



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.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 31st May / 1st June 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/>

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

No Mass at Mercy Place Chapel this week due to a covid outbreak.

Friday 11.00am: Funeral Mass of Thanksgiving for David Dynan.

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.



THANK YOU!

Caritas Australia would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support of Project Compassion this Lent.

Through your generosity Sacred Heart Parish has raised \$2,595.95

Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty.

Together, we are creating a better tomorrow, helping vulnerable communities build stronger futures for themselves and empowering them to break free from the cycle of poverty. Thank you for standing with us!



It's not too late to donate.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jan Regan, David Dynan, Ian (Alby)

Bruce, Johnny Martin, Claire Gould, Sr Scholastica, Norma Banzuela, Pope Francis, Patrick Scott, Pauline Maginnity, John O'Keefe.

ANNIVERSARIES: Maureen Wesley, Alan Lehmann, Judith Sutherland, Bill Hayhoe, Anne Mary Doyle, May Corrigan, Anne Dempsey, Gordon Rowe, June Taylor, Alice Fogerty, Ellen Fimister, Connie Hurst, Marilyn Smerdon, Bill Cotter, Gertrude Twomey, Terry French, William Packer, Gabrielle Williams, John Felstead, Ronald Christian, Kathy Whiteway, Harry Hay, Albert Quinlan, Terence Tame, Bob McInnes, Jack Toner, Daphne Collins, Nell Hogan, Tom Emerson, Jerry Coonan, Vera Burn, Bill Esler.

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:

Reuben Mack Elliott

Son of Fraser and Amelia

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 31st May / 1st June

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

Counters: Wendy McFerran & Bethany Carey

Sat / Sun: 7th / 8th June

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Nicole Morton	Sr Carina Morton
Lector 1	Michael Byrnes	Sr Patricia Weekes
Lector 2	Kaye Deanshaw	Lorraine Willis
Eucharistic Ministers	Colleen Day Jeneice Harding	Eamonn Buckley Sr Siony Marisa Hart
Cantor Musicians	John van Lint/Brian Waters Val Hayes	Margie, Ed and Heath

Counters: Gemma

Reconciliation Prayer

God of justice and truth.

On National Sorry Day, we remember the strength of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who have carried the burden of past policies, particularly those impacted by forced removals.

We honour the voices of the Stolen Generations, their courage, their stories, and their ongoing journey of healing.

We ask for your forgiveness and guidance as we strive to heal the wounds of the past and build a future where all people are treated with dignity and respect.

We pray for a nation where justice and equity prevail for all Australians.

May Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities be empowered to thrive, and may the disparities in achievement be overcome through collective commitment and action.

May we continue to walk together, not just in words, but in meaningful change. Amen.

Thought for the week Pope Leo

"Religious experience is an essential dimension of the human person. Without it, it is difficult, if not impossible, to bring about the purification of the heart necessary for building peaceful relationships."



Parish News

National Reconciliation Week

May we each take a moment to reflect on the Country we're on and the spirits, stories, and strength that continues to live in these lands. 26th of May marks National Sorry Day, also known as the Journey of Healing, a time to honour Stolen Generations and reflect on the deep and ongoing impacts of past government policies that removed children from their families, cultures, and communities. Immediately after this is National Reconciliation Week, which begins on Tuesday 27th of May. This important week first began in 1993 as a Week of Prayer for Reconciliation, supported by Australia's major faith groups. This year's theme speaks to ongoing connection between past, present, and future reminding us that reconciliation isn't a moment in time, but a continuing journey. Bridging Now to Next calls on all Australians to step forward together, to remember the lessons of the past, to stand in truth and unity today, and to look ahead with courage and commitment. This week is framed by two significant dates. May 27th marks the anniversary of the 1967 Referendum, when over 90% of Australians voted to give the Commonwealth power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and to include them in the census, a moment of profound national recognition. June 3rd is Mabo Day, which commemorates the landmark High Court decision that overturned the myth of terra nullius and recognises Native Title rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This legal milestone affirmed what First Nations peoples have always known, that this land was never empty, and our deep, enduring connection to Country is real and rightful.

Let us pray for forgiveness, courage, and a future where all people are treated with dignity and respect. May we continue to build bridges from past to future, guided by truth, prayer, commitment, and meaningful action.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

With the beginning of winter 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. Balls of wool are available in the collection baskets which can be used to make scarves, beanies or other items.

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

Morning Tea

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

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. 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 are invited to come along to Alpha this Tuesday 3 June in the parish hall from 10am—11.30am. Our topic is "How and why should I read the bible?"

We are holding our Alpha retreat day on Saturday 14 June in the parish hall from 9.30am—3.30pm. This is a great opportunity to experience and reflect on how the Holy Spirit works in our lives. All welcome.

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors Roster

New rosters for the months of June to September 2025 are now available to be collected from Swan Street entrance side of the church.

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.**

Sacred Heart Footy Tipping Competition

Leaderboard End of Round 11.

70 Wendy Glazebrook, Cathy Nyhan; **68** Fr Martin, Judy Lindsay, Kay Locke, Richard Power; **67** Bede Hart, Joseph Kipper, Kevin Wesley, Terry Cruickshank; **66** Carmel Butts, Val Hayes; **65** Brian Butts, Coyle Family, K & L Michael, John Dowling, Jason O'Keeffe, Liz Phegan; **64** Ray Trebilcock, John Grigg, Joan Moylan; **63** Clancy Family, Jackson Dahmes; **62** Ed Brown, P & A Gibney, Judy Warren, Melissa Daniher, Richard Hickey; **61** Denis Shirley, Ben Clancy, Chrissie Trebilcock; **58** Matty Boyd; **55** Genny Green; **53** Brian Millgate; **50** Carey Family.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: From the Acts of the Apostles 1:1—11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit. Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom of Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judea and Samaria and indeed to the ends of the earth. As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.' The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 46

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

Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,
Cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
Great king over all the earth. **R**

God goes up with shouts of joy;
The Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R**

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **R**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

It is not as though Christ has entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him. In other words, brothers, through the blood of Jesus we have the right to enter the sanctuary, by a new way which he had opened for us, a living opening through the curtain, that is to say, his body. And we have the supreme high priest over all the house of God. So as we go in, let us be sincere in heart and filled with faith, our mind sprinkled and free from any trace of bad conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us keep firm in the hope we profess, because the one who made the promise is faithful. The Word of the Lord.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 24:46—53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead and that in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirt of Bethany and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God. The Gospel of the Lord.