



*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.*

*Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
27th / 28th 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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**BSB: 066 789; A/c No: 10000 5574;**

**Ref No: Name # Please contact Office for a number**

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**Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable People:**

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**This Sunday's readings reveal the demands and choices Jesus's disciples have to make as they share in his new life and carry on his mission.**

The **Gospel** continues Jesus' teaching on the mission of his disciples. Here we see the cost – but also the generous rewards. In addition, those who welcome the missionary also welcome Jesus himself.

The story in the **First Reading** illustrates this teaching. God rewards the childless couple who welcome the prophet Elisha into their home with the gift of a child. The **Psalms** expresses the joy of the disciple whose faith is not in rules, but in the loving presence of their Lord and leader, and who walks in his light.

St Paul in his letter to the Romans (**Second Reading**) reminds us that through our baptism we now live a 'new life' in the Risen Christ. It is through life in Christ Jesus that disciples can live the demands of mission.

*This week, we pray for the grace to follow Christ even more closely, and welcome him in others.*

**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 (Mass of Anointing)**

**Wednesday 1 July Funeral Prayers for Carol Ciccioppo at 11.00am**

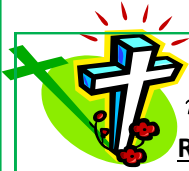
**RECONCILIATION: SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM**

**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.

# Parish Community



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Carol Ciccoioppo, Joan Ratcliffe.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** John O’Keeffe, Patsy Marshall, Tim Van Kerkoerle, Braedon Hensel, Janice Phelps, Allen Henshaw, Kellie-Anne Wall, Amy Allen, Marjorie Bohr, Lucy Takle, Reg Packer, Catherine Duffy, Robert Hartley, Damian Keenan, Eugene Cavanagh, John Sheehan, Keith Heran, Catherine O’Brien, Tim Mitchelhill, Eileen Gawen, John Herring, Fr Harry Josko, Timothy Stephenson, Verna Roberts, Donna Maree Bartholomew, Jack Wynack.

*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:*

**Lennie Michelle & Molly Ashley Jones**

*Children of Mark and Ella*

**Isaac Stanley & Emery Grace**

**Barnett**

*Children of Alfred and Courtney*

## ROSTERS

**Sat / Sun: 27th / 28th June 2026**

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

**Sat / Sun: 4th / 5th July 2026**

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Adrian Mitchelhill	Narelle Naughton
<b>Lector 1</b>	Michael Byrnes	Liz Phegan
<b>Lector 2</b>	Volunteer	Kay Morrell
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Patricia Hopkins Anna Farrell	Sr Siony Carey Menz-Dowling Moira Porta
<b>Cantor Musicians</b>	Judy Lindsay Judy Foley	David Hicks Val Hayes
<b>Counters:</b> Gemma		

## Blessing on our Parish

*Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on all who share in the life and work of our Sacred Heart Parish:*

*In the ministry of word, liturgy, prayer and sacrament;*

*In teaching, learning together and pastoral care;*

*In reaching out to the community and those in need;*

*In acknowledgement of our Indigenous peoples, various nationalities and ecumenical fellowship;*

*By our sharing and administering to those who are house bound, aged or sick.*

*We pray for all members of our parish, that in our lives and work we may advance your kingdom and bear witness to your love as shown in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen*

## Thought for the week Pope Leo XIV

The passage emphasizes that welcoming others and acts of service, like giving "a cup of cold water," are rewarded by God.



# 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.

## World Youth Day Seoul 2027—From the Bishop's Office

In July/August 2027 young people from across our Diocese will travel to South Korea for World Youth Day in Seoul. The theme of World Youth Day is Jesus' promise: *'Take Courage. I have overcome the world'* (Jn 16:33)

After World Youth Day we will travel to Nagasaki, a place marked by the witness of Christian Martyrs for a time of retreat and reflection. There we will ask: *What happened? What is God asking of me now?*

If you are looking for adventure, friendship, faith and the possibility of encountering God in a new way this pilgrimage is for you.

Scan the QR Code on posters around the church to express your interest.

Open to those aged 18—30 yrs old. Deadline 17 July 2026.

## 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 19 June 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 15

All participants including email and snail mail contributors:  
**96**—Ed Brown; **95**—Nana Lil, **94**—Cathy Nyhan Liz Jones; Wendy Glazebrook; **93**—Kay, Fr Martin; **92**—Judy, Ray Trebilcock; **91**—Bomber, Ben Griffin; **90**—Valerius, Kate Tracy, Navies, Les; **89**—Mannix, Ben & Adrian; **88**—Xavier Clancy, Brian Butts; **86**—Coyle Family, Matt Boyd, Mr Miller, Dormitor, EJ, Clancy Family; **85**—Melissa Daniher, Terry Cruickshank; **84**—Retired gentleman, Enbee, Adrian Mitchelhill; **83**—Richard Hickey, Joan Moylan, Denis Shirley; **82**—Finners21, Ironsides; **81**—Brookside 5, Chrissie Trebilcock; **80**—Brian Millgate, Barry; **78**—Paul; **77**—Carmel Butts; **76**—Go Kangas; **65**—Bucks.

## Sacrament of Anointing

The Sacrament of Anointing will be offered during our celebration of Mass on Friday 3 July at 9.30am. Shared morning tea in our parish hall afterwards.

## Parish Morning Tea

Our monthly Parish Morning tea will be held next Sunday 5th July at the conclusion of our celebration of Eucharist in our Parish Hall. All welcome. If possible bring something to share

# Liturgy of the Word

## A reading from the second Book of the Kings 4:8—11, 14—16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof and put him a bed in it and a table and a chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said, 'you will hold a son in your arms. The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm 88

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

**Response: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord,  
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.  
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever.  
That your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,  
Who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,  
who find their joy every day in your name,  
who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R**

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their  
strength;  
It is by your favour that our might is exalted:  
For our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;  
Our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **R**

## A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans 6:3—4, 8—11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him; Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus. The word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.

Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

**Alleluia!**

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 10:37—42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take their cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds their life will lose it; anyone who loses their life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy person will have a holy person's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because they are disciples, then I tell you solemnly, they will most certainly not lose their reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord.