

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15:45-49

The first man, Adam as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man. The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment;

Love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 6:27—38

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead love your enemies and do good and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon and you will be pardoned. Give and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

The Gospel of the Lord.