



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.

***Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
25th / 26th 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:

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.

**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: Margaret Esler, Annette Maloney, Molly Hopkins, Michael Dunkerley, Joan Plunkett, Frank Glennon, Pat Boyd, Stephen McLeod-Nibbs, Fr Kim Holland, Clarita Strauss, Joanne Bartlett, John Brown.

ANNIVERSARIES: John Muldoon, Elizabeth Kennedy, Peter Freeman, Joe Hancock, Andrew Prichard, Rosa Vuga, Mary Smith, Mary Curtis, Pat Nesire, Fr Michael Hayes, Dorothy Hamilton, Francis Butler, Irene Norman, Peter Crisp, Desmond Wynack, Marie Collins, Margaret Baker, Ted Green, Beatrice Hammond, Frank Eames, Barney Oak, Jessica Stone, Leslie Rose, Jim Bowcher.

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:

Thomas James Gatt
son of Andrew and Rebecca

Oliver Pietro Britton
son of Todd and Melissa

Jett James and Remi Rose Styles
children of Jake and Chloe

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 25th / 26th October

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

Counters: Judy Warren & Michael Byrnes

Sat / Sun: 1st / 2nd November

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Jan Skinner	Narelle Naughton
Lector 1	Catherine Cutler	Mercedes Goss
Lector 2	Michael Byrnes	Sandra Temple
Eucharistic Ministers	Patricia Hopkins Nicole Morton	Sue Betts Moiria Porta Sr Siony
Cantor	John van Lint/Brian Waters	Bob Mathews
Musicians	Judy Foley	Val Hayes

Counters: Barry Pickett & Bernie Seaton

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

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

You nourish us with Your grace and provide 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

Fr Martin—Annual Leave

Fr Martin will be taking holiday leave from Saturday 1 November—Friday 28 November.

We welcome back to our parish communities Fr Bernie Thomas who will celebrate Eucharist with us on weekends in Fr Martin's absence.

If you need the urgent pastoral ministry of a priest please contact St Patrick's Albury on **0439 530 515**, Thurgoona **6088 6222** or Holy Spirit, Lavington **6025 1784**.

Our office will be staffed as usual, Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9.00am—2.00pm. So for all other enquiries please contact Gemma or Fran.

Fr Bernie has kindly agreed to help out with funerals at Sacred Heart Church as required.

November Parish Morning Tea

An opportunity to discuss your tip for the Melbourne Cup with good company and enjoyable food. As usual at the conclusion of 9.30am mass next Sunday 2 November in our Parish Hall. If possible please bring something to share. All welcome.

Together

Our diocesan newspaper 'Together' for the month of October 2025 has arrived. Of note is the article prepared by Lorraine Willis, Chairperson of Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council for the 70th Jubilee celebrations. Please take a copy from entrances to the church.

World Mission Sunday

Will be celebrated over **this weekend 25/26 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.

"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.

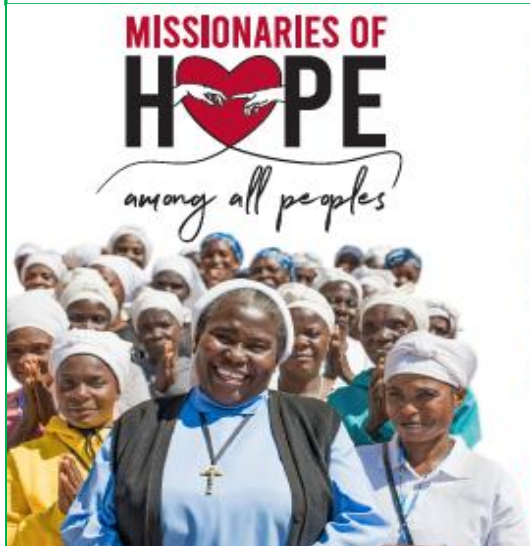
November Book of Life

November is traditionally the month to remember the Holy Souls. Our Book of Life will be displayed next weekend at the front of the church during the month of November. If you would like to add family members to this book there are sheets of paper and sleeves inside front of book.

November Mass Envelopes will also be available at Church entrances if you wish to request a Mass or prayers for your deceased family members or friends.

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.



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, 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



Liturgy of the Word

First Reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story.

The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he in inconsolable, nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 33

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

Response: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. **R**

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be
condemned. **R**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen
The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
And the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 18:9—14

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.