



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 Ascension of the Lord

16th / 17th 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.

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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/>

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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.

A poster for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The background is dark with a large, intricate Celtic cross on the right side. The text is in yellow and white. The title 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity' is in yellow. The dates '17 - 24 May 2026' are in white. A quote in white reads: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling". Below the quote is the reference '(Ephesians 4:4)'. At the bottom right, there is a small caption: 'A khaechkar (literally cross-stone) Source of image: massipost.com'.

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sr Marie Jean Butler, Anastazija Jerin, 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: Tony Carey, Ella Pallot, Keith Melbourne, Maria Bresovnik, George Kennedy, James O'Connor, Dawn McLennan, Brian Twomey, Allan Perso, Leanne Patterson, Joseph Rudig, Wally Larkin, Joan Althmeier, Pierce Kelleher, Gerard Osmond, Benjamin Daly, John Lewis, Bill Stewart, Frances Fletcher, Phyllis Hehir, Colin Mitchell, Robert McInnes, Jack Drum, George Davern, Wyn McSweeney, Ronald Murray.

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:

Archer Jack Farrah

Son of Eliajh and Dakota

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 16th / 17th May

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

Sat / Sun: 23rd / 24th May

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Children's Commitment Mass	Children's Commitment Mass
Lector 1		
Lector 2		
Eucharistic Ministers	Pauline Mulquiney Justin Clancy	Belinda Shelton Trish Parkinson Sue McLaurin
Cantor Musicians	Brian Waters/John Van Lint Judy Foley	David Hicks Val Hayes
Counters: Trish Parkinson		

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

Thought for the week Pope Leo XIV

"Our world is longing for hope, peace and renewal. As we journey from Ascension to , let us pray together for more people to know Jesus Christ and the fullness of life we find in him."

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:

Faith is a path of winding growth into knowledge of Christ. This is not intellectual knowledge but a deeply intimate relationship. Paul describes it as enlightenment, meaning that the Spirit will literally give light to the “eyes” of our “hearts” (Greek *dianoia* also translates as “mind”, “thought” or “intention”; Eph 1:18). It is this enlightenment, the Spirit’s suffusion of light into our entire being, that guides us into the fullness of knowledge and hope in Christ. We hope in the One who was raised up and who has and will raise us up with him, the One who is intimately present with us “always” (Matt 28:20).

Take time to ponder hope this week—what it means to you, where it is present or seemingly absent.

How does hope guide your life?

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.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Theme: “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling”.

(Ephesians 4:4)

The 2026 prayers and reflections for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity were prepared by the Inter-Church Relations Department of the Armenian Apostolic Church, along with their brothers and sisters of the Armenian Catholic and Evangelical Churches.

Gracious Lord, God of all,

Guide for the lost, Light for those in darkness. Our eyes turn to you, hear our prayers. May the sun of your glory shine forth, giving life and light to all, from the East to the West, and from the North to the South. Let the morning rays of your eternal spring awaken us who await your coming.

O Jesus Christ, Light from the Light, dwell within us, who have come together to worship your holy and precious name. Let your life-giving radiance kindle within us a deeper love for one another. May your brilliant light stir us to ever more flourishing unity.

Like diverse flowers in the garden of your Kingdom, may your divine brilliance cause us to bloom in harmony. And so, all as one, may we always joyfully praise and glorify you, and the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and always. Amen

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.

Sacred Heart Football Competition Ladder

End of Round 9

All participants including email and snail mail contributors:

67—Cathy Nyhan, Nannalil; **66**—Roo Boy; **65**—Kate Tracy
64—Bwgriff, Wendy Glazebrooke; **63**—Kay, Fr Martin; **62**—Valerius, Liz Jones, Judy, Mannix; **61**—Ray Trebilcock, Brian Butts, Ben & Adrian, Bomber, Xavier Clancy; **60**—A Mitchellhill, EJ, Matt Boyd; **59**—Chrissie Trebilcock, Mr Miller, Les; **58**—Melissa Daniher, Coyle Family, The Navies, Enbee, Denis Shirley, Terry Cruickshank; **57**—Finners21, Ironsides, Dormitor, Joan Mylan, Clancy Family; **56**—Retired Gentleman, Brian Millgate; **55**—Richard Hickey; **53**—Paul; **52**—Brookside 5, Barry; **51**—Carmel Butts; **46**—Go Kangas; **44**—Haz Miller; **50**—Bucks.

Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 1:1—11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised, 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judea and Samaria and indeed to the ends of the earth. As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.' The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 46

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

Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **R**

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R**

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **R**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 1:17—23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that we can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 28:16—20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.' The Gospel of the Lord.