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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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11/12 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.

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

RECONCILIATION: SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

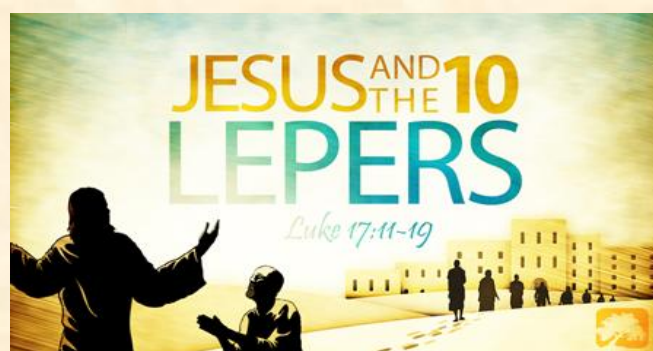
BAPTISMS: By appointment.

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.



The readings this week focus on healing, gratitude, and giving thanks to the Lord for his goodness to all of us. Following the instructions of the prophet Elisha, Namaan, a Syrian general, is cured of his leprosy (**First Reading**). In gratitude, Namaan takes home with him some of the soil of Israel as a tangible reminder that he will from now on worship the one true God.

The **Psalm** is a hymn to the universal kingship of God. The Lord has made known his salvation not only to Israel, but to all nations. The **Second Reading** encourages us to remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead. Although the person writing to Timothy is in prison and in chains, he is sure that the Lord's good news cannot be bound. Even if we are faithless, God will remain faithful. Returning to the theme of healing, the **Gospel** passage tells of the ten lepers who are cleansed of their leprosy. Only one of them, a Samaritan, goes back to Jesus to thank him. God's healing reaches beyond the people of Israel.

As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year, we remember this week all those in need of healing, whether they openly acknowledge Christ or not. We also pray for all who are ostracised and marginalised by society.

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Michael Dunkerley, Joan Plunkett, Frank Glennon, Pat Boyd, Stephen McLeod-Nibbs, Fr Kim Holland, Clarita Strauss, Joanne Bartlett, John Brown, Bishop Pat Power.

ANNIVERSARIES: Elaine Thomson, Kelley Gabriel, Charlie Kavanagh, Lindsay Beck, Lois Ferris, Bill Toohey, John Stapleton, Jack Daly, Allie Quinn, Fred Sheather, Nicholas McLeod-Nibbs, Matthew Walshe, Eileen Maher, Raymond Piltz, Andreas Christy, Shirley McNuff, Gladys Smith, Martha Wilson, Algy Arendarcikas, Arnold Quick, Leo Plunkett, Mary & Les Davies.
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:

Ari Rohan & Mia Elizabeth Semmler
children of Mark & Jacinta

Kenzi Rose & Leonard James Taylor
children of Craig & Kaitlin

Isla Rose Eysers
daughter of Jordan & Chantel

Elio Joshua Mercieca
son of Joshua & Monique

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 11th / 12th October

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

Sat / Sun: 18th / 19th October

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Adrian Mitchelhill	Natalie Osborne
Lector 1	Paula Waters	Sr Patricia Weekes
Lector 2	Jan Skinner	Brigita Serbinek
Eucharistic Ministers	Shinead Kilroy Nicole Morton	Belinda Shelton Sue Betts Pamela McIntosh
Cantor Musicians	Brian Waters/John van Lint Judy Foley	Heath Neville Ashleigh Donaldson
Counters: Anne Gordes & Lorraine Willis		

Thought for the week Pope Leo XIV

"We pray to be a church that does not serve money or itself, but the kingdom of God and his justice."

Prayer for Peace in the Middle East

God of mercy and compassion,
of grace and reconciliation,
pour your power upon all your children
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:

Suffering or illness (whether physical, mental or spiritual) elicits different reactions. It can lead to isolation and separation (self-imposed or otherwise) from families, communities and even faith. Or, suffering can lead to deeper connections with God and others. In 2 Kings, Naaman's disease opened him to deeper connections, pushing him to reach out and listen to foreigners. As a result, he was healed. The lepers in the Gospel had been forcefully separated from their communities, and they cried out to Jesus for healing and reintegration. Take time to ponder your own response to suffering. To whom do you turn in times of difficulty, pain and brokenness? How do you hear and respond to the suffering of others?

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.

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.

Alpha Program

Alpha returns after our holiday break this Wednesday 15 October in the parish hall at 4.30pm.

Parish Pastoral Council

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council which will include the AGM and a financial report, will be held this 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 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.

Funerals at Sacred Heart this week

Tuesday 14 October—Mass of thanksgiving for the life of Pat Boyd at 10.30am.

Wednesday 15 October—Mass of thanksgiving for the life of Frank Glennon at 11.00am.

Thursday 16 October—Mass of thanksgiving for the life of Michael Dunkerley at 10.30am.

Please keep the families of the deceased in your prayers.

Live Streaming

At the conclusion of our mass of anointing at Mercy Place Chapel last Tuesday I had a conversation with a resident who is 101. She religiously tunes into the live-streaming of our mass from Sacred Heart Parish each Sunday. She commented that the singing of our recessional hymn 'The Galilee Song' was like icing on the top.

Thanks to all those who continue to offer their gifts and talents so that others may find joy in their lives.

World Mission Sunday will be celebrated over next 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 October 2025.

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.

A special collection will be taken at both masses or you may choose to use the envelopes provided and return them on one of the collections.



For women like Sharon, who must choose between feeding their children or selling their crops to survive, and Grace, who risked her life traveling 160km for safe childbirth, hope comes through Sr Jane and Kayula. Through sustainable farming, Sr Jane helps women provide for their families. At the Chilonga Mission Hospital, Kayula ensures mothers and babies receive the dignity and care they deserve.

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope to the people of Zambia.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mission



Liturgy of the Word

First Reading from the second book of the Kings 5:14—17

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child. Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him, 'Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 97: 1-4

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

Response: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **R**

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **R**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. **R**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy 2:8—13

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal—but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it. Here is a saying that you can rely on: If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him. If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 17:11—19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, "Jesus! Master! Take pity on us."

When he saw them he said, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice, and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, "Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner." And he said to the man, "Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you."

The Gospel of the Lord.