



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.

*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
15th / 16th 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:

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.



God's love, mercy and salvation are for everyone

Although the Israelites were known as God's chosen people, the story of their beginning, their time in exile, slavery and rejection is also a story of God's love for the whole of humanity. Each of our readings this Sunday approaches this truth from a different perspective.

The prophet Isaiah (**First Reading**) exhorts us to act with justice and integrity. He foresees a time when anyone who loves and follows the way of the Lord will be part of the salvation covenant. The **Psalm** is a song of praise ringing with this truth, telling of a time when all nations will share in the loving light of God. Paul, writing to the early Gentile church in Rome, describes his conviction that their personal conversion and belief in God will help to fulfil God's promise to bring salvation to everyone, and not just to the chosen people. (**Second Reading**)

Today's **Gospel** presents an uncharacteristically abrupt Jesus initially rejecting the pleas of a desperate Canaanite woman. And yet it is this woman's determined faith and sense of humour that challenges Jesus to step beyond the boundaries of his initial mission, thus revealing the truth that his salvation and healing is for all people – no exceptions.

Let us pray that we will be able to recognise and have the courage to respond to faith expressed in surprising places.

We ask too that we will each play our part in revealing God's love to the world.

Parish Community



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

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Elaine Purvey, Paul McIntosh, Max Blomeley, Leslie Gray, Julie Morey, Bernie Cudmore, Nan Doughty, Joyce Doolan, Chris Maclean, Jack Doyle, Marie Hickey, Bernard Stout, Werner Pallman, Emma Mansfield, Maria Douba, Iris Pierpoint, Joan Carthew, Jeffrey Amy, Mary Mullavey, Carmel Onley, Daniel Chandler, Neville Crowther, David Crowe, Jack Ryan, Harry Cooper, Clare Matthews, Pat Deveney, Peter Mathew.

*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:*

*Lily May & Jack Reginald Walsh
children of Bradley and Ellen*

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 15 / 16 August 2026

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Nicole Morton	Natalie Osborne
Lector 1	Terri-Anne Scott	Mary Hunt
Lector 2	Catherine Cutler	Volunteer
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

Sat / Sun: 22 / 23 August 2026

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	St Anne's First Communion	St Anne's First Communion
Lector 1		
Lector 2		
Eucharistic Ministers	Pauline Mulquiney Anna Farrell	Sr Patricia Weekes Dianne Treacy Cathy Nyhan
Cantor Musicians	St Anne's	St Anne's

Counters: Margaret Brown & Moira Porta

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

"God's grace and salvation are for all people who humbly seek Him"



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 \$2,605.

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.

Albury / Wodonga Prayer Breakfast

A morning of prayer and fellowship across all Christian denominations in our region

Date: Wednesday 9 September. **Venue:** SS&A Club Albury.

Tickets: \$35 each or \$300 for table of 10. **Time:** Registration 6.45am, 7.00am start until 8.30am. **Speaker:** Lyle Shelton, National Director Family First Party & NSW Legislative Council Candidate.

Flyers: Placed at entrances to the church are flyers with a barcode to book your ticket or you can go to: [HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/DDJNH](https://www.trybooking.com/DDJNH)

PALMS—Simplicity September—International Volunteering

Sponsor yourself, your family or a friend to participate and raise money for Palms International Volunteering, Australia's only Catholic lay organization that delivers international development and formation through long term international volunteering.

Join Australians across the country supporting Palms' work in the Asia-Pacific. Go to: www.simplicityseptember.org.au
Or 02 9560 5333 / 0422 472 567

First Holy Communion—2025

First Holy Communion for children in Year 4 and beyond will be celebrated at parish masses next weekend **Saturday 22 August 6.00pm and Sunday 23 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

We often fixate on Jesus's name-calling in this Gospel story, yet the true focus of the passage is the woman: her agency as well as her remarkable expression of faith. If Jesus reminds her of a holy boundary between Israel and outsiders, she tears it down and impel his mercy. When we read this passage, we may relate to the woman, whose role we take on regularly when we say "Kyrie eleison" ("Lord, have mercy") in our liturgies. Or maybe we relate to the insiders—Israel or even Jesus—whose ideas of who is "in" seem to be constantly evolving. The human inclination to exclude is as natural as it is boring. What is exciting is the ability to push the boundaries, as the woman does, and to push ourselves beyond the boundaries, as Jesus does, because when human action cooperates with and even compels the divine, the result is a mercy that is truly stunning.

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 22

All participants including email and snail mail contributors:

141—Roo Boy; **139**—NannaLil; **138**—Cathy Nyhan, **137**—Bomber, Liz Jones, Ray Trebilcock, Fr Martin; **136**—Les, Wendy Glazebrook, Kay; **135**—Ben Griffin, Judy, Valerius; **134**—Brian Butts, Kate Tracy, Mannix, Xavier Clancy; **133**—Ben & Adrian; **132**—Terry Cruickshank; **131**—Mr Miller, Clancy Family; **130**—The Navies; **129**—Coyle Family, Enbee; **128**—Dormitor, EJ, Finners 21, Melissa Daniher; **127**—Matt Boyd; **126**—Denis Shirley, Brookside5; **125**—Richard Hickey, Mitchelhill; **124**—Carmel Butts; **123**—Barry, Retired Gentleman, Brian Millgate, Chrissie Trebilcock; **122**—Ironsides, Paul Albury; **118**—Joan Moylan; **108**—Go Kangas; **105**—Bucks.

Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 56:1, 6—7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants—all who observe the Sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 66

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

Response: O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **R**

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **R**

Let the people praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R**

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans 11:13—15, 29—32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now—and only because of the mercy shown to you—will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 15:21—28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said, 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said, 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again. The Gospel of the Lord.