



*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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*18/19 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:**

**Fr Martin Cruickshank—Parish Priest**

**Parish Office 9am-2pm**

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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.**

## **Missionaries Of Hope Among All Peoples 2025 Catholic Mission Church Appeal**

**Thank you for choosing to support the work of Catholic Mission this year, and for sharing the important and vital work of missionaries around the world with your parishioners.**

As the Australian agency of the international Pontifical Mission Societies, Catholic Mission works on behalf of the Pope to support Church-run mission programs around the world.

Thanks to the generosity of Australians like you, last year we were able to support life-giving programs like The House of Mercy and share the story of Chuluunbaatar. The House of Mercy provides a safe shelter to people in need; from people experiencing homelessness, those impacted by domestic violence and people in need of first aid services. On average, more than 400 people in need receive support from the House of Mercy every month. Without your partnership, people like Chuluunbaatar would be facing immense difficulty getting back on their feet. But there is still work to be done in many other Church-run programs around the world.

This year, Pope Francis calls us to be "Missionaries of hope among all peoples", extending Christ's love to those in need. In this spirit, we invite parishioners to support vulnerable people through the work of Sr Jane Kaputa at the Women's Cooperative, and midwife Kayula at the Chilonga Mission Hospital in Zambia.

Through the Women's Cooperative, Sr Jane supports women like Sharon whose family faces worsening drought and painful choices – selling crops for survival or feeding their children. Through this project women are gaining sustainable farming skills and resources to boost their production and generate income.

**We invite you and your parish to partner with us to support this crucial work.**

# Parish Community



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Annette Maloney, 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 Thompson, Mike Egan, Ray Allen, Craig Dunkerley, Mac Terlikowski, John Howard, Pasquale Carnovale, Lauren Flegeltaub, Sr Gabriel Sheahan, Mary Parkinson, James Murphy, June Harrison, George McIntosh, Stella Boyd, Nella O'Brien, Kate Hallam, Margaret Morrow, Mary Ann Packer, Donald Sullivan, Arthur Deanshaw, Charles Walton, Jack Clegg, Craig Jackson, Bill Murphy, John Carroll, Frank Corrigan.

*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:*

**Charlotte Rose Jeffery and  
Audrey Daisy Jeffery**  
daughters of Jack and Natasha

**Hamish William Cant**  
son of Brendon and Lillian

## ROSTERS

### Sat / Sun: 18th / 19th October

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Adrian Mitchelhill	Natalie Osborne
<b>Lector 1</b>	Paula Waters	Sr Patricia Weekes
<b>Lector 2</b>	Jan Skinner	Brigita Serbinek
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Shinead Kilroy Nicole Morton	Gemma Whitehead Sue Betts Pamela McIntosh
<b>Cantor Musicians</b>	Brian Waters/John van Lint Judy Foley	Heath Neville Ashleigh Donaldson

**Counters:** Anne Gordes & Lorraine Willis

### Sat / Sun: 25th / 26th October

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Colleen Day	Bede Hart
<b>Lector 1</b>	Shinead Kilroy	Roy Thompson
<b>Lector 2</b>	Catherine Cutler	Samuel Serbinek
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Kaye Deanshaw Anna Farrell	Belinda Shelton Dianne Treacy Trish Parkinson
<b>Cantor Musicians</b>	Judy Lindsay Judy Foley	David Hicks Val Hayes

**Counters:** Judy Warren & Michael Byrnes

## CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

Your love is boundless, and Your care  
for us is unwavering.

You nourish us with Your grace and pro-  
vide for our every need.

In Your mercy, You call us to feed  
Christ's sheep, to care for the least  
among us, and to share the abundance  
of Your blessings with others.

Awaken in us a spirit of generosity, so  
that we may respond to Your call and  
build a community of faith rooted in  
love and compassion.

Guide us to use our time, talents, and  
treasure to support the mission of Your  
Church, that we may reflect Your love  
to all those we encounter.

Through Christ, our Lord, we pray.  
Amen

## Thought for the week Pope Leo XIV

*"When I served as a missionary priest and bishop in Peru, I  
saw first-hand how the faith, prayer and generosity shown on  
World Mission Sunday can transform entire  
communities," shared Pope Leo XIV in his message.*





# Parish News

## TO PONDER:

In 2 Timothy, persistence is about proclaiming the truth of Christ even in an environment of corruption and “counterfeit faith”. The Gospel then describes persistence in prayer in a way that may contradict our experiences: in real life, persistent prayer does not guarantee that we receive what we (think we) need or want. Yet persistence can bring other, unimagined graces that may surpass our expectations.

As you pray with these readings, consider your own prayer life and what these graces have been. Some may be obvious, while others may be more subtle or even unrecognized before today.

## 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 continues this Wednesday 22 October in the parish hall at 4.30pm.

## “Ignite Our Gifts for the Future” 70th Anniversary Video

A big thank you to Susan McLaurin for planning and organizing the production of the documentary ‘Ignite Our Gifts for the Future’ which accurately captures the essence of the beating sacred heart of faith that lies at the core of our parish community.

This video that was shown at the anniversary dinner and again at the morning tea in our parish hall and is now available to watch on our Sacred Heart website. When you access our website: <http://sacredheartnorthalbury.com> you will click on to “Ignite Our Gifts for the Future” with the link underneath.

## Mercy Night—St Patrick's Church, Albury

The Emmanuel Community will be hosting an evening to encounter God's love and mercy through Adoration, Confession, testimony and prayer on Friday 14 November from 7.30pm to 9.00pm at St Patrick's Church Albury. Open to all people wanting to grow closer to the Lord—or those who want to encounter the Lord for the first time.

Enquiries: Sam 0404 306 107.

## Live Streaming

At the conclusion of our mass of anointing at Mercy Place Chapel recently 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 this 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.



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely.

**The Women's Cooperative, led by Sr Jane will provide women with the training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to ensure every woman and baby receives a safe and dignified start to life.**

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to be ‘Missionaries of hope among all peoples’, and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need in Zambia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at [catholicmission.org.au/mission](http://catholicmission.org.au/mission), or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



Freecall: 1800 257 296  
[catholicmission.org.au/mission](http://catholicmission.org.au/mission)



# Liturgy of the Word

## First Reading from the book of Exodus 17:8—13

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses's arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm until sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm 120

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

**Response:** Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains:  
From where shall come my help?  
My help shall come from the Lord  
who made heaven and earth. **R**

May he never allow you to stumble!  
Let him sleep not, your guard.  
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,  
Israel's guard. **R**

The Lord is your guard and your shade;  
at your right side he stands.  
By day the sun shall not smite you,  
nor the moon in the night. **R**

The Lord will guard you from evil,  
he will guard your soul.  
The Lord will guard your going and coming  
both now and for ever. **R**

## A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures—from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who s to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom; proclaim the message and welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience—but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The word of God is living and active;  
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.  
**Alleluia!**

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 18:1—8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town', he said, 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, 'I want justice from you against my enemy!' For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, 'Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death.'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?

The Gospel of the Lord.