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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.

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 4th / 5th October, 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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BSB: 066 789; **A/c No:** 10000 5574;

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Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable People:

<https://wagga.catholic.org.au/safeguarding-children-vulnerable-people/>



This Sunday, our readings lead us to consider the gift of faith, to ponder our trust in a faithful God, and to ask for the strength to offer humble service. In the **First Reading** the prophet Habakkuk complains loudly to God that he does not help in the face of tyranny and oppression. The Lord's reply is to wait faithfully, for justice will come. The **Psalms** is a song of praise and worship, but also encourages us to listen to the Lord, to be open to God today.

The **Second Reading** warns Timothy never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord. He has been given the gift of the Spirit, which he must continually enliven, relying on God's power in times of trial. The disciples, in the **Gospel**, ask the Lord, 'Increase our faith'. Jesus responds with the parable of the mustard seed, and then follows on with another about self-forgetfulness and service of others. A life of faith is one that liberates us to follow the voice of the Spirit.

As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year, we pray for the end of all forms of slavery and trafficking in our world. May governments collaborate in their efforts to fight against it, and may victims find freedom and rehabilitation in compassionate communities.

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:

Tuesday Mass of Anointing, Mercy Place Chapel 2.00pm

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 Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Frank Glennon, Pat Boyd, Stephen

McLeod-Nibbs, Fr Kim Holland, Clarita Strauss, Joanne Bartlett, John Brown,
Bishop Pat Power, Nikky Phillips, Bernadette Blair.

ANNIVERSARIES: Peter Treacy, Liam O'Farrell, Edith Alvarado, Mary O'Neill,
Reece Tehan, Maureen Stirling, Betty Healy, Bessie Stephenson, Reginald
Gard, Sr Patricia O'Connor, Tony Chappell, Sr Francesca Parkin, Douglas
Tooth, Jenny McLaurin, Kathleen Yensch, Dawn Rixon, Paul Hagan, Tom
Whitty, Thomas Smith, Josephine Frauenfelder, Raymond Neal, Arnold
Corte, Leslie Grenda, Mary Powell, John Bereza, Vera Smith, Emilie
Lautenbacher.

*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:*

Riley Samuel Ryan

son of Joshua and Courtney

Jude Thomas McGlone

son of David and Alexandra

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 4th / 5th October

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Michael Byrnes	Roy Thompson
Lector 1	Paula Waters	Margie Brown
Lector 2	Colleen Day	Bethany Carey
Eucharistic Ministers	Jeneice Harding Anna Farrell	Sue Betts Carey Menz-Dowling Narelle Naughton
Cantor	Judy Lindsay	Ed, Margie & Heath
Musicians	Catherine Cutler	
Counters: Gemma		

Sat / Sun: 11th / 12th October

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Justin Clancy	Sr Carina Morton
Lector 1	Kaye Deanshaw	Sue McLaurin
Lector 2	Xavier Clancy	John Dowling
Eucharistic Ministers	Patricia Hopkins Volunteer please	Cathy Nyhan Maira Porta Sandra Temple
Cantor	John van Lint/Brian Waters	Damien Parkinson
Musicians	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
Counters: Margaret Brown & Maira Porta		

Thought for the week Pope Leo XIV

"As we begin October, the month dedicated to the holy
Rosary, I invite you to pray the Rosary every day for peace in
our world."

Prayer for Peace in the Middle

East

God of mercy and compassion,
of grace and reconciliation,
pour your power upon all your chil-
dren in the Middle East:
Jews, Muslims and Christians,
Palestinians and Israelis.
Let hatred be turned into love,
fear to trust, despair to hope,
oppression to freedom,
occupation to liberation,
that violent encounters may be
replaced by loving embraces,
and peace and justice
can be experienced by all.
Through Christ our Lord
Amen



Parish News

TO PONDER:

Faith is an inner attitude that begins with God and expresses itself through faithful service. Jesus reminds us that God implants this faith within us, which grows like a mustard seed, spreading ferociously and tenaciously. Paul exhorts Timothy to remember and “stir into flame” the gift of faith, to guard it and to be fearless in witnessing to it. Like Timothy, Paul, and Habakkuk, God calls each of us into partnership as we work to live into the promise of the coming of God’s kingdom.

Our readings invite us to ponder the quality of our faith right now and the actions we might take to remember and live into the gift of faith that we have been given.

Parish Pastoral Council

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council which will include the AGM will be held on Thursday 16 October in the Parish Hall at 6.00pm. Any agenda items need to reach the secretary Marjorie Serbinek at: m4serbinek@gmail.com by Monday 13 October. All welcome to attend.

St Vincent de Paul

St Clare's Conference, Vinnies Care & Support Centre North Albury need help at the Mate St Care Centre. Our membership is aging, and we cannot go on forever. We need new members to be able to continue our good works. If you would like to know more, please call Paul on 0401 999 915.

We will place a basket at the rear of the church for donations of carry bags as the plastic/paper shopping bags are not strong enough. Many of our clients do not have transport and regularly forget to bring bags when they come to us for food. Even double bagging them does not always work when they have a distance to walk. Thank you for continued support of our St Clare's Conference.

World Mission Sunday—will be celebrated over the weekend of 18/19 October. Catholic Mission works on behalf of Pope Leo to support Church-run mission programs around the world, and each year the Holy Father proclaims a message to inspire the focus on missionary activity for the coming World Mission Month celebrations in Oct. The theme is “*Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples*” and Catholic Mission in Australia will be directing this year’s fundraising to the Church’s important work in Zambia.

Alpha Gathering

Our parish post Alpha gathering continues this Tuesday 7th October at 10.00am in the hall. Our discussion this month is on John 20:19-23 ‘The Breath of God’. We are using the Wild Goose series each month with the hope through reflection, prayer and fellowship we discover a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit. All past participants of any Alpha program are welcome to attend.

Men’s Breakfast

We invite men from across the border region to a Men’s Breakfast on Saturday 11th October at 8.00am, to enjoy meeting with other Christian men and to hear from Ben Griffin, Principal of St Anne’s Primary School. Breakfast is at St Peter’s Lutheran Church hall on Urana Road, from 8am to 9.30am. We ask for donations to cover costs and to raise funds for CRE.

Parish Morning Tea

Our parish morning tea is at the conclusion of our celebration of Eucharist today. All welcome and encouraged to attend.

St Mary MacKillop College 2025 Country Fete

You are invited to the St Mary MacKillop annual Country Fete on Saturday 18 October at 10am to 1pm. 197 Urana Road, Jindera. Plants, face painting, crafts & gifts, cakes & baking and much more.

Sacrament of Anointing

The sacrament of Anointing will take place during our celebration of Eucharist this Friday 10 October at 9.30am.

Through the sacrament of anointing, Christ strengthens those who are afflicted by illness and those who are weakened by age. Morning tea to follow in our parish hall. If possible please bring something to share.

The next sacrament of anointing at Mercy Place will take place in the Chapel on Tuesday 7 October at 2.00pm during our celebration of Eucharist. All welcome to attend.

Columban Calendar Orders 2026

St Vincent de Paul has relinquished purchasing Columban Calendars.

If you would like to purchase a Columban Calendar for 2026 please contact the parish office by phone/email or add your name to the list at the Swan Street entrance.



In two weeks, we'll share with you the story of two inspiring missionaries, Sr Jane and midwife Kayula, who are helping to lift women like Sharon out of poverty and provide life-saving care to mothers like Grace and their newborn babies.

You have the opportunity to partner with this life-giving work, as your prayers and support are crucial in ensuring these programs can move forward.



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Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: From the prophet Habakkuk 1:2—3; 2:2—4

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, "Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness." The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 94

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

Response: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my
work. **R**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Timothy 1:6-8; 13-14

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power and love and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God. Keep as you pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands forever;
it is the word given to you, the Good News.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 17:5—10

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you. 'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately?" Would they not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty".' The Gospel of the Lord.