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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.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 16th / 17th 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.

First Eucharist Commitment Prayers.

Candidates Commitment:

Dear Jesus, I really want to receive you in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. I ask you to help me during our special preparation time, to be more like the person You want me to be. When you come to me in Holy Communion, you will be with me more fully in a special way, sharing your life and love with me. Amen

Parents Commitment:

We will continue to support our child on their journey of faith, which began at Baptism. Lord, help us to give our child an example of Christian living, and help us to pass on to our family the importance of the celebration of the Eucharist. Amen

Parish Community's Commitment:

As the parish community of Sacred Heart we commit ourselves to supporting these children on their faith journey in prayer and by being visible signs of the life giving presence of Jesus Christ in our world. Amen

Parish Community

*We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially: **RECENTLY DECEASED:** Janet O'Connor, Patti Zerbst, Anthea Erdeljac, John Knobel, Joan Balsarini.*

ANNIVERSARIES: Elaine Purvey, Paul McIntosh, Max Blomeley, Tom Nash, Kim Kennedy, Leslie Gray, Julie Morey, Bernie Cudmore, Nan Doughty, Joyce Doolan, Chris Maclean, Jack Doyle, Marie Hickey, Wewrner Pallman, Montey Meyer, & Mary Mullavey.

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: 16/17 August

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Michael Byrnes Jan Skinner Catherine Cutler	Margy Brown Kay Morrell Mary Hunt
Eucharistic Ministers	Colleen Day Jeniece Harding	Cathy Nyhan Trish Parkinson Moira Porta
Cantor Musicians	Brian Waters/John van Lint Val Hayes	Bernie, Wendy, Helen

Counters: Ellen Devine

Sat / Sun: 23/24 August

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Nicole Morton Mary Jane Boyd Shinead Kilroy	Ed Brown Liz Phegan Samuel Serbinek
Eucharistic Ministers	Pauline Mulquiney Michael Regan	Sandra Temple Dianne Treacy Sr Patricia Weekes
Cantor Musicians	Judy Lindsay Judy Foley	David Hicks Val Hayes

Counters: Wendy McFerran Bethany Carey

Prayer for those Preparing for First Holy Communion

We pray for all those children who are preparing to receive the sacrament of First Communion. Please bless them with wisdom and strength as they prepare to grow in their faith.

We ask that you give them a thirst for knowledge, so that they may learn all that they can about your love and grace.

We pray that you would help them to become more like you: loving, forgiving, and compassionate.

Give them courage to face whatever challenges come their way, and grant them the desire to share your love with those around them.

Be present with their parents as they accompany them on this journey.

Help us all to appreciate the sacrament of the Eucharist in our lives and to be strengthened as we continue our journey to be the presence of Jesus to all whom we meet. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Thought for the week Pope Leo XIV

"Even today, there are many settings in which the Christian faith is considered absurd, meant for the weak and unintelligent. Settings where other securities are preferred, like technology, money, success, power or pleasure."

Parish News

Sacred Heart Parish North Albury Celebrates 70 Years!

Get ready to mark your calendars! Sacred Heart Parish is thrilled to invite you to celebrate our **70th Anniversary** on **Saturday, September 6th and Sunday, September 7th**. It's going to be a weekend filled with reflection, celebration, and community spirit as we join together for this historical event.

Saturday, 6th September

The festivities kick off on Saturday 6th September with a fascinating "**History through the Ages**" exhibition from **1:00 PM to 4:00 PM** at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Then, join us for a **5:00 PM Celebration Mass** at Sacred Heart Parish Church, a beautiful opportunity to give thanks for seven decades of faith and fellowship.

70th Anniversary Celebratory Dinner - 6:00 PM Saturday 6th September

Directly after Mass, we'll continue the celebrations at the **70th Anniversary Celebratory Dinner** at **6:00 PM**. This is a ticketed, special event held at **Xavier Catholic College**.

1. Ready to join us for dinner? You can purchase your e-tickets online at this link <https://www.greenvelope.com/share/7f23d083cc74462aa75e0dbfe7abafd937363439333332>

There is also a QR Code to buy the e-tickets which may be easier than the link.



Sunday 7 September: 9.30am Mass. Morning tea afterwards in Sacred Heart Parish Hall. If possible please bring a plate to share.

If you would like to take part as a musician or choir member please contact Val Hayes via email best4mann@yahoo.com.au or Mobile 0422 953 771.

If you have suitable memorabilia for the display please contact Michael Regan via email mjregan68@bigpond.com

Parish Office Hours for August/September 2025

Our Parish office will be open Monday and Friday 9am to 2pm ONLY for the months of August and September.

Alpha

Alpha is a tool for evangelisation that creates a space where people are excited to bring their friends for a conversation about Jesus. Alpha is just the beginning. Once guests experience Alpha, they understand who Jesus is and can start to explore their relationship with him. Alpha is a series of interactive sessions where people can explore life, faith and meaning in a safe and honest space. Alpha topic ... "How Can I Have Faith?" You are invited to join us for this week's session which takes place on **Wednesday 13 August from 4.30pm—6.00pm** in our parish hall. All welcome.

Teams: For Married Couples Teams of Our Lady



We are reaching out to local couples who may be interested in being part of the Teams movement

Helen and David Gill and Des and Maureen Loney from Teams in Wodonga will speak at our Masses this weekend to give some background on Teams

Further information can be found on the Teams Oceania website <http://www.teamsoceania.com.au/>

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**.

The Eucharist is essential for us: it is Christ who wishes to enter our lives and fill us with his grace. (Pope Francis) The word Eucharist means thanksgiving. Make a list of all the things you give thanks for in your life, the life of your family, the life of our parish community. Is the Eucharist significant in my life? How do I show this? When am I Eucharist for

Sacred Heart Footy Tipping Competition End Round 22

Last round Friday 22-Sunday 24 -Bonus Point Ben Clancy.
142 Liz Jones 140 Cathy Nyhan 138 Wendy Glazebrook, Kay Locke, Val Hayes
137 Brian Butts, Fr Martin, Terry Cruickshank, Joseph Kipper
136 Richard Hickey, Richard Power
135 Bede Hart, Ray Trebilcock
133 Carmel Butts, Clancy Family, Coyles, Anne & Paul Gibney, Jason O'Keeffe, Judy Lindsay 132 Ed Brown, John Grigg, Joan Moylan, Kansas Michael 130 John Dowling 129 Liz Phegan 127 Les Murray, Kevin Wesley 126 Melissa Daniher 125 Denis Shirley 123 Judy Warren 118 Matty Boyd, Ben Clancy 117 Chrissie Trebilcock 116 Brian Millgate

Murray Gardens Pick up

We are looking for a volunteer to pick up three Murray Garden residents to take to 9.30am Mass on Sunday. You would only need to do this one a month. Please email or call the office if you are available.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: From the prophet Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud and into the mud sank Jeremiah. Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him in to the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 39

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

Response: Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. **R**

He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm. **R**

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord. **R**

As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay. **R**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 12:1-4

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive and how great is my distress till it is over! Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

The Gospel of the Lord.