



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.

***Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
20th / 21st June 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/>

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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

Requiem Mass for Joan Ratcliffe on Monday 22 June in Sacred Heart Church 11.00am

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.

**Refugee Week 2026—A Million Stories
Sunday 14 June—Saturday 20 June**

As Europe recovered from the devastation of World War II, Australia responded to an international call to offer a future to people with nowhere to call home.

Since that initial agreement in 1947 to receive 4000 refugees from Central Europe, Australia has issued one million permanent humanitarian visas – welcoming people from all parts of the globe, people who have helped to build modern Australia.

Refugee Week 2026 is a moment to reflect on that milestone and to celebrate the million stories behind it. Each story is unique. Each one is powerful. And together, they shape the Australia we all call home today.

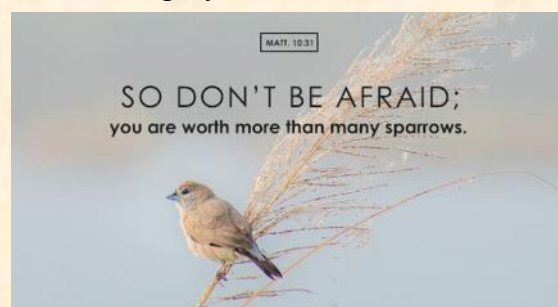
This is about more than a number. One person's journey influences the lives of many others: children, grandchildren, and future generations who leave their unique mark on our shared story. A thread in something greater; a million colourful strands woven into a rich and beautiful tapestry, shaping communities and stories we continue to tell.

As we celebrate this milestone, we also look to the future. How can we continue to welcome people in need of safety? What more can we do, as individuals and communities, to offer support and understanding?

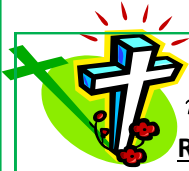
And how can each of us show kindness and help people feel they belong?

As part of celebrating the 40th Refugee Week, a celebration born in Australia and now observed around the world, let's keep sharing stories, challenging stereotypes, and building a more inclusive society.

Let's build on our legacy.



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Joan Ratcliffe, Mary Higgins, Neale Daniher, Richard Scolyer, Leo Corrigan.

ANNIVERSARIES: Anne Duck, Pat Gleeson, Matt McIntosh, Ron Turner, John Flood, Warner Hogan, Stan Taylor, Ann Purvey, Phillip Adams, Brian Gawen, Brian McNamara, Christopher Nuttall, Thomas Heuts, Mary Dale, Ena Joseph, Mary Packer, Eileen Muldoon, Reg Watson, Jessie Cullen, Denis O'Reilly, Eileen Seymour, Jan Duke, Jake & Maddison Murray, Des Kennedy, Hannah Evans, Eileen Brown, Jaquelyn Parker, Phyllis Mott, John Purtell, Kathleen Halyday, Ignatius Kane, Wally Zerbst, Catherine Dale.

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:

Hugo Archie Wilson

Son of James and Merryn

Rory Jae Teesdale

Son of Jarman and Christie

Maverick Rodney Craig Murray

Son of Ryan and Stephanie

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 20th / 21st June 2026

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Nicole Morton Mary-Jane Boyd Jan Skinner	Liz Phegan Sr Patricia Weekes Brigita Serbinek
Eucharistic Ministers	Shinead Kilroy Pauline Mulquiney	Sue Betts Pamela McIntosh Volunteer please
Cantor Musicians	Brian Waters /John Van Lint Judy Foley	Bob Matthews Val Hayes
Counters: Michael Byrnes & Gemma		

Sat / Sun: 27th / 28th June 2026

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Jan Skinner Shinead Kilroy Catherine Cutler	Natalie Osborne Roy Thompson Samuel Serbinek
Eucharistic Ministers	Kaye Deanshaw Nicole Morton	Sr Patricia Weekes Dianne Treacy Cathy Nyhan
Cantor Musicians	Ann McIntyre Val Hayes	Heath & Ashleigh
Counters: Michael Byrnes & Gemma		

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

On this day we ask for Your Spirit to bring unity among us.

Fill us with love for one another, and help us to spread Your peace and joy. Spirit of God renew our hearts, minds, and spirits, so that we may serve You with faithfulness.

We pray for a renewed outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our lives, in our parish and in the life of the Church, that we may be strengthened and empowered to do God's work.

Help us to walk with you, Spirit of God.

You are the one who produces these in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

We cannot live out these things alone; we need you to fill us with Your strength and boldness.

Help us to proclaim Your good news, and live our lives as witnesses to Your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Thought for the week Pope Leo XIV

"The invitation that Jesus addresses to His disciples resonates: to have no fear, to be strong and confident in the face of life's challenges... Fear is one of the most terrible enemies of our Christian life. Jesus exhorts: 'have no fear', 'fear not'."



Parish News

ST VINCENT DE PAUL 2026 WINTER APPEAL

With the beginning of winter colder weather is coming and St Vincent De Paul is appealing for cash donations. These donations will make a big difference to the lives of those suffering financial insecurity, inadequate housing and the rising number of homeless people in our region.

Monetary donations can be placed in the special Vinnies envelopes provided in the church and returned on either the first/second collection.

Vinnies are also seeking grocery shopping bags (NOT cardboard bags) – to load food supplied to those in need from their food pantry at their welfare centre in Mate St North Albury. These can be left in the baskets placed at the Mate Street entrance of the church.

ALBURY WINTER SOLSTICE EVENT

In Albury for 2026, the primary Winter Solstice event is the annual gathering hosted by Survivors of Suicide & Friends (SOS&F) which will be held online only.

Date: Sunday 21 June Time: 6.00pm

Format: Online livestream via the SOS&F Facebook Page and is free for anyone to tune in from anywhere in the world. If you don't have a Facebook account just head to the <https://www.facebook.com/alburywodongawintersolstice> event link on the night.

Purpose: A community gathering to support people grieving the loss of loved ones to suicide, share experiences and raise awareness. A public viewing will take place on the screen in the Molly Fink Room of the Public House from 6.00pm on Sunday 21 June. This is a free event. All are welcome.

Sacred Heart Planned Giving

Thank you for your ongoing support of our parish community in this regard. The parish is reliant on your generous monetary contributions to meet its financial commitments and to engage in pastoral, liturgical and outreach activities. If you are in a position to contribute to the wellbeing and sustenance of our parish and are not currently doing so through the envelope scheme of by direct deposit please fill out a form located on the table near the confessional or contact our parish office by email/phone. The other option is to use the tap and go machine by following the prompts when you arrive for mass.

2026/27 planned giving envelopes are available on the table at the Mate Street entrance.

Your continuing generous contribution to the second collection has provided the finance to enable the re-roofing of the Presbytery and the installation of three split systems in the bedrooms most in use.

Australian Catholics Winter Edition

The Winter edition of Australian Catholics has arrived. Please take and distribute your free copies from all entrances to the church.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Bishop Mark Edwards conferred the sacrament of Confirmation on candidates on Friday evening in Sacred Heart Church. Please remember in your prayers the children, parents, sponsors and families in their commitment to continue to open their lives to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Gratitude is extended to all those involved in the preparation of the students and the co-ordination of the liturgy—Nick Goode, Lauren Carroll and our Religious Education Co-Ordinator Jacqui Cuthbertson. Thanks to Ben Griffin and Lea Allibon for their continued pastoral and spiritual leadership in our parish primary school. Genn Hamam did an amazing job with the other candidates outside school hours in helping them to identify and appreciate the promptings and gift of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

God of all ages, You send out your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, look kindly on those who were confirmed on Friday in our Sacred Heart Parish.

We pray that you send your Spirit to enlighten, guide, strengthen, console, and open their hearts as they continue to seek a closer relationship with you.

Help them to truly know the deep and abiding love you have for each of them and fill them with the joy of your presence.

Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit.

Help them to experience and trust your dwelling within so that they can count on your guidance today and every day.

Show us the way to help one another become better disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing your love with our world and with each person we meet.

Come, Holy Spirit! Come! Amen

Sacred Heart Football Competition Ladder—End Rd 14

All participants including email and snail mail contributors: **92**—Ed Brown; **90**—Nana Lil, **89**—Cathy Nyhan; **88**—Liz Jones; Wendy Glazebrook; **87**—Kay, Fr Martin; **86**—Kate Tracy, Ben Griffin, Judy, The Navies, Ray Trebilcock; **85**—Bomber, Les, Mannix; **84**—Valerius, Ben & Adrian; **82**—Xavier Clancy, Mr Miller, Brian Butts, EJ, Matt Boyd; **81**—Coyle Family, Dormitor, Clancy Family; **80**—Retired Gentleman, Melissa Daniher, A Mitchelhill, Terry Cruickshank; **79**—Ironsides, Joan Moylan; **78**—Richard Hickey, Denis Shirley, Chrissie Trebilcock; **76**—Finners21, Brian Millgate, Brookside 5; **75**—Barry; **73**—Paul; **71**—Carmel Butts; **70**—Go Kangas; **60**—Bucks.

Together—June Edition

The June edition of the diocesan newspaper Together has arrived and is available for collection at the usual places around the church.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & LECTORS ROSTER

Your new roster in hard copy form is now available on Swan Street entrance side of Church.

Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah 20:10—13

Jeremiah said: 'I hear so many disparaging me, 'Terror from every side!' Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, 'Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!' But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero: my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 68

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

Response: Lord, in your great love, answer me.

It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me. **R**

This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. **R**

The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy and does not
spurn his servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures. **R**

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans 5:12—15

Sin entered the world through one man and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 10:26—33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the rooftops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear those rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of others, I will declare myself for them in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of others, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven. The Gospel of the Lord.