



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.

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1st / 2nd March 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:

Tuesday—Mass of Anointing—Mercy Place Chapel 2.00pm;

Wednesday (Ash Wed) & 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 readings for today (the final Sunday before Lent) remind us how words and actions illustrate what lies in the heart of each person. The First Reading speaks of the true test of a person being what they say, and thus the importance of listening carefully to others. We also need to be conscious of our own choice of words.

The Psalm celebrates the joy of offering thanks to the Lord for the goodness he brings to those who follow his ways. In similar vein, St Paul (Second Reading) encourages the early Christian community in Corinth to persevere in serving the Lord. Paul reminds them – and us – that following the example of Jesus will never be in vain.

In the Gospel, we see Jesus using striking visual images to illustrate his teaching. First, he warns us of the dangers of following others blindly, and then speaks of the danger of judging others while not acknowledging our own failings.

Three of our four readings this week speak of the care and conditions that trees need in order to produce sound fruit. So, as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year, we pray that we may be ever mindful of the impact our ways of living can have on the natural environment. We pray that we will make good choices to protect God's creation.

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Genevieve Black, Kevin Drage, Max Vogel, Scott Hayward, Patricia Smyth, Kevin Kernaghan, Nonee Reis, Fr Jim McGee, Alfred Brunner, Barbara Matthews, Esther Fair, Lucia Fornasiero.

ANNIVERSARIES: Tony Crimmins, Philip Rolfe, Ruth Shanahan, Robert McIntosh, John Mills, Timothy Landy, Peter Gill, Billy Clarke, Ken Ovington, Geoff Frauenfelder, Pat Hagan, Grahame Ledwidge, Fr Tony Fitzgerald, Philippa Hailey, Jessie Klippel, George Devcich, Denis Maloney, Henry Carter, Milton Mulholand, Thelma Conroy, Colin & Dianne Surridge, Esther Smith, Kevin Gordon, Vic Dolenc, George McArdle, Tim Robb, Fred Brooner.

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

COUNTERS ROSTER

We need to update the counters roster in the coming weeks. We are looking for new counters to join us either on a Sunday after mass or on a Monday morning at 9.00am. If you are able to assist us in this way please contact the parish office by email or phone.

ROSTERS

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		

Sat / Sun: 8th / 9th March

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Adrian Mitchelhill	Narelle Naughton
Lector 1	Jan Skinner	Sue McLaurin
Lector 2	Michael Byrnes	Mary Hunt
Eucharistic Ministers	Justin Clancy Colleen Day	Trish Parkinson Sandra Temple Sr Patricia Weekes
Cantor Musicians	John van Lint/Brian Waters Judy Foley	Ed, Margie, Heath
Counters: Carey Menz-Dowling & John Dowling		

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

“Every human being desires communion and peace. Everyone needs peaceful co-existence. But this can grow only when we also build inner peace in our heart .”

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.



Parish News

From The Office of Bishop Mark Edwards

Last Thursday evening Fr Peter Murphy the current administrator of St Michael's Cathedral, and Vicar General of the Diocese of Wagga Wagga was appointed by Pope Francis as the eleventh Bishop of Armidale. We congratulate Bishop-elect Murphy on his appointment and pray that God may bless his life and ministry in the Diocese of Armidale. We are still awaiting confirmation of the date of his consecration, but it could be as early as 8 May. He will remain in the diocese until after Easter.

Fr Anthony Dunne (Thurgoona) has been appointed as the new Dean of the Albury-Murray region with immediate effect.

On Saturday 15 March in St Michael's Cathedral at 10am Deacon John Baptist Nguyen will be ordained to the priesthood. At the same ceremony Xavier Nguyen, Michael Pham and Joseph Hoat Nguyen will be ordained to the diaconate.

Parish Pastoral Council

Our meeting for Sacred Heart Parish Council will be held on Thursday 6th March at 6.00pm in the parish hall. Any agenda items need to be referred to the Minutes Secretary Marjorie Serbinek: m4serbinek@gmail.com

Albury & District Historical Society Invitation

The March meeting of the Albury & District Historical Society will focus on the works of Fr Patrick Hartigan whose first parish was St Patrick's Albury. The talk is entitled "Films, Faith and Fast Cars". If you are interested this will be at Albury's Commercial Club on Wednesday 12 March at 7.30pm. More details can be found at: <https://alburyhistory.org.au/meetings/>

Parish Morning Tea

Our parish morning tea is this Sunday 2 March at the conclusion of our 9.30am celebration of Eucharist. All welcome.

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.

This film is going ahead as they have the numbers to screen. Tickets are now available up to Monday 10 March. Please use the link below.

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.

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.

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.

LENT 2025 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY, BRUCE DOWNES

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed!

For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/>

Property & Maintenance

The reading room at the Mate Street entrance is currently out of action—dry rot in the floorboards. **Please do not try and access this area until further notice.**

Thanks to the Coyles, particularly Tim for re fencing the Sacred Heart Tennis Courts entrance after someone stole a number of gates.

The Sacred Heart Tennis Club ceased to exist over 12 months ago and since then the property has continued to deteriorate. Mr Bernie Sandral, the new chief operating officer of the diocese has inspected the site and has agreed to investigate alternative usage of this parish owned land which might generate some form of income for our parish in the future.

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.

Alpha Gathering—Change of Date for March 2025

Our Parish Alpha gathering for March will be held next Tuesday 11 March at 10.00am instead of the usual first Tuesday of the month. We will continue with first Tuesday for April.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: From the book of Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a person appear in speech.
The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a person is in conversation.
The orchard where the tree grows is judged by its fruit, similarly words betray what a person feels.
Do not praise anyone who has not yet spoken, since this is where a person is tested.
The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm 91

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

Response: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to make music to your name, O Most High,
To proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. **R**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R**

Planted in the house of the Lord,
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
Still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

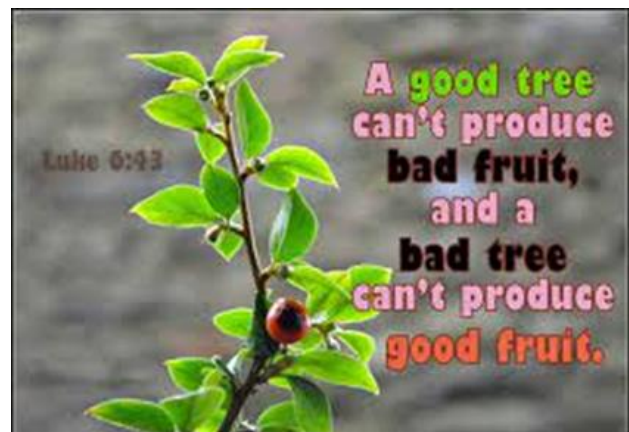
Alleluia!

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15:54-58

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

The word of the Lord



A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 6:39-45

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind person guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to the teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like their teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye", when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit; people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good person draws what is good from the store of goodness in their heart; a bad person draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a person's words flow out of their heart.'