



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.

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA *8th / 9th 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.

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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/>



In the words of Pope Benedict XVI (9 November 2008):

'Today's feast celebrates a mystery that is always relevant: God's desire to build a spiritual temple in the world, a community that worships him in spirit and truth' (cf. John 4: 23–24).

The Basilica of St John Lateran was the first to be built after the edict (313) of Emperor Constantine, and is the ecclesiastical seat of the Bishop of Rome. As a result, it is called 'the mother and head of all the churches of the city and the world'.

The readings for today's feast recall an essential truth: the temple of stones is but a symbol of the living Christian community which, baptised in life-giving waters (**First Reading**), gives joy to God's city (**Psalm**).

In the era of the new Passover covenant, there is no temple building other than that of the Christian community, in whom the Spirit of Christ lives (**Second Reading**). Christ is both temple (**Gospel**) and foundation, from whom we have our food and healing, our refuge and strength, our grace and our holiness.

As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year, we pray that we might, through his Spirit living in us, imitate Christ by our steadfastness, courage and joy in the face of deceit, greed and despair.

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 9.30am 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.



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: Rosalind Smith, Anne Monk, Bob Hilton, Lloyd Charter, John Raines, Patricia Sheridan, Shane Fifield, Trixie Stephens, Mick Kirley, Millice Hailstone, Msgr Pat Ford, Rosa Sargeant, Kathleen O'Rourke, Jim McMahon, Charles Mitsch, William Plunkett, Anna Schmidt, Mary Star, Pat Kennedy, Fr Les Ring, Patrick Costello, David McEachern.

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: 8th / 9th November

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Nicole Morton	Roy Thompson
Lector 1	Paula Waters	Bethany Carey
Lector 2	Jan Skinner	Sr Patricia Weekes
Eucharistic Ministers	Catherine Cutler Justin Clancy	Carey Menz-Dowling Sue McLaurin Mercedes Goss
Cantor Musicians	Brian Waters/John van Lint Val Hayes	Bernadette, Wendy and Helen
Counters: Carey Menz-Dowling & John Dowling		

Sat / Sun: 15th / 16th November

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

Thought for the week Pope Leo XIV

"Amid life's trials, our hope is inspired by the firm and reassuring certainty of God's love, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. That hope does not disappoint".

Remembrance Day Prayer

11th November

God of peace and compassion,
we remember the fallen,
those who laid down their lives in the
service of their country.

Hold in your care all who grieve,
all who carry scars of body,
mind and spirit,
we hold up to you, all who still serve.

Grant us the grace to honour their
sacrifice not only with words,
but with lives that seek justice,
mercy, and reconciliation.

Give us the wisdom and courage to
pursue peace and the strength
to bind up the broken hearted.

May our remembrance lead to hope,
and our silence to resolve.

We ask this prayer through
Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Parish News

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

While most people would probably nominate St Peter's at the Vatican as the centre of Catholicism, historically and officially that honour belongs to the Lateran Basilica, the cathedral church of the Pope as Bishop of Rome. The Lateran Basilica goes back to the gift of site for a church made by Constantine, the first Christian emperor, in the early fourth century. It was the first truly monumental church building that Christians were able to erect after the centuries of persecution. For more than one thousand years, as the seat of the papacy, the Lateran Basilica was the centre of the Western Church.

Nonetheless, despite its historical importance, believers today might wonder why they are being asked once again to interrupt the sequence of Sundays of the Year to celebrate the feast of the dedication of this church.

To this it can be said that because of the central position of the Lateran as cathedral church of the one who, as Bishop of Rome, is universal Pastor, there is a sense in which it is a church for all the faithful. Beyond that, in celebrating the feast of this central church, believers are celebrating their own local church, whether it be a glorious and monumental building in its own right or a far humbler and perhaps provisional place of worship.

LIVING STONES

More radically still – and this is what the scriptural readings will especially bring out – believers are celebrating today the church that is made up not of bricks and mortar but of themselves as 'living stones', the 'temples' (local faith communities) God has built in every place to dwell among humankind. Every local community can in a true sense make this feast their own. *Fr Brendan Byrne SJ*

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.

World Mission Sunday

On behalf of the Church in Zambia we would like to again thank you for your generosity.

Your gift is helping empower women, provide essential healthcare, and bring hope to vulnerable communities.

To learn more about the impact your support is making, please visit: catholicmission.org.au/our-work.

The total amount of \$3,510.25 has been raised through our Sacred Heart Parish community! Many thanks for your generous response. If you have not yet put your donation in please do so by next weekend.

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.

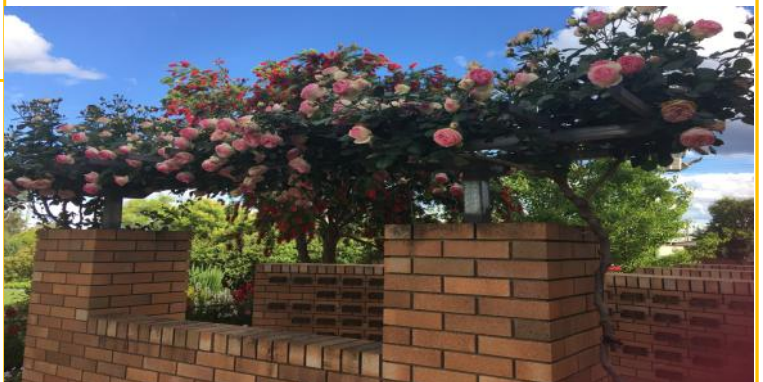
Someone has been assigned to do a silent count after the collections have been taken up over those weekends.

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 Plaque



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

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

The angel brought me to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side. He said, 'This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails; they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal.' The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 45

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

Response: The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

God is for us a refuge and strength,
a helper close at hand, in time of distress:
so we shall not fear though the earth should rock,
though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea. **R.**

The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within, it cannot be shaken;
God will help it at the dawning of the day. **R.**

The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
Come, consider the works of the Lord,
the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth. **R.**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord, that my name may remain in it for all time.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 2:13-22

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market'. Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: *Zeal for your house will devour me.*

The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up'. The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

The Gospel of the Lord.