



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.

Feast of Christ the King

22/23 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 9.30am Mass by accessing our website.

WEEKDAY MASS: 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.



This Sunday brings us to the close of the liturgical year – a day on which we celebrate the kingship of Jesus. His is a kingdom of love, mercy, peace and hope, of which we are invited to be part.

In the **First Reading**, an earthly king, David, unites Israel under his rule, having first been chosen by God. David is part of God's plan, and the people confirm him.

The **Psalms** celebrates Jerusalem, the Holy City, where God's people come together. We are reminded of God's presence at the centre of our faith and our community.

The writer of the letter to the Colossians (**Second Reading**) speaks of the authority and power of Jesus. Through Christ's sacrifice on the cross we gain our freedom, and the forgiveness of our sins.

In the **Gospel**, we return to the foot of the cross of our crucified King. Here, the promise of salvation to the penitent criminal reminds us of the depth of Jesus's love and mercy for all.

This Sunday also sees the Jubilee celebration of World Youth Sunday.

So as Pilgrims of Hope, we pray, with Pope Leo, that young people will see the light of the Gospel grow every day, within and around them.

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Frank Moloney, Clare Packer, Matthew Borg, Carolyn Wenke, Maureen Rourke, Margaret Esler, Annette Maloney, Molly Hopkins, Michael Dunkerley, Frank Glennon, Pat Boyd.

ANNIVERSARIES: Helen Gardner, Terry Walsh, Roger Lescun, Corrie Van Lint, Kevin Loughry, Sr Barbara Murray, Margaret Russell, John Dale, Mark Conlon, Lawrence Loughran, Beatrice Purvey, Jean Painter, Irene Monk, James Briscoe, Bob Tuziak, Gabe Farrah, Eileen Ryan, Sarah Caton, Hugh McKenzie-McHarg, Br Trevor Kimble, Laurence Wenke, Addie Mathieson, Christine Benson, Virgil Lindley, Daisy Hobdell, Peter Hickey, Cecil Woodhouse, Elsie Esler, Margaret Kane, Jim McLaughlan.

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: 22nd/23rd November

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Adrian Mitchelhill	Volunteer Please
Lector 1	Nicole Morton	Samuel Serbinek
Lector 2	Paula Waters	Liz Phegan
Eucharistic Ministers	Colleen Day Shinead Kilroy	Dianne Treacy Moirra Porta Sue McLaurin
Cantor Musicians	Brian Waters/John van Lint Catherine Cutler	Damien Parkinson Val Hayes

Counters:

Sat / Sun: 29th /30th November

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Justin Clancy	Ed Brown
Lector 1	Colleen Day	Kay Morrell
Lector 2	Xavier Clancy	Bethany Carey
Eucharistic Ministers	Kaye Deanshaw Pauline Mulquiney	Belinda Shelton Sue Betts Pamela McIntosh
Cantor Musicians	Judy Lindsay Judy Foley	Heath Neville Ashleigh Donaldson

Counters: Gordon Bryant & Laurie Moylan

Parish Prayer

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.*

Thought for the week Pope Leo XIV

In his message for the 40th World Youth Day 2025, Pope Leo XIV encourages young people to go beyond themselves to find their true fulfilment in life. He states that if we are to be witnesses in the world that this witness must first stem from a friendship with Christ.



Parish News

TO PONDER:

The description of Christ's power in Colossians juxtaposes sharply with the image of Jesus crucified in Luke's Gospel. There, Jesus is a dying man, humiliated and subject to the jeers of the people around him. The crowd expected the Jewish messiah to be a king with remarkable power, wealth and authority. This is not the kind of power that Jesus demonstrates. Instead, we see a man humbled and broken. Yet we also see a man deeply merciful to a criminal dying next to him. Colossians depicts a similar mercy or reconciliation through Christ's power.

As you pray with this seemingly paradoxical description of Christ as "king of the universe," what does it teach you about how power and authority should be used in our world today?

Parish Morning Tea 7 December 2025

Mass will be at 9.30am followed by our monthly morning tea. We will be acknowledging and thanking Liz Johnston for her contribution to Catholic Education for over 30 years in the Diocese of Wagga Wagga.

We are especially grateful for her time at St Anne's Primary School as classroom teacher, Religious Educator, Vice Principal and Principal.

Please bring a plate to share if you are able.

All most welcome.

Advent Daily Reflections—Holy Stillness in a Jubilee Year of Hope

Advent comes to us each year as an invitation. It beckons us into a season of quiet anticipation and deep longing for God's presence among us, the birth of God-with-us. We are called, as pilgrims of hope, to pause amid the busy rhythms of our lives and to enter a holy stillness that opens our hearts to God-with-us.

The Jubilee Year calls us to go on pilgrimage—not so much a physical journey but an inner journey into hope. A hope where we wait and watch with open eyes for the signs of God's presence, even in the darkness. (*Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Brisbane*)

This free resource is available for collection from all entrances to the church. It can be used for individual or small group reflection.

Diocesan Newspaper—'Together'

The November edition of Together has arrived and is available at all entrances to the church. Please take a copy.

Australian Catholics

The summer edition of Australian Catholics has also arrived so please take a copy from church entrances.

Fr Martin—Annual Leave

Fr Martin will be back from leave next weekend.

We thank Fr Bernie Thomas who has been celebrating Eucharist with us in Fr Martin's absence.

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

Our office will be staffed as usual, so for all other enquiries please contact Gemma or Fran during office hours.

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

November Book of Life

November is traditionally the month to remember the Holy Souls. Our Book of Life will be displayed at the front of the church during 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 are 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 usually around \$320. 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.

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.

Fr Chris Heffernan—25 Years as a Priest

You are invited to 5.30pm Mass on Tuesday 25 November at St Patrick's Church, Albury. Any further enquiries call Dianne 0448 389 059.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading from Second Book of Samuel 5:1-3

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, 'You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel.' So all the elders of Israel came to the king of Hebron and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord and they anointed David king of Israel.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 121

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

Response: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord

I rejoiced when I heard then say:

'Let us go to God's house.'

And now our feet are standing

Within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R**

Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. **R**

For Israel's law it is,

there to praise the Lord's name.

There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. **R**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of
David our father;

blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord.

Alleluia!

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Colossians 1:12-20

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what God has done: taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that the Father loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God, and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible,

Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The word of the Lord

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 23: 35-43

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar, they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' Jesus replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

The Gospel of the Lord.