



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.

*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
18th / 19th 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/>

Safeguarding Officer for Sacred Heart Parish:

Adrian Mitchelhill

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Our readings this Sunday reveal a God who is merciful and compassionate; who is lenient in judgment. He cares for us with love and forgiveness. In our **First Reading** the author of Wisdom reflects on how God's power is revealed in the mildness of his judgment. His compassion teaches us to be kind in our turn towards others.

The **Psalm** is a song of praise enumerating the qualities of God. The Lord is good and forgiving, compassionate and gracious. We can surely appeal to him in all our troubles.

In the **Second Reading**, St Paul teaches us to pray in the Spirit. The Spirit prays within us and expresses the mind of God.

The **Gospel** presents us with three parables, all concerned with growth. The main one, about the weeds growing amidst the wheat, can be applied to our own lives, to the world around us and to the Church. God is patient, slow to judge. We can count on his mercy.

This week, may we ask the Lord to help us to be less judgmental and to look on others with kindness, as we would wish them to treat us.

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

Tuesday—Mass of Anointing in Mercy Place Chapel at 2.00pm

Friday—10.30am Grandparents Day Mass at St Anne's School Hall. All welcome

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: Graeme Jessup, Bernard Scott, Peter Toner, Terry Hillman, Brian Walshe, Carol Ciccoioppo, Joan Ratcliffe.

ANNIVERSARIES: Terence Clancy, Daniel Moylan, Joan Balsarini, Gregory Gwynne, Bevin McGrath, Dell Swinton, Patricia Matthews, Jamern Emmett, Sr Elizabeth Mitchell, Noel Murphy, Trent Jones, Alf Croft, Valerie Ashworth, Jean Murphy, Ellen Clark, Br Michael Foran, Sarah Walshe, Vera Hanlon, Greta Zauner, Sr Maureen O'Donovan, Perc Richardson, Eric Roach, Bruce McBrien, Peter Yensch, Bill Drum, Michael Nagle, Maude Smith.

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:

Poppy Jo Jones

child of Darryl and Tayla

Annie Joan Pargeter

Child of Jeremy and Rachel

Leo Lieschke

Child of Josh and Brooke

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 18 / 19 July 2026

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

Sat / Sun: 25 / 26 July 2026

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Adrian Mitchelhill Mary-Jayne Boyd Paula Waters	Sr Carina Morton Volunteers please
Eucharistic Ministers	Colleen Day Shinead Kilroy	Sr Patricia Weekes Moirra Porta Cathy Nyhan
Cantor Musicians	Ann McIntyre Judy Foley	Bob Mathews Val Hayes
Counters: Gemma		

Thought for the week Pope Leo XIV

"God never rushes to condemn, but gives us time to repent, grow, and change. The delay until the harvest is His mercy, reflecting His desire to save, not destroy."

Parish Prayer

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.*



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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL 2026 WINTER APPEAL THANK YOU

The St Claire's North Albury conference thanks the parishioners of Sacred Heart for the generous donations that we have received so far \$2,135.

Here is a snapshot of the support we provided in Albury in 2025. We assisted 2,267 people and have provided \$362,787 in assistance. The primary needs were: Food 88%, Clothing and furniture 12% accommodation and other areas 8%

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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.

Grandparents Celebration

On Friday 24 July, the Feast Day of St Anne and St Joachim, we honour the lives of Mary's parents, the earthly grandparents of Jesus. There is something to be said for grandparents' roles as repositories of wisdom and history. Their experience in faith and life has enriched their judgment, rendering them invaluable counsels for the generations that follow. They remember the heritage of the family and share it with future generations.

Our special grandparents mass and morning tea will be celebrated in St Anne's School Hall this Friday 25 July at 10.15am. All welcome to attend.

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>

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.

Family Group

Our Family Group are coming together for lunch on Sunday 26 July at Springdale Heights Tavern 12md. Please phone Liz 0423 387 501 for bookings as soon as possible. All welcome.

Sacred Heart Football Competition Ladder—End Rd 18

All participants including email and snail mail contributors:

115—Ed Brown; **114**—Fr Martin; **113**—NannaLil; **112**—Cathy Nyhan Liz Jones; **111**—Kay, Bomber, Ben Griffin, Wendy glazebrook; **110**—Judy, Ray Trebilcock, Kate Tracy, Les; **109**—The Navies, Valerius; **108**—Brian Butts, Mannix, Ben & Adrian; **107**—Xavier; **106**—Dormitor; **105**—Coyle Family, EJ, Terry Cruickshank; **104**—Mr Miller, Clancy Family; **103**—Enbee, A Mitchelhill, Matt Boyd; **102**—Melissa Daniher, Richard Hickey; **101**—Denis Shirley; **100**—Ironsides, Finners 21, Retired Gentleman; **99**—Brookside 5; **98**—Carmel Butts, Barry, Paul Albury; **97**—Chrissie Trebilcock; **96**—Brian Millgate; **95**—Joan Moylan; **88**—Go Kangas; **85**—Bucks; **70**—Haz-Miller

Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the book of Wisdom 12:13, 16—19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous must be kindly to all and you have given your sons and daughters the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 85

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

Response: *Lord, you are good and forgiving.*

O Lord, you are good and forgiving
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. **R**

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name., O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God.. **R**

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:26—27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, that same Spirit expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what the Spirit means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

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 13:24—43 (Short Form)

Jesus put a parable before the crowds. "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in the field. While everybody was asleep, the enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, 'Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?' 'Some enemy has done this', the owner answered. And the servants said, 'Do you want us to go and weed it out?' But the owner said, 'No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: first collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.