



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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 10th/ 11th 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.

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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.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

As we celebrate Mother's Day, we pause to honour the women who have given us life, love, and unwavering faith. Whether they are with us or have gone before us into eternal life, mothers hold a sacred place in our hearts. In their daily sacrifices, quiet strength, and generous love, we see a reflection of God's own care and compassion. We invite you to join us in prayer for all mothers—past, present, and future.

A Mother's Day Prayer

Heavenly Father,

We thank You for the gift of mothers, through whom Your love is revealed in so many ways.

Bless all mothers:

those who are joyful, and those who are burdened,

those expecting new life, and those who mourn a loss,

those who nurture children now, and those who lovingly remember.

Grant them strength, patience, and joy in their vocation.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord,

be their guide and consolation.

Let their sacrifices be honoured, their love returned, and their hearts filled with peace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May this Mother's Day be filled with gratitude, peace, and cherished memories. To all mothers and those who mother in faith and love—we thank you, we honour you, and we pray for you today and always.

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Norma Banzuela (Fr Norman's mother), Pope Francis, Patrick Scott, Fr Michael Fallon, Pauline Maginnity, John O'Keefe, Stephen Paull, John Haynes.

ANNIVERSARIES: Jenny Howe, Michael & Hilda Ryan, Shirley Blomeley, Dorothy Bonser, Joan Skidmore, Trevor Newcombe, Kerry Dowling, Geoffrey Jervois, Margaret Maynard, Joe Vuga, Lorraine Vogel, David Purvey, Peter Maher, Norman Clear, Dominik Vildovas, Brian Cooper, Frederick John Maher, John Barber, Robert Millea, Rita Murray, Matthew Blomeley, Joan Althmeier, Betty Russell, Pierce Kelleher, Des Cornford, Frederick Serbinek, Ern Gaudry, Alan Carter, Bill Stewart, Michael King.
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: 10th / 11th

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Colleen Day	Bede Hart
Lector 1	Justin Clancy	Bethany Carey
Lector 2	Paula Waters	Mercedes Goss
Eucharistic Ministers	Jan Skinner Michael Byrnes	Pamela McIntosh Marisa Hart Sue Betts
Cantor	Judy Lindsay	Damien Parkinson
Musicians	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
Counters: Judy Warren & Michael Byrnes		

Sat / Sun: 17th / 18th

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

Prayer for Pope Leo XIV

Lord,
source of eternal life and truth,
give to your shepherd
Pope Leo XIV
a spirit of courage and
right judgment,
a spirit of knowledge and love.

By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the Apostle Peter and vicar of Christ, build your Church into a sacrament of unity, love, and peace for all the world.

Amen.

God Bless All the Mothers!

"Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates." Proverbs 31:31



Thought for the Week (Pope Leo XIV)

"Together we must try to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges and always dialogues, that is always open to receiving everyone like this square with its arms open to everyone, everyone in need,"

Parish News

Election of Cardinal Robert Prevost As 267th Pope of the Catholic Church

"The wind blows where it wills, and you can hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit". John 3:38

Cardinal Robert Prevost, the Chicago born prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops under Pope Francis has been elected the 267th Pope, apparently on the fourth ballot of the conclave, taking the name Pope Leo XIV.

The 69 year old is the first North American to be elected pope. In Rome, he was ordained a priest on June 19, 1982, at the Augustinian College of St Monica. Prevost obtained his licentiate in 1984 and the following year, while preparing his doctoral thesis, was sent to the Augustinian mission in Chulucanas, Piura, Peru (1985–1986).

In 1988, he joined the mission in Trujillo, also in Peru, as director of the joint formation project for Augustinian candidates from the vicariates of Chulucanas, Iquitos, and Apurímac.

In 1999, he was elected Provincial Prior of the Augustinian Province of "Mother of Good Counsel" in Chicago, and two and a half years later, the ordinary General Chapter of the Order of St Augustine elected him as Prior General, confirming him in 2007 for a second term.

In October 2013, he returned to his Augustinian Province in Chicago until Pope Francis appointed him on November 3, 2014, as Apostolic Administrator of the Peruvian Diocese of Chiclayo. His episcopal ordination was on December 12, 2014. 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 Peters 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.

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.

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. Donations can be left at the Vinnies shop in Urana Road.

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.

REIMAGINED—Songs with a Twist! Murray Concert Choir

Featuring some wonderful and unexpected arrangements from The Beatles, Beach Boys, Guns'n'Roses and more. Saturday 10 May 7.30pm at St Matthews Albury; Sunday 11 May 2.30pm at Galvin Hall Wodonga. Tickets—\$25 (\$20 conc.), under 18 free. Available online at Try Booking, Cinema Centre, choir members or at door.

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 INVITATION

Every day we ask so many questions. What should I wear? What's the weather going to be like? How am I going to fit everything in? But then there are those bigger questions like Why am I here? Where am I heading? Is there more to life than this? ALPHA brings people together to explore, connect, share and enhance our faith. Join us on a fun filled adventure to explore the big questions of life, faith and meaning. You're invited to attend our next session on **Tuesday 13 May at 10.00am** in the parish hall. There is still time to register.

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.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: From Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43—52

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to the synagogue on the Sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas and in their talks with them, Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them. The next Sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 99

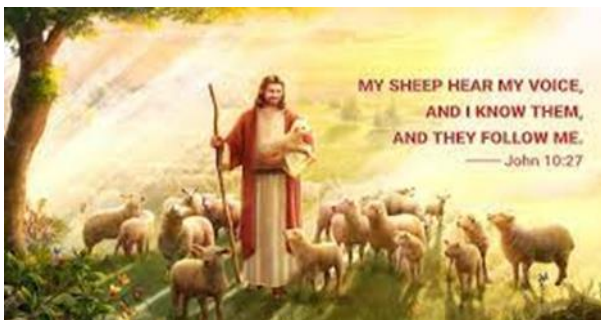
(When the Psalm is sung, the words will vary slightly but the meaning remains the same.)

Response: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. **R**

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R**

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. **R**



A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 10:27—30

Jesus said: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice I know them and they follow me.
I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me.
The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father.
The Father and I are one.' The Gospel of the Lord.

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord,
I know my sheep and mine know me.

Alleluia!