



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.

*Second Sunday of Lent
28th February / 1st March 2026*

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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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 2.00pm

(Mass of Anointing) Mercy Place Chapel.

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 usually held every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 7.00pm in the parish hall. **During Lent our bible group is joining with the Lenten discussion group held every Tuesday at 7pm in the parish hall.**

This Lent, we travel through some of the great stories of Scripture: the man born blind, the woman at the well and the raising of Lazarus. They are big stories of deep change in the lives of people who are stuck in their thoughts. How can we also confront indifference and make things better?

Our faith asks us to put retribution and anger in the dustbin of history. Its depths include the call to unite against poverty, so that we can be the peacemakers of whom Jesus spoke.



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Sisilia is a 13-year-old girl living in remote Tanzania, who had to walk long distances to collect water every day. Thanks to Project Compassion, Sisilia's school and village now have safe clean water close by and she can spend more time studying so she can fulfil her dream of one day becoming a pilot.



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty* this Lent.

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Joan Harrold, Judith Hyland, James White, Brian Munk, Stephen Neville, Peter Baker, Margaret Gawen, Anne Maginnity.

ANNIVERSARIES: Ruth Shanahan, Robert McIntosh, Pat & Arthur Scott, Tony Crimmins, Philip Rolfe, Timothy Landy, Peter Gill, John Mills, Arnold Fletcher, Billy Clarke, Ken Ovington, Geoff Frauenfelder, Pat Hagan, Graeme Ledwidge, Arnold Russell, Marie Mulligan, Jessie Klippel, Alan Boswell, Philippa Hailey, George Devcich, Denis Maloney, Henry Carter, Milton Mulholland, Thelma Conroy.

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:

Ollie Elijah Eaton

Son of Andrew and Tahlia

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 28th Feb / 1st March

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Colleen Day	Narelle Naughton
Lector 1	Shinead Kilroy	Roy Thompson
Lector 2	Volunteer	Samuel Serbinek
Eucharistic Ministers	Kaye Deanshaw Anna Farrell	Sr Siony Trish Parkinson Volunteer
Cantor Musicians	Ann McIntyre Catherine Cutler	Margie, Ed and Wendy

Counters: Jane Togher & Brian Fealy

Sat / Sun: 7th / 8th March

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Jan Skinner	Narelle Naughton
Lector 1	Mary-Jayne Boyd	Mercedes Goss
Lector 2	Michael Byrnes	Ed Brown
Eucharistic Ministers	Patricia Hopkins Justin Clancy	Sr Patricia Weekes Maira Porta Eamonn Buckley
Cantor Musicians	John van Lint/Brian Waters Judy Foley	David Hicks Catherine Cutler

Counters: Diane & Greg Bartsch

Prayer—2nd Sunday of Lent

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for the invitation to climb the mountain of prayer and contemplation.

Help us to embrace the discipline and detachment needed to seek your presence in our lives.

May we find the courage to set aside the distractions of the world and cultivate the interior silence that allows us to encounter you more deeply.

Guide our hearts and minds as we reflect on the Transfiguration, and open our eyes to see your glory in our everyday lives.

Grant us patience with ourselves as we journey together, and inspire us to be bearers of your peace in the world.

We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen

Thought for the week Pope Leo XIV

Pope Leo XIV encouraged the faithful to "disarm" their language by avoiding harsh words, gossip, and judgment. He emphasized that true conversion requires fasting to lead to greater charity, ensuring that those in need receive dignity and support.



Parish News

TO PONDER:

"Go forth," God says to Abram. The terseness of our first reading hides a well of significance. Abram does not know this God, but he responds trustingly, without hesitation. We know nothing about his emotions or those of his family. There is no reason to migrate (like war or famine), especially not to a distant, unknown land. The story is therefore unrealistic, which makes it that much more powerful and moving. Abram simply listens to the divine voice and goes. In the Gospel, God similarly calls the disciples to "listen." In opening themselves to the will of God, Abram and the disciples are promised the fullness of God's blessing. So are we. What are tangible ways that you might follow God's call right now, even if it seems daunting and even if it is beyond your understanding?

LENTEN GROUP

The early church devoted itself to coming together as a community in the temple and in their homes. This Lent, we encourage you to consider joining us to reflect on the journey of our individual and communal faith.

Small groups are intended to be places of connection and relationship, so invite your friends and family, but also keep in mind those who could benefit from being involved in a positive environment of faith, hope and love.

You are welcome to join us each Tuesday of Lent in the parish hall at 7.00pm for prayer, reflection & discussion.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Is a Ecumenical movement led by Christian Women throughout the world, with this years' service being prepared by the Women of Nigeria.

Service for Albury area will be at St Matthew's Church, Kiewa Street Albury on this Friday 6th March at 10.00am.

Parish Pastoral Council

The March meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council takes place this Thursday 5 March at 6.00pm in the Parish Hall. All agenda items need to be emailed to the Secretary, Marjorie Serbinek: m4serbinek@gmail.com by Monday 2 March.

Mass of Anointing

Our Mass of Anointing takes place this Tuesday 3 March in Mercy Place Chapel at 2.00pm. All welcome.

The Wild Goose Series Continues

This coming Tuesday 3 March we will be hearing more about "The Spirit and the Eucharist" at 10.00am in the parish hall. *'At the Centre of the Church is the Eucharist where Christ is present and active in humanity and in the whole world by means of the Holy Spirit.'* Pope St John Paul II. Morning tea provided. You are most welcome to join us.

From the Bishop's Office: Bishop Mark Edwards has appointed the following priests to act as the College of Consultors: Fr Henry Ibe (Vicar General), Fr Norman Banzuela, Fr Anthony Dunne, Fr Rod Letchford, Fr Bradley Rafter and Fr Paddy Sykes.

The Season of Lent 2026

There are also a number of free online resources available which include **The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes** - Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed!

For 40 days you will receive short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here:

<https://brucedownes.org/lent2026>

For more info go to: BruceDownes.org

From Jesuit & Ignation Spirituality in Australia you can also subscribe free to:

<https://book.venue.life/pch/register/lent-2026-i-am-light>

Register to receive two and a half minute daily video prayers with specially curated images and music.

Also from Loyola Press 'Living Lent Daily' which provides a framework for a Lent that will lead to a deeper relationship with Christ. Go to: <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/lent/living-lent-daily/>

If you have access to other helpful free Lenten prayer resources please let us know by email so that we can share this treasure with all in our parish community.

Morning Tea Our monthly morning tea will be held today 1 March at the conclusion of 9.30am celebration of Eucharist in our Parish hall. All welcome.

2026 Sacred Heart Football Tipping Competition

This year we will be using an online footy tipping services to make things quicker and easier to manage in the Parish office, and to "get with the times". Therefore you are warmly invited to participate and to do so you need to follow these two simple steps:

Please follow this link to complete the entry process.

<https://www.footytips.com.au/comps/>

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Pay the \$25 per entry and to be paid in cash via the Parish Office or placing the cash in an envelope with your name clearly marked Footy Tipping and placing in the collection at Mass.

Prizes will be determined when we know how many people are participating.

Remember the first round begins this Thursday 5 March 2026, so please join the competition as soon as possible and get ready to begin tipping THIS WEEK.

For those more comfortable with smart devices, get the ESPN Footy Tipping app from your app store.

If you require assistance with this process please email the parish office.

If after attempting the above you are still as confused as me please send tips in the usual way and we will find a way forward together. **Go Bombers in 26!**

The competition is open to all parishioners and your relatives, friends or neighbours.

Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the Book of Genesis 12:1—4

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.' So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm 32:4-5, 18-20,22

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

Response: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful,
and all his works to be trusted..
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **R**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **R**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Timothy 1:8-10

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy—not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

This is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 17: 1—9

Jesus took with him Peter, James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus, 'Lord it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one only Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.