



*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 OF EASTER 24th / 25th 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:**

Fr Martin Cruickshank—Parish Priest

**Parish Office 9am-2pm**

Gemma Whitehead—Monday

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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/>

This last Sunday, before Ascension and Pentecost, we see Jesus's earthly ministry come to a gradual **conclusion**. Jesus is about to return to the Father, but his final words contain a promise (**Gospel**): through his Spirit of power, courage and knowledge (he will always remain with his disciples. Jesus is ensuring that his ministry will continue.

In the **First Reading** we see that the same disciples do not make any decisions without consulting the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who keeps them (and us today) faithful to Christ's word. In the **Second Reading**, John speaks of being carried away in the Spirit. The Holy Spirit of consolation, strength and wisdom is essential for everything. When we, too, know and feel this lifegiving presence of Christ's Spirit in our hearts, we can repeat the words of the Psalmist who praises God in all and for all.

Through the grace of this same Spirit, we are Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee year. Let's rest in that grace this week, as the Spirit makes her home in us, and through whom we receive light, blessing and wisdom to be of service to others.

### **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.

### **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



# Parish Community



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** David Dynan, Ian (Alby) Bruce, Sr

Scholastica, Claire Gould, Norma Banzuela, Pope Francis, Patrick Scott, Fr Michael Fallon, Pauline Maginnity, John O'Keefe, Stephen Paull.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Barbara Arnold, Violet Kennedy, Maureen Wesley, Joe Kolek, Veronica Croft, Margaret Miles, Mary Toon, Margaret Hayhoe, Vic O'Haire, Alan Mildren, Leslie Steward, Betty Corrigan, Charles Stevens, Anne Cronin, Sr Zita Gilbert, Les Furst, Anna Toner, Thelma Hayden, Lillian Whelan, Lena Stuhr, Francis Helm, Kylie, Luke & Ben Chant, Herb Hicks, Emily Nichols, Matthew Ward, Val Lewis, Patrick Murray, Mary Moncrieff, Ronald Murray, Mollie & Roy Jones, Harry Morton.

*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:*

**Isabella Kaye Walker**  
**Connor Wayne Maxwell Walker**  
*children of Cameron & Sharon*

**Fraser Jason Kohn**  
**Rusty Mitchell Kohn**  
*children of Ryan & Toni*

**James Anthony McIntyre**  
*son of Erin*

## ROSTERS

**Sat / Sun: 24th / 25th May**

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

**Sat / Sun: 31st May / 1st June**

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Justin Clancy	Margy Brown
<b>Lector 1</b>	Colleen Day	Ed Brown
<b>Lector 2</b>	Jan Skinner	Liz Phegan
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Jeneice Harding Nicole Morton	Gemma Whitehead Sr Siony Eamonn Buckley
<b>Cantor Musicians</b>	Judy Lindsay Judy Foley	Bob Mathews Val Hayes
<b>Counters:</b> Wendy McFerran		

## 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.

## Thought for the week Pope Leo XIV

*"God loves us, God loves you all, and evil will not prevail! We are all in God's hands. Therefore, without fear, united hand in hand with God and each other – let us go forward."*



# Parish News

## Journey Through the gospels

Bishop David Walker, the retired Bishop of Broken Bay diocese has spent a lifetime reflecting on the gospels, studying scripture and exploring how they guide Christian discipleship. Now you are invited to join him in a series of enriching discussions and reflections on each Sunday's gospel (ie 6th Sunday of Easter). This is a free presentation and can be accessed by going to: [lectiodivina.com.au](http://lectiodivina.com.au)

## Parish Pastoral Council

Our Parish Pastoral Council meets this Thursday 29 May at 6.00pm in the Parish Hall. Any agenda items need to be emailed to Secretary: [m4serbinek@gmail.com](mailto:m4serbinek@gmail.com) by Monday 26 May.

## Australian Catholics Winter Edition

The Winter Edition of the magazine Australian Catholics has arrived. Articles include Remembering Pope Francis P6—14; Apprentices of Faith P15—17; Proclamation of belief P 18—21; Understanding the Creed P 42. Please take and distribute your free copies.

## Philippine Independence Day Mass

To be held on Saturday 14 June at St Patrick's Church, Albury 10.30am. Please bring a plate to share for fellowship. All are invited. Contact: **0413 661 003; 0402 090 438.**

## Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors Roster

A new roster is being prepared for those wishing to carry out the ministry of reader/commentator and Eucharistic minister from June—September 2025.

If you are currently on the list all you need do is advise any dates that are unsuitable.

We are looking for those who are new to our parish who wish to participate in these ministries of service.

Please add your name to the list at the Swan Street entrance or contact our parish office by phone or email.

## St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

Colder weather is coming and St Vincent de Paul is appealing for donations of quality blankets, doonas, bed linen 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.

Jenny Griffiths will speak at both masses this weekend in support of the Winter Appeal.

## 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.

## Together in the Diocese of Wagga

May edition of our diocesan newspaper 'Together' is now available for collection. Please take a copy. Liftout on the legacy of Pope Francis 1936—2025.

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

## 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 Adults \$30; Children \$10.

**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 27 May at 10.00am** in the parish hall. Our next big question is 'Why and how do I pray?' For more details phone Fran 0408 268 518. All welcome.

## Morning Tea

Morning Tea next Sunday 1 June at the conclusion of our celebration of 9.30am Eucharist in the Parish Hall.

If possible please bring something to share.

## Sacred Heart Footy Tipping Competition Leaderboard End of Round 10.

**65** Wendy Glazebrook; **64** Cathy Nyhan; **63** Liz Jones; **61** Fr Martin, Bede Hart, Richard Power, Joseph Kipper, Judy Lindsay, Kay Locke; **60** Liz Phegan; **59** Brian Butts, Carmel Butts, Terry Cruickshank, Coyle Family, Val Hayes, Kevin Wesley, K & L Michael; **58** John Dowling, Ray Trebilcock; **57** Clancy Family, Jackson Dahmes, John Grigg, Jason O'Keeffe; **56** Ed Brown, Ben Clancy, Anne & Paul Gibney, Joan Moylan, Judy Warren; **55** Melissa Daniher, Richard Hickey; **54** Les Murray, Chrissie Trebilcock; **53** Denis Shirley; **52** Matty Boyd; **49** Geny Green, Brian Millgate; **46** Carey Family.



# Liturgy of the Word

## **First Reading: From the Acts of the Apostles 15:1—2, 22—29**

Some men came down from Judea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders. Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood and gave them this letter to take with them: 'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these and you will do what is right. Farewell.' The Word of the Lord

## **Responsorial Psalm 66**

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

**Response: O God, let all the nations praise you.**

O God, be gracious and bless us,  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth,  
and all nations learn your saving help. **R**

Let the nations be glad and exult,  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples  
you guide the nations on earth. **R**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
Till the ends of the earth revere him. **R**



## **A reading from the book of the Apocalypse**

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east gate there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it. The Word of the Lord

## **Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

**Alleluia!**

## **A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 14:23-29**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me they will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we shall come to them and make our home with them. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

The Gospel of the Lord.