



***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.***

## ***Sixth Sunday of Easter***

***9th / 10th May 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.***

### **Parish Clergy:**

**Fr Martin Cruickshank—Parish Priest**

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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/>**

**Safeguarding Officer for Sacred Heart Parish:**

**Adrian Mitchelhill**

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### **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:**

**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.**

## **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

As we celebrate Mother's Day, we pause to honour the women who have given us life, love, and unwavering faith. Whether they are with us or have gone before us into eternal life, mothers hold a sacred place in our hearts. In their daily sacrifices, quiet strength, and

generous love, we see a reflection of God's own care and compassion. We invite you to join us in prayer for all mothers—past, present, and future.

### **A Mother's Day Prayer**

*Heavenly Father,*

*We thank You for the gift of mothers, through whom Your love is revealed in so many ways.*

*Bless all mothers:*

*those who are joyful, and those who are burdened,*

*those expecting new life, and those who mourn a loss,*

*those who nurture children now, and those who lovingly remember.*

*Grant them strength, patience, and joy in their vocation.*

*May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord,*

*be their guide and consolation.*

*Let their sacrifices be honoured, their love returned, and their hearts filled with peace.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

***May this Mother's Day be filled with gratitude, peace, and cherished memories.***

***To all mothers and those who mother in faith and love—we thank you, we honour you, and we pray for you today and always.***

# Parish Community



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Sr Marie Jean Butler, Ann-Marie Weir, Patricia McNamara, Richard Hurley, Josh Power, Mary Thorne (Friedlieb), Brian Carroll, Bill Robbins, Elaine Richardson, Kevin Bowyer, Sally Hart, Margaret Gawen.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Sr Florence Page, Shirley Blomeley, Dorothy Bonser, Joan Skidmore, Trevor Newcombe, Kerry Dowling, Geoffrey Jervois, Margaret Maynard, Joe Vuga, Lorraine Vogel, David Purvey, Peter Maher, Noreen Roach, Norman Clear, Dominik Vildovas, Therese Chandler, Brian Cooper, Frederick Maher, John Barber, Robert Millea, Rita Murray, Betty Russell, Matthew Blomeley, Molly Davis, Nicholas Heaton-Harris, Des Cornford, Frederick Serbinek, Ern Gaudry, Alan Carter, Michael King.

*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: 9th / 10th May**

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Michael Byrnes	Volunteer
<b>Lector 1</b>	Colleen Day	Kay Morrell
<b>Lector 2</b>	Terri-Anne Scott	Mercedes Goss
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Kaye Deanshaw Anna Farrell	Gemma Whitehead Marisa Hart Pamela McIntosh
<b>Cantor</b>	Brian Waters/John van Lint	Heath Neville
<b>Musicians</b>	Judy Foley	Ashleigh Donaldson
<b>Counters:</b> Jane Togher and Brian Fealy		

**Sat / Sun: 16th / 17th May**

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Justin Clancy	Ed Brown
<b>Lector 1</b>	Ben Clancy	Narelle Naughton
<b>Lector 2</b>	Michael Byrnes	Samuel Serbinek
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Adrian Mitchelhill Shinead Kilroy	Fran Kernaghan Moirra Porta Mercedes Goss
<b>Cantor</b>	Ann McIntyre	Bernadette, Helen and
<b>Musicians</b>	Judy Foley	Wendy
<b>Counters:</b> Diane and Greg Bartsch		

### Thought for the week Pope Leo XIV

"Our faith does not rely on men, however congenial they may be, nor on angels, but on the very Spirit of God, the Spirit of Truth, who is the Inner Teacher who strengthens and guarantees the revelation of God and the response of faith to this revelation".

## **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*

## **Easter Water**

A small container of Easter water is available for you near the Paschal Candle. Containers that are empty can be refilled from the pottery jars.

# Parish News

## TO PONDER:

"Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts," writes the author of 1 Peter. This is a beautiful and mysterious statement. It is both a promise and a challenge. Directed specifically to people who are marginalized and suffering, this call to sanctify Christ inwardly in all contexts challenges them—and us—to respond to the world not by mirroring its brokenness and sinfulness but by living from the reality and possibility of faith. We walk this path through a continual process of inward sanctification and renewal. The promise is that we are born into God, belong to God, and contain God's Spirit in us.

This week, meditate on the call to sanctify Christ in your heart. How does this call invite you to live day by day, moment by moment?

## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION—Confirmation 2026

Bishop Mark Edwards will confer the sacrament of confirmation (usually yr 6 children & beyond) on Friday 19 June at 6.00pm in Sacred Heart Church. Parents of possible candidates not attending St Anne's Primary School are asked to contact our parish office by email or phone so that you can be informed of the process for preparation.

**Commitment Masses**—Feast of Pentecost Saturday 23 May 6.00pm, 24 May 9.30am.

**Confirmation Preparation Day**—Thursday 4 June St Anne's School Hall, school hours.

## First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion will be celebrated in the parish of Sacred Heart North Albury at both masses over the weekend of 22-23 August 2026.

## Australian Catholic Bishops Conference 2026

### National Count of Attendance

All parish communities in Australia have been asked to participate in the national attendance survey. To this end we will carry out a head count at masses over the first four Sundays of May. No names. Numbers only.

## Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors Roster

We will be doing a new roster for June—September. If you would like to participate in these ministries please add your name, phone number & email address to the sheet provided Swan Street entry.

For those already on the roster please advise of your unavailability during these months.

## Counters Roster

We are looking for parishioners who would be interested in joining our counter roster. It would involve either counting on Sunday after 9.30am mass or Monday mornings at 9.00am every 7th or 8th week. Please email or phone the office if you would like to join this ministry.

## 4 Choirs International Festival

Choirs from Arizona, Beechworth and Wangaratta will join Murray Concert Choir to present songs from Australia and America: Galvin Hall Wodonga, Saturday, May 16, and Holy Trinity Cathedral Wangaratta, Sunday, May 17, both concerts commencing at 2.30 pm.

Tickets: \$25 (\$20 concession) at Try Booking, Cinema Centre or at the door.



## THANK YOU!

Caritas Australia would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the parish community of Sacred Heart Parish North Albury for your generous support of Project Compassion 2026.

Your support is helping to bring hope, uphold dignity and create lasting change to communities facing poverty and injustice around the world. The final amount of **\$3,343.00** has been raised by our community and this will help bring clean water, education, nutritious food, healthcare and support for those living with disability—showing what's possible when we come together as a Church to live out the Gospel message of love and justice. Thank you for uniting with us this Lent to build a more just and compassionate world.

## Sacred Heart Football Competition Ladder

### End of Round 8

All participants including email and snail mail contributors:

Cathy Nyhan, NannaLil **58**; Roo Boy **57**; Wendy Glazebrook, Fr Martin, Kate Tracy **56**; Kay, bwgriff **55**; Bomber, Matt Boyd, Valerius, Liz Jones, Judy, Xavier Clancy, Mannix **54**; Chrissie Trebilcock, Ray Trebilcock, Brian Butts, Ben & Adrian **53**; Mr Miller, Les, Melissa Daniher, The Navies, A Mitchelhill **52**; Terry Cruickshank, E.J, Enbee, **51**; Joan Moylan, Denis Shirley, Coyle Family, Dormitor **50**; Retired Gentleman, Ironsides, Clancy Family **49**; Finners21, Richard Hickey, Carmel Butts, Brian Millgate **48**; Paul **46**; Barry **45**; Brookside5 **44**; GoKangas, Haz-Miller **40**; Bucks **32**.



# Liturgy of the Word

## A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 8:5—8, 14—17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them and they went down there and prayer for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm 65

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

**Response:** Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,

O sing to the glory of his name.

O render him glorious praise.

Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!.' **R**

'Before you all the earth shall bow;  
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'  
Come and see the works of God,  
tremendous his deeds among all. **R**

He turned the sea into dry land,  
they passed through the river dry-shod.

Let our joy then be in him;,

He rules for ever by his might. **R**

Come and hear, all who fear God.

I will tell what he did for my soul:

Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer  
nor withhold his love from me. **R**

## A reading from the first letter of St Peter 3:15—18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

All who love me will keep my words,  
And my Father will love them  
and we will come to them.

**Alleluia!**

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 14:15—21

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.