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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.*

## *Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time 15th / 16 November 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:**

**NO masses this Wednesday or Friday**

**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.



**As we come closer to the end of the liturgical year, the Church encourages us to look at our world, at the passage of time, and to ponder how we respond in trust to God's faithfulness.**

In the **First Reading**, the prophet Malachi speaks of the end of time, the great day of the Lord. There will be punishment for the arrogant and evil-doers, but those who respect the Lord will experience healing like the warming rays of the sun. The **Psalm** celebrates the coming of the Lord to judge, not in fear but with joy and praise. St Paul (**Second Reading**), giving himself as a model, advises on how to live as we wait for the coming of the Lord. We are to work quietly and conscientiously in and for the community. We should not give up and become idle or lazy.

Jesus, in the **Gospel**, predicts the destruction of the Temple and other catastrophic events, as well as persecution and betrayal. He tells his disciples not to be afraid: this is not the end of the world, and he also promises to care for them. Their endurance will win them their lives.

***As Pilgrims of Hope, today's readings lead us to ponder what hope means for us as we consider the tragedies in our world. God will not abandon us.***

# Parish Community



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Matthew Borg, Carolyn Wenke,

Maureen Rourke, Margaret Esler, Annette Maloney, Molly Hopkins, Michael Dunkerley, Frank Glennon, Pat Boyd.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Rom Hayes, John Keane, Christine Glennon, Shane Fifield, Jean Parker, Margaret Liston, Paul McDonald, Sr Cabrini Knott, Ellen Hagan, Les Coward, Sr Therese Esler, Sr Mary Clancy, Wally Patterson, Karen Bin, James Hollis, John Gaudry, Ita Whitty, Frank Esler Jnr, Joyce Patterson, Paul Halpin, Wally Hirst, Nance Barnett, Gill Baxter, Brian Oliver, Ellen Esler, Anne Mulquiney, Bill Phillips, Vera Peric, Wolly Lawrowicz, Mary Fox, Raymond Dickenson, Frank Wyatt, Bob Thompson, George Godde.

*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: 15th / 16th November**

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Michael Byrnes	Natalie Osborne
<b>Lector 1</b>	Mary-Jayne Boyd	Brigita Serbinek
<b>Lector 2</b>	Colleen Day	Narelle Naughton
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Jan Skinner Pauline Mulquiney	Fran Kernaghan Gemma Whitehead Trish Parkinson
<b>Cantor Musicians</b>	Ann McIntyre Judy Foley	Ed, Margie and Wendy
<b>Counters:</b>		

**Sat / Sun: 22nd / 23rd November**

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Adrian Mitchelhill	Sr Carina Morton
<b>Lector 1</b>	Nicole Morton	Samuel Serbinek
<b>Lector 2</b>	Paula Waters	Liz Phegan
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Colleen Day Shinead Kilroy	Dianne Treacy Moiria Porta Sue McLaurin
<b>Cantor Musicians</b>	Brian Waters/John van Lint Catherine Cutler	Damien Parkinson Val Hayes
<b>Counters:</b>		

## Thought for the week Pope Leo XIV

"The Jubilee we are now celebrating helps us to realize that hope is a constant source of joy, whatever our age. When that hope has also been tempered by fire over the course of a long life, it proves a source of deep happiness."

## Prayer for

## Our Sacred Heart Parish

*God of Love, Source of all hope and good things;*

*You call us in love, to share in the work and ongoing life of our Sacred Heart Parish.*

*Bless this parish of ours and lead us to be confident and joyful in serving those around us, so that through us, the world may catch a glimpse of the love you have for each one of us.*

*Make us instruments of your love to everyone that we encounter in our parish community, at home, at work and in our neighbourhood.*

*Help us to grow in gratitude so that we can recognise and thank you for all the good things you have given us.*

*Each day may we come to know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly.*

*Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*





# Parish News

## TO PONDER:

God's final intervention in this world can be viewed as a threat or a promise. For some of us (perhaps most of us!), passages such as the ones we read this week can be terrifying. If this is the case, we might try reorienting our perspective. For those who persevere in faith, God's intervention is not a threat but a promise, one that is meant to bring comfort and inspire hope in the midst of our present reality. As we prepare for the coming of Advent, our readings invite us to reorient our perspective on Christ's coming and to prepare the way by meaningfully rooting our lives in and toward this promise: in thought, in prayer, and in action.

## Australian Catholics

This summer edition of Australian Catholics looks at the various ways in which sport and faith intersect. During the Jubilee of Sport, held in Rome as part of the Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Year, Pope Leo said in a mass that sports challenge 'us to relate to others and with others, not only outwardly, but also, and above all, interiorly'. He said sports were more than just about physical achievements. Rather, they require athletes to give of themselves for others - 'for our personal improvement, for our athletic supporters, for our loved ones, our coaches and colleagues, for the greater public, and even for our opponents'. Please take a copy from entrances to the church.

## Sacred Heart Parishioners Christmas Lunch

A gathering of parishioners who are at a loose end or won't have the company of family will take place on Christmas Day in our Parish Hall for lunch. If you would like to attend please contact the parish office by email or add your name and contact details to the list at the Swan Street entrance.

## Gap Year with Purpose—International Volunteering

Palms International Volunteering has structured gap year placements in Cambodia and Timor-Leste, starting February 2026. This isn't just travel—it's real basic youth work experience with communities that have specifically requested support. Discover Palms International Volunteering online in these two special sessions where you will hear how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities in our Southeast Asian region.

**1st Session:** Thursday 4 December 2025, 6pm or 9pm

**2nd Session:** Monday 8 December 2025, 7.30pm-8.30pm

Please register at [palms.org.au/events](https://palms.org.au/events) or phone **02 9560 5333** for more info. Flyer on noticeboard at back of church

## Together

Our diocesan newspaper 'Together' for the month of November has arrived. Please take a copy from church entrances.

## 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.

## 2025 Parish Mass Attendance Count

The Bishops Office has requested that a count of weekend mass attendance be carried out over the first **4 weekends of November**—2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd November in all parish communities of the diocese.

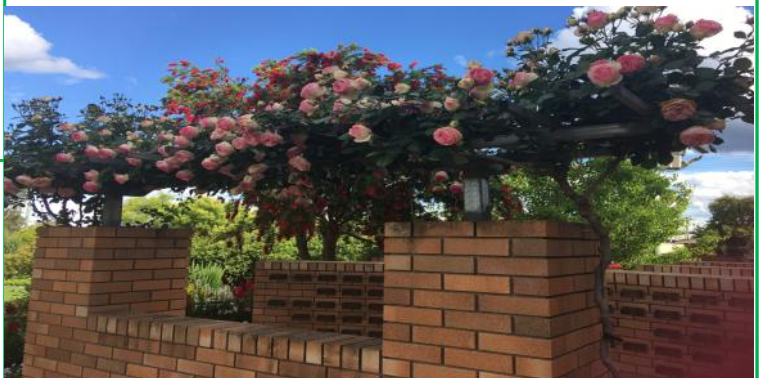
Someone has been assigned to do a silent count after the collections have been taken up over those weekends.

## November Book of Life

November is traditionally the month to remember the Holy Souls. Our Book of Life is displayed 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.

## Memorial Plaques



**Plaques in the Sacred Heart Memorial Garden in remembrance of loved ones are still available. The cost is \$320 per plaque. It takes approximately eight weeks from the time of ordering to delivery. If you are interested in purchasing a plaque please contact the parish office and you will be provided with a sample order form.**

## Spring Open Gardens—St Patrick's Church Albury

On November 29 St Patrick's is holding a *Spring Open Garden* as a fundraiser for their parish hall. (10am to 3pm).

All welcome.

# Liturgy of the Word

## **First Reading: From the prophet Malachi 3:19—20**

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.  
The word of the Lord.

## **Responsorial Psalm 97**

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

**Response: The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.**

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp  
with the sound of music..

With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
acclaim the King, the Lord. **R**

Let the sea and all within it, thunder;  
the world and all its peoples.

Let the rivers clap their hands  
and the hills ring out their joy  
at the presence of the Lord. **R**

For the Lord comes,  
he comes to rule the earth.  
He will rule the world with justice  
and the peoples with fairness. **R**

## **A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 3:7—12**

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow. We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.  
The word of the Lord

## **Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Lift up your heads and see;  
your redemption is near at hand.  
**Alleluia!**

## **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 21:5—19**

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another; everything will be destroyed.' They put to him this question; 'Master, when will this happen, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived', he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, people will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

The Gospel of the Lord.