



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.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
25th / 26th 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.

Parish Clergy:

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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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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

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.



The readings for this Sunday invite us to think about what we truly value. They show the importance of wisdom, encouraging us to trust God's plan, and to value the kingdom of heaven above all else.

Solomon responds humbly when, in a dream, God asks him, 'what shall I give you?' Solomon seeks an 'understanding mind . . . to discern between good and evil in governing God's people'. Putting others' needs before his own pleases God, who gifts Solomon with wisdom.

(First Reading)

The **Gospel** also talks about choosing what is most important. Jesus tells two parables describing the value of the kingdom of heaven. We hear how coming across treasure brings someone great joy, while finding the one pearl of great price impels a merchant to buy and keep it. The Psalmist describes God's word as more important than the finest gold: it is true treasure, offering lasting wisdom, comfort and delight.

St Paul (**Second Reading**) assures us that God already has a plan in place for all who love God. Even when life is difficult, God is guiding and shaping us to be like Jesus.

This week, we pray to live each day with the wisdom to know what truly matters, and to let go of anything that holds us back. 'Lord, help us to share the joy of following you, wherever and however we can.'

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Pauline Stevens, Graeme Jessup, Bernard Scott, Peter Toner, Terry Hillman, Brian Walshe, Joan Ratcliffe.

ANNIVERSARIES: Frank Martin, Daniel Moylan, Patricia Zerbst-Biles, Peter Donkers, Allan Grimes, Brian Savage, James McLoughlin, Elwyn Farrugia, Clifford Charter, Sr Margaret Watson, Eileen Houlihan, Kathleen Hollis, Ben Paring, John Dallinger, Patrick Hillman, Sr Marcellus, Michael Merceica, Tim Lindner, Dorothy Gateley, Les Gehrig, Martin Skahill, Michelle Baillie, Jackie Bullock, Sr Emelda Seymour, Sr Alphonses Renehan.

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:

Blake Ryan & Lily Rose Smith
children of Byron and Katie

Buddy Joseph Hill
Child of Bradley and Molly

ROSTERS

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 Moiria Porta Cathy Nyhan
Cantor Musicians	Ann McIntyre Judy Foley	Damien Parkinson Val Hayes
Counters: Fran		

Sat / Sun: 1 / 2 August 2026

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	1st Communion Commitment Mass	1st Communion Commitment Mass
Eucharistic Ministers	Justin Clancy Adrian Mitchelhill	Sue Betts Mercedes Goss Sue McLaurin
Cantor Musicians	Judy Lindsay Judy Foley	David Hicks Val Hayes
Counters: Jane Togher		

Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly Day

God our loving Father,
you are the source of life and of all gifts.
You lovingly sustain us at every moment
of our lives and you bring us to fullness of
life in Jesus your Son.

We thank you for the wonderful gift of
our grandparents and the elderly.
You have given them to us to be our guide
as they share with us the wealth of their
experiences and the wisdom that they
have gained through the years.

We thank you for making them witnesses to
us of your abiding presence and care at
every turn and change of life.

We pray that you bless all of them with joy
and peace and with the faithful love
of their family.

Give them the patience and courage to bear
the cross of sickness and weakness
of the body.

Help us to continue to support, respect,
and love them.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Thought for the week Pope Leo XIV

"Finally, dear grandparents and elderly people, I recommend that you watch over your loved ones with wisdom and compassion, and with the humility and patience that come with age."



Parish News

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 \$2,205.

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%

Your cash 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.

Envelopes are available for those who still wish to make a monetary donation and can be returned on one of the collections. Vinnies are also seeking strong grocery shopping bags to load food supplies to those in need and these can be left in the laundry baskets located in the church.

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>

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.

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.

Together

The July edition of the Diocesan newspaper Together has arrived. Please take your free copy from the usual places in the church.

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. **BYO** food/soft drinks to share. **No alcohol this is a dry event.**

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>

Alternatively contact Terri-Anne Scott email:

scottt@ww.catholic.edu.au or (02) 6040 6388

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.

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

Grandparents Celebration

On Sunday 26 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.

A special thank you to all those involved in our grandparents mass held at St Anne's last Friday.

Parish Morning Tea

Our monthly Parish Morning tea will be held next Sunday 2nd August at the conclusion of our celebration of Eucharist in our Parish Hall. All welcome. If possible bring something to share.

Parish Pastoral Council

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Thursday 6 August at 6.00pm in the Parish Hall. All agenda items need to be sent to the Secretary, Marjorie Serbinek: m4serbinek@gmail.com by Monday 3 August.

Sacred Heart Football Competition Ladder—End Rd 19

All participants including email and snail mail contributors:

121—Ed Brown, Fr Martin; **119**—NannaLil; **118**—Cathy Nyhan Liz Jones, Wendy Glazebrook, Bomber, Kay; **117**—Ben Griffin, Ray Trebilcock, Judy, Les; **116**—Kate Tracy, Valerius; **115**—Brian Butts, Mannix, Ben & Adrian; **114**—The Navies, Xavier Clancy; **112**—Dormitor, Coyle Family, EJ, Terry Cruickshank; **111**—Clancy Family, Mr Miller; **109**—Enbee; **108**—Richard Hickey, A Mitchelhill, Matt Boyd; **107**—Denis Shirley, Finners 21, Melissa Daniher; **106**—Brookside 5, Carmel Butts, Retired gentleman; **105**—Ironsides; **104**—Barry, Paul Albury; **103**—Chrissie Trebilcock, Brian Millgate; **102**—Joan Moylan; **93**—Go Kangas; **92**—Bucks;

Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the first book of the Kings 3:5, 7—12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of these people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this', the Lord said, 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you asked. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 118

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

Response: Lord, I love your commands

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. **R**

Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. **R**

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. **R**

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. **R**

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:28—30

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this, those he called he justified and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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 13:44—52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; they hide it again, go off happy, sell everything they own and buy the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And Jesus said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.' The Gospel of the Lord.