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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.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st / 2nd August 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:

Fr Martin Cruickshank—Parish Priest

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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:

**Tuesday 2.00pm Mass of Anointing in Mercy Place
Chapel**

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.**



First Eucharist Commitment Prayers.

Candidates Commitment:

Dear Jesus, I really want to receive you in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. I ask you to help me during our special preparation time, to be more like the person You want me to be. When you come to me in Holy Communion, you will be with me more fully in a special way, sharing your life and love with me. Amen

Parents Commitment:

We will continue to support our child on their journey of faith, which began at Baptism. Lord, help us to give our child an example of Christian living, and help us to pass on to our family the importance of the celebration of the Eucharist. Amen

Parish Community's Commitment:

As the parish community of Sacred Heart we commit ourselves to supporting these children on their faith journey in prayer and by being visible signs of the life giving presence of Jesus Christ in our world. Amen

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Isabelle Jones, Pauline Stevens,

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Frank Martin, Fr Terence Mahedy, Bruce Duck, William Angus, Patrice Peters, Lachlan Fitchett, Josephine Carter, Margaret O'Rourke, Alan Whitty, Jim Boadle, Jacqueline Plant, Margaret Stout, Jack Parker, Peter Yensch, Cecil Webster, Bob & Clare Matthews, Jack Yensch, Thelma Walsh, Mgr Michael Lane, Patricia Steward, Ned Mulquiney, Beryl McPhee, Billy Giovanetti;

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:

Sadie & Remy Mitchelhill
children of Simon and Jennifer

Maple Mae McDowall
Child of Ben and Jorgia

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 25 / 26 July 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		

Sat / Sun: 1 / 2 August 2026

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Colleen Day Barb McDermott Jan Skinner	Liz Phegan Will Muir Cathy Nyhan
Eucharistic Ministers	Catherine Cutler Adrian Mitchelhill	Trish Parkinson Narelle Naughton Anna Muir
Cantor Musicians	All Cantors Judy Foley	Heath Neville Ashleigh Donaldson
Counters: Diane & Greg Bartsch		

Thought for the week Pope Leo XIV

Pope Leo emphasized that acts of solidarity, forgiveness, and good efforts act as "morsel[s] of bread" for a world in need of care.

Prayer for those Preparing for First Holy Communion

We pray for all those children who are preparing to receive the sacrament of First Communion. Please bless them with wisdom and strength as they prepare to grow in their faith.

We ask that you give them a thirst for knowledge, so that they may learn all that they can about your love and grace.

We pray that you would help them to become more like you: loving, forgiving, and compassionate.

Give them courage to face whatever challenges come their way, and grant them the desire to share your love with those around them.

Be present with their parents as they accompany them on this journey.

Help us all to appreciate the sacrament of the Eucharist in our lives and to be strengthened as we continue our journey to be the presence of Jesus to all whom we meet. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



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 \$2,305.

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.

Alpha Gathering

This month instead of meeting at the Sacred Heart Hall, we are having a social morning at Café Borellas this Tuesday 4 August at 10.00am.

Together

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

TO PONDER: Suffering and compassion go hand in hand in our readings. Often, the focus is human suffering and God's compassionate love. In Isaiah, God calls a suffering people to satiate themselves at a lavish feast of God's compassion and love. God's compassion is echoed in the psalmist's cries, while Paul claims powerfully that *nothing* separates us from God's love, least of all present sufferings. While in Isaiah God satisfies a deep, metaphoric hunger, in the Gospel the compassionate Jesus satisfies the people's literal hunger. Jesus also demonstrates that compassion and suffering are two integral parts of the human experience. Suffering invites us to lean inward on God, and it can also soften us, leading to greater compassion for others. In the Gospel, compassion emerges as Jesus is grieving, pulling him out of solitude. What is your own experience of suffering like? Does it turn you inward to solitary spaces or outward toward the pain of others?

First Holy Communion—2025

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

Commitment Masses: This Saturday 1 August 6.00pm and Sunday 2 August 9.30am.

The Eucharist is essential for us: it is Christ who wishes to enter our lives and fill us with his grace. (Pope Francis) The word Eucharist means thanksgiving. Make a list of all the things you give thanks for in your life, the life of your family, the life of our parish community. Is the Eucharist significant in my life? How do I show this? When am I Eucharist for others?

Parish Morning Tea

Our monthly Parish Morning tea will be held this Sunday 2nd August at the conclusion of our celebration of Eucharist in our Parish Hall. All welcome.

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 20

All participants including email and snail mail contributors:

128—Ed Brown; **127**—Fr Martin, NannaLil; **126**—Cathy Nyhan; **125**—Liz Jones, Wendy Glazebrook, Bomber, Kay, Ray Trebilcock; **124**—Ben Griffin, Judy, Les; **123**—Kate Tracy, Valerius, Brian Butts, Ben & Adrian; **122**— Mannix, Xavier Clancy; **120**—The Navies; **119**—Dormitor, Coyle Family, Mr Miller, Terry Cruickshank; **118**—Clancy Family, EJ; **117**—Enbee; **115**—Melissa Daniher, Denis Shirley; **114**—Richard Hickey, A Mitchelhill, Matt Boyd; **113**— Finners 21, Carmel Butts, Ironsides, Brookside 5; **112**— Barry; **111**— Paul Albury, Brian Millgate, Retired Gentleman; **110**—Chrissie Trebilcock; **107**—Joan Moylan; **99**—Go Kangas; **96**—Bucks;

Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 55:1—3

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come!

Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm 144

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

**Response: The hand of the Lord feeds us:
he answers all our needs.**

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.**

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. **R.**

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:35, 37—39

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 14:13—21

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children. The Gospel of the Lord