



*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.*

*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
11th / 12th 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-vulnerable-people/>

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The prophet Isaiah (today's First Reading) reminds us that God's great desire, revealed through his word, has always been to prepare his chosen people for their full inheritance. God's word does not return empty-handed.

The Second Reading shows that suffering, though part of the Christian life, will come to an end with the glory of God. St Paul is trying to encourage us not to lose hope in the promise of the Lord's risen life.

In the Gospel, Jesus asks us a question, as he asked it of those of his own day: are you truly hearing and accepting my word, that it might grow in you and produce much fruit?

The Responsorial Psalm creates a wonderful scene of how God's word falling on the fertile ground of creation produces bountiful and abundant riches, ever-flowing and brimming over.

*Let us pray, this week, that we might be that fertile ground, ready to receive God's word with open, generous, willing arms.*

**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 Terry Hillman on Friday 17 July in Sacred Heart Church 1.00pm**

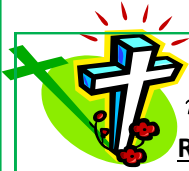
**RECONCILIATION: SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM**

**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:** Terry Hillman, Brian Walshe, Carol Ciccoioppo, Joan Ratcliffe.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Margaret Balsarini, Helen Gesterkamp, Leanna Corkery, Dorothy McMinn, Joan Kirley, Berneice Struck, Ryan Lorenzo, Bill Mathey, Reg l'Anson, Sr Kathleen Cudmore, John Bonser, Ron Sawyer, Therese Gleeson, Sr Teresa Tanner, Dave Lindner, Tom Leddin, John Bylart, Pat Kernaghan, Fr Michael Goonan, Cec French, Elizabeth Miller, Bernard Dick, Valerie Easom, Michael McGrath, John Dunlop, Neville Gallagher, John Farrugia, Leo Kiss, Clinton Joseph.

*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:*

**Stella Ivy & Sonny James Myors**  
*children of Sam and Morgan*

**Rori Rourke Singe**  
*Child of Dereck and Brigetta*

## ROSTERS

**Sat / Sun: 11 / 12 July 2026**

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

**Sat / Sun: 18 / 19 July 2026**

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Michael Byrnes	Natalie Osborne
<b>Lector 1</b>	Barb McDermott	Brigita Serbinek
<b>Lector 2</b>	Ben Clancy	Sr Patricia Weekes
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Jan Skinner Pauline Mulquiney	Gemma Whitehead Trish Parkinson Moira Porta
<b>Cantor Musicians</b>	Brian Waters/John van Lint Judy Foley	Damien Parkinson Val Hayes
<b>Counters:</b> Carey Menz-Dowling & John Dowling		

## 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

Pope Leo XIV emphasises receiving the Word of God like "fertile ground" and actively caring for those who suffer. He draws inspiration from the liturgical readings, encouraging the faithful to open their hearts to Christ's message and put it into concrete action.



# 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 or 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.**

## Xavier Catholic College Trivia Night Fundraiser—Vietnam Immersion

Join us for a night of fun to raise \$3,800 for essential school renovations in the Mekong Delta. Your ticket helps our Xavier students head over to paint, tile and support local communities.

**When:** Friday 31st July 2026 **Time:** 6.30 pm

**Cost:** \$15.00 per person

We are building tables of 10. If you are interested in coming to support this great cause and would like to be put on a table please register here: <https://bit.ly/XCCTrivia>

## TO PONDER:

Isaiah and the Gospel reveal a tension between God’s will and human responsiveness. In Isaiah, God’s word accomplishes God’s will and never returns to God “void”. Yet the surrounding verses are a plea to humans to listen and return to God (55:1-7). In the Gospel, while only God can grant knowledge of the “mysteries of the kingdom of heaven,” the parable is all about our responsiveness. These readings therefore point to a real tension in faith. Ultimately, faith and knowledge of God and God’s gifts, yet we are all responsible for cultivating ourselves in preparation to receive these gifts.

How might you practice being open and attentive?

## Albury Vinnies Community Sleepout 2026

Help Vinnies break the cycle of homelessness by joining our Albury Vinnies Community Sleepout and braving the cold for one night. **Event Details:**

**Date, Time & Venue** 5.00pm, Friday 28 August 2026. Jacob Toyota, 175 Melbourne Road, Wodonga.

**Event Coordinators:** Lincoln Weir & Shannan Carey

**How you can get involved:** Register to Sleep Out for one night. Donate or Sponsor a participant.

Our local Vinnies crew have formed a team, and we would love to partner up and kick goals together or if you would like to donate direct to our link here it is: <https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/albury-vinnies-community-sleepout-2026/vinnies>

## 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 17

~~All participants including email and snail mail contributors:~~

**107**—Ed Brown; **105**—Nana Lil, Fr Martin; **104**—Cathy Nyhan Liz Jones; Wendy Glazebrook; **103**—Kay, Bomber, Ben Griffin; **102**—Judy, Ray Trebilcock, Kate Tracy, Les; **101**—The Navies, Valerius; **100**—Brian Butts, Mannix; **99**—Ben & Xavier Clancy; **98**—Dormitor; **97**—Matt Boyd, Coyle Family, Mr Miller, EJ, Terry Cruickshank; **96**—Melissa Daniher, Clancy Family; **95**—Enbee; **94**—Joan Moylan, Richard Hickey, A Mitchelhill; **93**—Ironsides, Finners 21, Retired Gentleman, Denis Shirley; **91**—Brookside 5, Chrissie Trebilcock, Brian Milgate, Paul Albury; **90**—Barry; **89**—Carmel Butts; **87**—Go Kangas; **76**—Bucks; **69**—Haz-Miller

# Liturgy of the Word

## A reading from the book of Isaiah 55:10–11

Thus says the Lord: 'Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm 64

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

**Response: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

You care for the earth, give it water,  
you fill it with riches.

Your river in heaven brims over  
to provide its grain.. **R**

And thus you provide for the earth;  
you drench its furrows,  
you level it, soften it with showers,  
you bless its growth. **R**

You crown the year with your goodness.  
Abundance flows in your steps,  
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R**

The hills are girded with joy,  
The meadows covered with flocks,  
The valleys are decked with wheat.  
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R**

## A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:18–23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;  
all who come to him will live for ever.

**Alleluia!**

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 13:1–23 (Short Form)

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundred-fold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!

The Gospel of the Lord.