



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.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8th / 9th 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:

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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:

NO Mass Wednesday

Thursday 13 August 9.30am

Friday 14 August 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.



In the readings this week, we witness the full range of the earth's natural order: the mountains, the wind, the sea, an earthquake and fire. Through all the upheaval and suffering that life may bring, we are reminded of God's ever-loving presence.

In the **First Reading**, a solitary Elijah is invited to go to the mountain to pray. God reveals himself to Elijah not in the dramatic events he witnesses, but in a gentle, low whisper. The **Psalms** reminds us that God will always provide for us, if only we open our hearts and ears to him. Guided by God's values of mercy, peace, justice, righteousness and faith we will stay on the right path.

St Paul (**Second Reading**) reaches out to his fellow Jews with a great yearning that they should see and accept the abundant gifts offered by Christ their Lord.

The **Gospel** retells another dramatic encounter with the earth's elements: this time the disciples are caught aboard their boat in a storm. Consumed by fear, it takes some time for them to recognise Jesus and accept his saving help.

May we be confident of the enduring presence of our Lord as we navigate our own stormy waters. We need only reach out to him.

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: David Dawson, Tom Nash, Ezekiel Carney, Siobahn Harte, Ada McDonnell, Dell Flanagan, Dimpy Weston, Beverley Bungey, Joe Keighran, Pat Sheehan, Frank Grice, Dorothy Thompson, Sally Guthrie, Cindy Rohick, John Miles, Christopher Burdak, Bill Thompson, Bon Phefley, John Samuelson, Lena Tregupis, Laura Grabbatz, Patrick Roche, Thomas Ryan, Nellie Gaudry, Richard Bye, Beatrice Walker, Ann Cowin.

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:

Daisy Leith & Jack Dawson Rolfe
children of Andrew and Zoe

Oscar Liam Crocker
Child of Mason and Emily

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 8 / 9 August 2026

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Colleen Day	Liz Phegan
Lector 1	Barb McDermott	Will Muir
Lector 2	Jan Skinner	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: Fran

Sat / Sun: 15 / 16 August 2026

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Nicole Morton	Natalie Osborne
Lector 1	Terri-Anne Scott	Sr Carina Morton
Lector 2	Catherine Cutler	Mary Hunt
Eucharistic Ministers	Patricia Hopkins Colleen Day	Belinda Shelton Fran Kernaghan Pamela McIntosh
Cantor Musicians	Brian Waters/John Van Lint Judy Foley	Helen Regan

Counters: Trish Parkinson & Anne Gordes

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

Thought for the week Pope Leo XIV

"Just as Peter cried out when he began to sink, believers are encouraged to turn with persistent trust to God for help rather than relying solely on their own strength."



Parish News

St Vincent de Paul News

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.

Vinnies are still 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.

The Feast of Mary Mackillop, Australia's first canonized Saint occurs Saturday 8 August

Included is a prayer that you might like to use during the coming week:

*Ever generous God, you inspired Saint Mary Mackillop to live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and constant in bringing hope and encouragement to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy. With confidence in your generous providence and joining with Saint Mary Mackillop we ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit so that we too, like Mary Mackillop, may live with courage, trust and openness.
Ever generous God, hear our prayer.*

Census

Census instructions are now being delivered to households in preparation for Census night on Tuesday 11 August. The religion question concerns religious affiliation rather than religious practice. Parishioners who identify as Catholic are encouraged to answer the question and mark "Catholic" in the space provided.

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?

TO PONDER

On the mountaintop, God asks Elijah twice, "Why are you here?" In this profound question, God invites Elijah to take inventory of his life and its meaning. Why has Elijah sought God out in this silent space? What does Elijah want? Like Elijah, we are invited to choose spaces of silence where we find our own still centres and where we hear God speaking to us. In the quiet, still voice of God within us, we will hear the deepest truths that remind us of what is right, of what matters, and of how we are called. Hearing God speak lifts Elijah out of despair. As you pray with our readings and find the still space, how do you respond to God's question: *Why are you here?*

Family Group

Family Group will be having lunch at the Astor Hotel in Young St, Albury on the 23rd of August. All Parishioners welcome. RSVP Kaye on 0474132970 by the 17th August. Lunch from 12noon.

Parish Pastoral Council

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Thursday 3 September at 6.00pm in the Parish Hall. All agenda items need to be sent to the Secretary, Marjorie Serbinek: m4serbinek@gmail.com by Monday 31 August.

Sacred Heart Football Competition Ladder—End Rd 21

All participants including email and snail mail contributors:

135—Ed Brown; **133**—NannaLil; **132**—Cathy Nyhan, Fr Martin; **131**—Les, Bomber; **130**—Judy, Kay, Liz Jones; **131**—Wendy Glazebrook, Ray Trebilcock; **129**—Kate Tracy, Brian Butts, Ben Griffin; **128**—Valerius, Ben & Adrian, Xavier Clancy; **127**—Mannix; **126**—Clancy Family, Terry Cruickshank; **125**—Mr Miller, The Navies; **124**—Coyle Family; **123**—Dormitor, EJ, Enbee; **121**—Melissa Daniher, Denis Shirley, Matt Boyd, Richard Hickey; **120**—Carmel Butts, Finners21, Mitchelhill, Brookside5; **119**—Retired Gentleman; **118**—Barry; **117**—Ironsides, Brian Millgate; **116**—Chrissie Trebilcock; **115**—Paul Albury; **114**—Joan Moylan; **104**—Go Kangas; **101**—Bucks.

Another shameful performance by the so called Roo Boy who refuses to pick his own team!!

Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the first book of the Kings 19:9, 11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord'. Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 84

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

Response: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **R**

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **R**

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans 9:1—5

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ—it is the truth—my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers and sisters of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons and daughters, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen. The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord,

I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 14:22—33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a headwind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost,' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said, 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come,' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said, 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. Those in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God'.

The Gospel of the Lord.