



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.

***Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4th / 5th July 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>

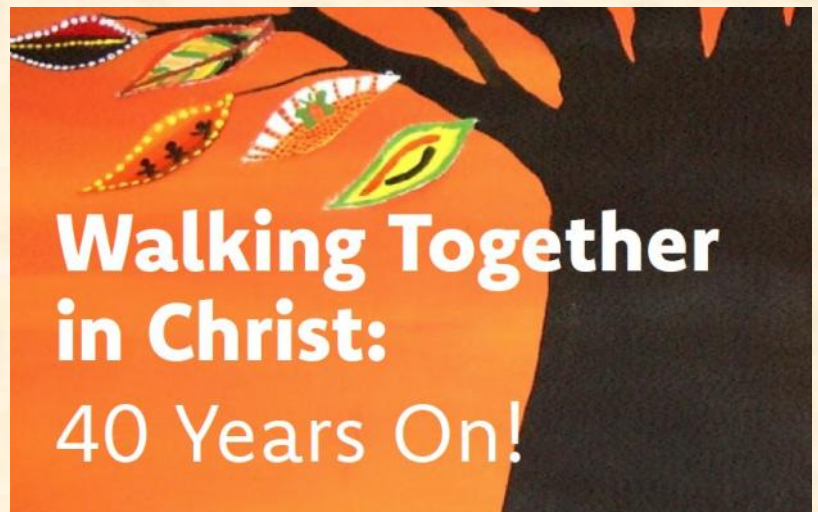
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**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
Sunday**



In November 1986, something remarkable happened at Alice Springs. Saint John Paul II became the first Pope to address Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples on their own Country – speaking words of respect, solidarity, and deep spiritual recognition. 40 years on, those words still resonate. Below are a selection of Saint Pope John Paul’s words:

“Your ‘Dreaming’... is your only way of touching the mystery of God’s Spirit in you and in creation. You must keep your striving for God and hold on to it in your lives.”

“You do not have to be people divided into two parts, as though an Aboriginal had to borrow the faith and life of Christianity, like a hat or a pair of shoes, from someone else who owns them.”

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:

NO WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK

Monthly Alpha Gathering

Our ‘Wild Goose’ series continues this Tuesday 7 July at 10.00am in the parish hall. Theme: ‘The Spirit and the Desert’. *Luke 4:1*

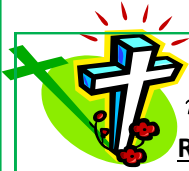
RECONCILIATION: SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

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: Gus Ranocchia, Christine Murphy, Keith Hodge, Beryl Kelly, Ray Murray, Hermine Assigal, Maria Azzi, Stan Lechmere, Mary Dodd, Sue Russell, Bill Cruickshank, Geoff Morgan, Daryl Rickard, Irene Adams, Br Maurice Esler, Patricia Higgins, Maureen Bullivant, Sinclair Parkinson, Kath Quirk, Sr De Pazzi, William Parker, Dorothy Finlayson, Nicholas McBrien, Denise Godde, Martha Hodda, John Ziebarth, Leah Treloar, Dr Donato Savickis.

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:

Evie Annelise & Millie May Luhrs

*Children of Jake and Kaitlin
Frankie Annette Robertson
daughter of Ben and Jenna*

Malachi Jacob Hassarati
Son of Lachlan and Tia

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 4 / 5 July 2026

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

Sat / Sun: 11 / 12 July 2026

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Jan Skinner	Roy Thompson
Lector 1	Paula Waters	Bethany Carey
Lector 2	Colleen Day	Narelle Naughton
Eucharistic Ministers	Catherine Cutler Volunteer	Sue McLaurin Eamonn Buckley Volunteer
Cantor	All Cantors	Wendy & Helen
Musicians	Val Hayes	
Counters: Ellen Devine & Bethany Carey		

Thought for the week Pope Leo XIV

"We must seek together how to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges (and) dialogue, always open to receive (people), like this square, with open arms – everyone, all those who need our charity, our presence, dialogue and love"

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Prayer

Dear Lord

We pray for a bright and just shared future for all who call Australia home.

We ask that Your grace of acceptance and compassion will guide us.

Let the Creator Spirit lead our journey with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples of this land.

May we share Your Spirit more deeply; and celebrate the gifts You have given us.

We pray for all the Elders in our Communities, that they will be guided by the Holy Spirit and lead us in maintaining the dignity and value of each person.

We pray for all peoples, both First Nations people and non Indigenous people, that we will all learn to walk together and serve and respect each other.

We ask this through Christ our Lord
Amen.



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.

Next Men's Breakfast

Next inter-church Men's Breakfast is Saturday 11 July, 8am, St Peter's Lutheran Church Urana Rd Lavington. Join 2 dozen local men to share faith and fellowship over hot breakfast. \$10 B'fst plus please donate to SRE in local schools. Text 'Yes' to 0425 886 837 - for catering.

Parish Morning Tea

Our monthly Parish Morning tea will be held this Sunday 5th July at the conclusion of our celebration of Eucharist in our Parish Hall. All welcome.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

Welcome to this year's celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. As we gather in faith, we do so as a people shaped by story—by the Gospel, by culture, and by the journeys that brought us to this moment. We gather in the presence of God, who walks with us always, and who calls us into unity as one people.

This year invites us into reflection. We mark 40 years since St Pope John Paul II spoke to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in Alice Springs, and we celebrate 50 years of NAIDOC Week. These milestones are more than anniversaries — they are reminders of enduring faith, resilience, and our shared call to walk together. At times, it is important to look back. Not to dwell in the past, but to recognise the path that has been travelled — to see the strength, the challenges, and the grace that have carried us forward. In this, we trust in God's providence, present in every step of our journey.

Our theme, *Walking Together in Christ: 40 Years On!*, speaks to this moment. It calls us to continue the journey with humility and hope - listening deeply, and walking side by side as one Body in Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit. Across this land, the Church is enriched by the cultures and voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. Their spirituality, connection to Country, and deep sense of community continue to shape and strengthen the life of the Church in Australia. As St Pope John Paul II reminded us, the Church is enriched by the many cultures it embraces. This is not something we simply acknowledge — it is something we are called to live. Today's Liturgy is an invitation to listen to, reflect, and to encounter Christ in one another.

Wherever you are gathered — in Parish, school, or community — may this celebration be a moment of grace. May it renew our hearts, deepen our unity, and strengthen our commitment to walk together in faith.

We thank you for being part of this journey.

Sacramental Information—First Holy Communion 2026

First Holy Communion for children in Year 4 and beyond will be celebrated at parish masses over the weekend of Saturday 22 August at 6.00pm and Sunday 23 August at 9.30am.

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. **Parent / Student Information & Reflection Session—Tuesday 21 July at 6.00pm St Anne's School Hall.**

Commitment Masses—Saturday 1 August at 6.00pm and Sunday 2 August at 9.30am.

Sacred Heart Football Competition Ladder—End Rd 16

All participants including email and snail mail contributors:

102—Ed Brown; **100**—Nana Lil, **99**—Cathy Nyhan Liz Jones; Wendy Glazebrook, Fr Martin; **98**—Kay; **97**—Judy, Ray Trebilcock, Bomber, Ben Griffin; **96**—Kate Tracy; **95**—The Navies, Valerius, Les; **94**—Brian Butts, Mannix; **93**—Xavier Clancy; **92**—Dormitor, EJ; **91**—Matt Boyd, Coyle Family, Mr Miller, Clancy Family, Terry Cruickshank; **90**—Melissa Daniher; **89**—Retired Gentleman, Enbee, A Mitchelhill; **88**—Joan Moylan, Richard Hickey, Dennis Shirley; **87**—Ironsides, Finners 21; **86**—Brookside 5, Chrissie Trebilcock; **85**—Brian Millgate; **84**—Barry, Paul; **83**—Carmel Butts; **82**—Go Kangas; **70**—Bucks.

Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the prophet Zechariah 9:9—10

The Lord says this: 'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.'

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: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. **R**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
Slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God.. **R**

The Lord is faithful in all his words,
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. **R**

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:9, 11—13

Your interests are not in the unspiritual but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ, you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers and sisters, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of
the kingdom.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 11:25—30

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.' The Gospel of the Lord.