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*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.*

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 12th/13th July 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: NO MASSES THIS WEEK**

**RECONCILIATION: SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM**

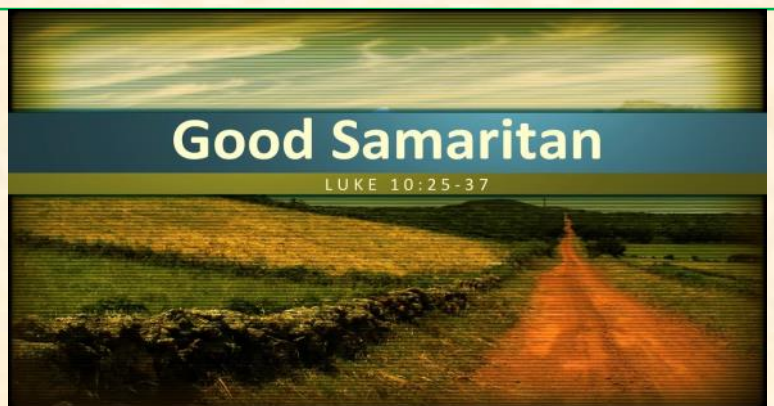
**BAPTISMS: By appointment.**

#### 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.



**Today's readings celebrate the nearness of the Lord to us.** Created through God and for God, we are drawn ever closer by peace and reconciliation. Not only that. We are also called to become like the Lord in our service to all.

The **First Reading** commands us to love, and gives us the means to do it. The law, or word, is not beyond our reach but is as close to us as our hearts. And the help and compassion of the Lord for the poor and needy can be seen by our service. It is through this that, hearts will revive (**Psalms**). The **Second Reading** makes clear that all is possible by Christ and his cross. He holds everything in being from the beginning and, even now, is drawing us together in deeper unity. Finally, the parable of the Good Samaritan (**Gospel**) gives us a concrete example of what this service, this command to love, this deeper unity without bias or prejudice, looks like.

*Let's pray, this week, that we might have renewed confidence, trust, and hope in the Good Samaritan who comes close to us in our need, that we might go out so that God's desires for all people might be seen by our loving response. We continue to pray for the peace of the world, and for all who suffer as a result of conflict and violent attack.*

# Parish Community



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** June Guy, Carmel Melton, Gustavo

Ranocchia, John Quinn (Berrigan), Fr Peter Thompson, Myrtle O'Keefe, John Warren, David Doolan, Rita Gamba, Rick Lindsay, Jan Regan, David Dynan.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Bevin McGrath, Leanna Corkery, Dorothy McMinn, Joan Kirley, Berneice Struck, Ryan Lorenzo, Bill Mathey, Daniel Moylan, Sr Kathleen Cudmore, John Bonser, Ron Sawyer, Therese Gleeson, Sr Teresa Tanner, Dave Lindner, Tom Leddin, Pat Kernaghan, Fr Michael Goonan, Cec French, Elizabeth Miller, Bernard Dick, Valerie Easom, Michael McGrath, John Dunlop, Neville Gallagher, John Farrugia, Leo Kiss, Clinton Joseph, Andrew Gregg, Nell Rodgers, Jack Mahoney, Jack Walsh.

*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:*

**Ruthie Mona Lampe**

*Daughter of April*

## ROSTERS

**Sat / Sun: 12th / 13th July**

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Adrian Mitchelhill	Narelle Naughton
<b>Lector 1</b>	Jan Skinner	Sue McLaurin
<b>Lector 2</b>	Michael Byrnes	Mary Hunt
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Anna Farrell Colleen Day	Trish Parkinson Sandra Temple Sr Patricia Weekes
<b>Cantor Musicians</b>	Judy Lindsay	David Hicks Val Hayes

**Counters:** Richard & Trish Parkinson

**Sat / Sun: 19th / 20th July**

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Nicole Morton	Cathy Nyhan
<b>Lector 1</b>	Paula Waters	Brigita Serbinek
<b>Lector 2</b>	Catherine Cutler	Sr Patricia Weekes
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Pat Hopkins Jan Skinner	Gemma Whitehead Belinda Shelton Dianne Treacy
<b>Cantor Musicians</b>	John van Lint/Brian Waters Val Hayes	Margie, Ed and Heath

**Counters:** Margaret Brown & Moira Porta

## Thought for the week Pope Leo XIV

The Samaritan is an example of compassion because he physically takes care of the wounded man. Pope Leo underlined that truly helping someone "means being willing to feel the weight of another's pain." He pointed out that only when we recognize that we ourselves are the wounded man can we truly feel compassion.

## 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.*

## The Parable of the Good Samaritan





# Parish News

## TO PONDER:

In our Gospel reading, Jesus does not answer the scholar's question directly. Instead, he returns the question, asking, "How do you read it?" In other words, what does the scholar think he must do to "inherit" or choose life? He clearly knows that choosing life means following the Torah's call to love God and neighbour, yet there is dissonance between his head-knowledge and his heart-knowledge. As you pray with the Gospel, imagine the interaction between Jesus and the scholar. Put yourself in the scholar's shoes. Now turn the question on yourself: what does it mean to you to inherit or choose life now? How does this choice manifest in your actions?

## Sacramental Information—First Holy Communion 2025

First Holy Communion for children in Year 4 and beyond will be celebrated at parish masses over the weekend of Saturday 30 August 6.00pm and Sunday 31 August 9.30am. 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.

**Rite of Reconciliation:** The second rite of reconciliation will be held in Sacred Heart Church on **Tuesday 29 July at 6.00pm** for children making the sacrament of reconciliation for the first time, their parents and families. Parishioners are also welcome to experience the gift of God's forgiveness and peace through the sacrament of penance.

**Commitment Masses:** Saturday 9 August 6.00pm and Sunday 10 August 9.30am.

## Alpha

**Our next Alpha course** will begin on **Wednesday 30 July at 4.30pm** in our parish hall with a **Come and See session**. Nibbles and drinks will be provided. Ed Brown has agreed to lead this personal spiritual encounter and you are most welcome to attend. Any enquiries can be directed to the parish office by email or phone.

## 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.

## Albury/Wodonga Prayer Breakfast—The Legacy of Prayer in Australia

Date: Wednesday 23 July at 7.00am; Where: Albury Entertainment Centre, Swift Street Albury. Speaker: Dave Pellowe a specialist in Christian political education and Director of the ministry 'Church And State'.

Bookings: [www.awpb.com.au](http://www.awpb.com.au) Tickets: \$35 each or table of 10—\$300. Email: [contact@awpb.com.au](mailto:contact@awpb.com.au) All welcome.

## St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal—Update

St Vincent De Paul's Care and Support Centre have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our Parish in responding to their appeal for donations of quality blankets, doonas, bed linen, towels, sleeping bags; as well as cash donations. These will make a big difference to the lives of those suffering financial insecurity and inadequate housing.

They've also received and started distributing donations of knitted beanies using quantities of wool that were provided as part of the Appeal.

Vinnies especially commend the efforts of our young people, specifically Xavier Catholic College students for their massive contribution as part of our Blanket Drive. Xavier's massive contribution will mean Vinnies can share with their fellow Care & Support Centre in Albury, as well as other Vinnies Centres in our district – places like Corowa, Holbrook, Jerilderie. The Border Mail ran a story about these incredibly community minded Xavier Catholic College students on Tuesday 8 July 2027. The article also cited the rising numbers of homeless persons in our community – a conservative estimate. Also, the need for recruiting more volunteers to the Vinnies Care & Support Centre in North Albury.

## Parish Pastoral Council

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place when school resumes next term Thursday 24 July at 6.00pm in our Parish Hall. All agenda items need to reach MarjorieSerbinek: [m4serbinek@gmail.com](mailto:m4serbinek@gmail.com) by Mon 21 July.

## Sacred Heart Planned Giving

Thank you for your ongoing support of our parish community in this regard. The parish is reliant on your generous monetary contributions to meet its financial commitments and to engage in pastoral, liturgical and outreach activities. If you are in a position to contribute to the wellbeing and sustenance of our parish and are not currently doing so through the envelope scheme or by direct deposit please fill out a form located on the table near the confessional or contact our parish office by email/phone. The other option is to use the tap and go machine by following the prompts when you arrive for mass. **2025/26 planned giving envelopes are ready for collection on the table at back of the church.**

## Sacred Heart Footy Tipping Competition

### Leaderboard End of Round 17

**108** Cathy Nyhan; **107** Liz Jones; **105** Joseph Kipper, Wendy Glazebrooke; **104** Kay Locke, Val Hayes; **102** Fr Martin, Terry Cruickshank; **101** Ray Trebilcock, Judy Lindsay, Richard Power; **100** Brian Butts, Joan Moylan, Bede Hart; **99** Liz Phegan, John Grigg, Kansas Michael; **98** Anne & Paul Gibney, Richard Hickey, Jason O'Keeffe, Clancy Family, Carmel Butts; **97** John Dowling; **96** Kevin Wesley; **95** Melissa Daniher, Ed Brown; **94** Les Murray; **93** Judy Warren; **92** Ben Clancy, Denis Shirley; **89** Chrissie Trebilcock; **86** Matty Boyd, Brian Millgate; **85** Genny Green; **84** Carey Family.

## Grandparents Celebration

Our special grandparents mass and morning tea will be celebrated in St Anne's School Hall on Friday 25 July at 10.15am. All welcome to attend.

# Liturgy of the Word

## A reading from the book of Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul. For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, 'Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?' Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, 'Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?' No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.' The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

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

**Response: Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.**

This my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour.  
In your great love, answer me, O God,  
with your help that never fails:  
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;  
in your compassion, turn towards me. **R.**

As for me in my poverty and pain let your help,  
O God, lift me up.  
I will praise God's name with a song;  
I will glorify him with thanksgiving. **R.**

The poor when they see it will be glad and  
God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens  
to the needy and does not spurn his servants  
in their chains. **R.**

For God will bring help to Zion  
and rebuild the cities of Judah.

The sons of his servants shall inherit it;  
those who love his name shall dwell there. **R.**

## A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God  
and the first-born of all creation,  
for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth:  
everything visible and everything invisible,  
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things  
were created through him and for him.  
Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all  
things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As  
he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so  
that he should be first in every way;  
because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and  
all things to be reconciled through him and for him,  
everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he  
made peace by his death on the cross.  
The Word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;  
You have the words of everlasting life.

**Alleluia!**

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 10:25-37

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.' But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said 'and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have.' Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one, who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same yourself.' The Gospel of the Lord.