



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 OF EASTER 17th / 18th May 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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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/>

Peace be with you! With these words the Risen Lord stood among his fear-filled followers (Gospel). He breathed the Holy Spirit upon them. With their hearts filled with joy, Jesus sent them out to bring the fire of his love to all.



CANDIDATE'S COMMITMENT:

HELP ME IN MY PREPARATION TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PRESENCE OF GOD'S SPIRIT IN MY LIFE. MAY THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVE ME THE COURAGE TO BE YOUR DISCIPLE IN THE WORLD. MAY I ALWAYS GIVE THANKS FOR YOUR GOODNESS BY SPEAKING TO YOU IN PRAYER AND BEING AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY. I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM MAKING A COMMITMENT TO PREPARE TO RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT, CONFIRMING MY COMMITMENT TO FOLLOW JESUS AND LIVE IN HIS LIGHT.

**COME HOLY SPIRIT, FILL ME WITH THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE.
AMEN.**

PARENT'S COMMITMENT:

I COMMIT MYSELF TO BE AN EXAMPLE OF FAITH TO MY CHILD BY WHAT I SAY AND DO. MAY THE HOLY SPIRIT GUIDE AND STRENGTHEN ME SO THAT MY CHILD MAY KNOW THE POWER OF GOD'S PRESENCE IN THEIR LIFE. **COME HOLY SPIRIT, BLESS MY PARENTHOOD WITH WISDOM, UNDERSTANDING AND PATIENCE. AMEN.**

PARISH COMMITMENT:

AS THE PARISHIONERS OF SACRED HEART WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO SUPPORT THESE CANDIDATES BY CONTINUING TO BE BEARERS OF THE FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT—LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GENEROSITY, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, SELF CONTROL IN OUR LIVES. AMEN

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

Tuesday—Requiem Funeral Mass for Sr Scholastica at 11.00am.

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: Sr Scholastica, Claire Gould, Norma

Banzuela, Pope Francis, Patrick Scott, Fr Michael Fallon, Pauline Maginnity, John O'Keefe, Stephen Paull, John Haynes.

ANNIVERSARIES: Tony Carey, Ella Pallot, Keith Melbourne, Maria Bresovnik George Kennedy, James O'Connor, Dawn McLennan, Allan Perso, Brian Twomey, Leanne Patterson, Joseph Rudig, Muriel Tozer, Wally Larkin, Gerard Osmond, Benjamin Daly, John Lewis, Frances Fletcher, Julie O'Farrell Phyllis Hehir, Colin Mitchell, Robert McInnes, Jack Drum, George Davern, Pat Fuller, Wyn McSweeney,

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:

Archie Ellis McCleary
Reggie Joseph McCleary
Sons of Cameron and Alison

Jack William Thomas
Harvey Arthur Thomas
Lachlan Michael Thomas
Sons of Joshua and Alexandra

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 17th / 18th May

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Confirmation Commitment Mass	Confirmation Commitment Mass
Eucharistic Ministers	Michael Regan Pauline Mulquiney	Fran Kernaghan Moira Porta Belinda Shelton
Cantor Musicians	John van Lint/Brian Waters Judy Foley	Heath Neville Ashleigh Donaldson

Counters: Barry Pickett & Bernie Seaton

Sat / Sun: 24th / 25th May

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Michael Byrnes Adrian Mitchelhill Xavier Clancy	Cathy Nyhan Sandra Temple Sr Carina Morton
Eucharistic Ministers	Kaye Deanshaw Pat Hopkins	Sue McLaurin Carey Menz-Dowling Trish Parkinson
Cantor Musicians	Brian Waters/John van Lint Judy Foley	Bernadette, Wendy & Helen

Counters: Bethany Carey & Brian Fealy

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

On this day we ask for Your Spirit to bring unity among us.

Fill us with love for one another, and help us to spread Your peace and joy.

Spirit of God renew our hearts, minds, and spirits, so that we may serve You with faithfulness.

We pray for a renewed outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our lives, in our parish and in the life of the Church, that we may be strengthened and empowered to do God's work.

Help us to walk with you, Spirit of God. You are the one who produces these in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. We cannot live out these things alone; we need you to fill us with Your strength and boldness.

Help us to proclaim Your good news, and live our lives as witnesses to Your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pope Leo XIV quote

"We are often preoccupied with teaching doctrine ... but we risk forgetting that our first task is to teach what it means to know Jesus Christ."



Parish News

Conclave Election of Pope Leo XIV

Around 1.4 billion Catholics around the globe now look to a new spiritual leader. The election of Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost as the 267th Pope marks two historic milestones. He is the first Pope born in the United States and the first to come from the Augustinian order.

Pope Leo XIV steps into the role at a pivotal moment for the church, carrying forward a legacy of reform and compassion. For many years he worked as a missionary in Peru and served two terms as Prior General of the Augustinian Order. He was appointed Bishop of Chiclayo on September 26, 2015. On January 30, 2023, the Pope called him to Rome as Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops and President of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America, promoting him to the rank of Archbishop. He was created a cardinal on September 30, 2023.

Pope Leo's first words to the assembled crowd in St Peter's Square were the words of the risen Jesus spoken to the disciples gathered in the locked room. "Peace be with you" Signalling strong continuity with the papacy of Pope Francis, Pope Leo told the crowd that God "loves all of us unconditionally" and that the Church must be open to everyone.

Sacred Heart Footy Tipping Competition

Leaderboard End of Round 9. Makes interesting reading!!
60 Wendy Glazebrook; **58** Liz Jones, Cathy Nyhan; **57** Judy Lindsay, Kay Locke; **56** Fr Martin, Bede Hart, Richard Power Kevin Wesley; **55** Brian Butts, Carmel Butts, Terry Cruickshank, Joseph Kipper; **54** Coyle Family, John Dowling, Val Hayes, Liz Phegan, Ray Trebilcock; **53** L & K Michael; **52** Clancy Family, Jackson Dahmes, Anne Gibney, Paul Gibney, Judy Warren; **51** Ed Brown, Ben Clancy, Melissa Danniher, John Grigg, Richard Hickey, Jason O'Keeffe, Chrissie Trebilcock; **50** Joan Moylan; **49** Denis Shirley, Les Murray; **48** Matty Boyd, **46** Brian Millgate; **45** Genny Green; **43** Carey Family.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

Colder weather is coming and St Vincent de Paul is appealing for donations of quality blankets, doonas and sleeping bags. These will make a big difference to the lives of those suffering financial insecurity and inadequate housing. These can be left in the baskets provided at Mate Street entrance of the church. Monetary donations can be placed in the envelopes provided and returned on either the first/second collection.

Easter Water / Blessing Cards

A small container of Easter water is available for you near the Paschal Candle and Blessing cards available at church entrances. Containers that are empty can be refilled from the pottery jars.

Counters Roster

The current roster is due for renewal at the beginning of June. We are still looking for new volunteers to join us. This can be carried out on Sunday after mass or on a Monday morning. If you are able to participate in this ministry please add your name to the list at the Swan St entrance or contact our parish office.

Sacramental Information—Confirmation 2025

Bishop Mark Edwards will confer the sacrament of confirmation on candidates (usually yr 6 children and beyond) on Friday 13 June at 6.00pm in Sacred Heart Church. Parents of possible candidates not attending St Anne's Primary School are asked to contact our parish office by email or phone so that you can be informed of the process for preparation. Over the next few weekends the candidates and their parents will make a commitment to enter a period of spiritual formation and preparation at one of our parish Eucharistic celebrations. Please remember in your prayers the children and their parents and families in their commitment to continue to open their lives to the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Confirmation Commitment Masses—Saturday 17 May 6pm; Sunday 18 May 9.30am.

Confirmation Student Preparation Day—Thursday 5 June during school hours at St Anne's Primary School.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Living in the Healing Power of Jesus

On Sunday 25 May from 1.30pm—8.30pm CCR is holding a Liberation and Healing event at Our Lady's Church, 102 Murdoch Road, Wangaratta. Speaker: John Mutoya from Perth has been a part of the Charismatic Renewal for over 35 years. For more information contact Brigita 0412 042 196. All welcome.

Together in the Diocese of Wagga

May edition now available for collection.

Includes reflection on election of Pope Leo XIV and one on the TV series about the life of Jesus called 'The Chosen', by Ron Rolheiser (P 12).

Liftout on the legacy of Pope Francis 1936—2025.

Sacred Heart Parish 70th Jubilee Celebrations

Ignite Our Gifts For Future Generations

Our 70th Anniversary Committee invite all past and present parishioners, students and staff to celebrate our faith through the generations. Details are below:

Saturday 6 September Sacred Heart Hall—1.00pm History Through The Ages—Exhibition and Rotational Activities.

Sacred Heart Church—5.00pm—Mass of Celebration.

Xavier Catholic College—6.00pm—Dinner and Entertainment

Sunday 7 September Sacred Heart Church—9.30am Mass and Morning Tea. 11.00am—Concluding celebrations with the unveiling of the St Anne's mural.

Presently, we are seeking memorabilia for the 'My Story' interviews—the generations of families who have enlightened our future.

Save the Date brochures are now available for collection and distribution at the usual places in the church.

ALPHA CONTINUES

You're invited to attend our next session on **Tuesday 20 May at 10.00am** in the parish hall. Our next big question is 'How can I have faith?' For more details phone Fran 0408 268 518. All welcome.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: From Acts the Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships,' they said, 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe. They passed through Pisidia and reach Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 144

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

Response: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
Slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
Compassionate to all his creatures. **R**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,
to make known to men your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign. **R**

Yours is an everlasting kingdom
Your rule lasts from age to age. **R**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the one sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

The word of the Lord.



A new commandment
I give to you: That you
love one another; as I
have loved you, that
you love one another.
John 13:34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 13:31-35

When Judas had gone, Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon.

'My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.' The Gospel of the Lord.