



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.

*Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
22nd / 23rd 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.

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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 MASSES THIS WEEK

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.



Prayer of Many Breads

We pray then, good and gracious God, that we might recognize you in the breaking of bread today.

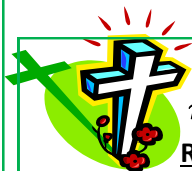
May we recognize you every time we join someone on a journey, every time we share a meal, every time we take bread in our hands. And may this recognition call forth such joy in us that we might never lose sight of your goodness.

May it inspire such love in us that our hearts might continue to burn within us, keeping alive your memory and your promise.

And may it provide such a longing for truth in us that we will never be satisfied until the whole earth experiences your justice and your peace.

Amen

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Terry Cruickshank, Kenneth Murray, Genevieve Govers, Shaun Dwyer, Paula McColl, Nancy White, Lois Gale, Isabelle Jones, Pauline Stevens, Graeme Jessup, Bernard Scott, Peter Toner, Terry Hillman.

ANNIVERSARIES: Maureen Kennedy, Kim Kennedy, Maria Paizis, Maria Carnovale, Barry Godde, Valerie Wynack, Kathleen Slattery, Mary Cox, Tom Quade, Mavis Hills, Montey Meyer, Edna Gibson, Thomas Hunt, Sydney Flegeltaub, Flo Mitsch, Richard Malez, Joe Packer, Mary Bradford, Annie Phillips John Worsley, Bill King, Frank McLaughlin, Herbert Hudson, Sean Ryan, Jean Bailey, Thomas Pass, Mark Fraser, Jim Rice, Colin Hodda.

Gather our loved ones into your arms. Quiet our doubt and anger and send us your healing grace. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer for the Sick

We pray for all those who are sick. May they draw strength and healing from God's presence with them and from our prayers and thoughts for them.

May they have peace in their hearts and know they are greatly loved by all.

We offer our prayers believing that God's presence and power can do more than we can ever know. Amen

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 22 / 23 August 2026

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	St Anne's First Communion	St Anne's First Communion
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

Sat / Sun: 29 / 30 August 2026

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Colleen Day Barb McDermott Terri-Anne Scott	Sr Carina Morton Anna Muir John Dowling
Eucharistic Ministers	Jan Skinner Patricia Hopkins	Eamonn Buckley Trish Parkinson Will Muir
Cantor Musicians	Judy Lindsay Judy Foley	Bob Matthews Val Hayes

Counters: Paul Muntz

Prayer for Children making their First Communion

Loving God, You are the giver of all we possess, the source of all of our blessings.

We thank and praise you for the children receiving Communion for the first time and those asking for a special blessing. May these children come to know you, the one true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

May your Holy Spirit help them and their families to grow in faith, hope, and love, so they may know peace, truth, and goodness.

May their ears hear your voice.

May their eyes see your presence in all things.

May their lips proclaim your word.

May their hearts be your dwelling place.

May their hands do works of charity.

May their feet walk in the way of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord.

Amen.

Thought for the week Pope Leo XIV

Christ truly satisfies humanity's hunger—our hunger for truth and life. At the same time, His action teaches us that nothing is wasted when it is shared.



Parish News

Congratulations and Blessings First Holy Communicants

This weekend many of our children will receive the gift of the Eucharist for the first time.

Let us reflect on the words of Pope Francis *'The Eucharist is essential for us: it is Christ who wishes to enter our lives and fill us with his grace.'* (Pope Francis)

Just as the bread and wine are turned into the real body and blood of Christ, so too are those who receive the gifts, transformed into a living Eucharist, becoming the Body of Christ for others.' (Pope Francis)

Pope Francis when reflecting on who is welcome in the church reasserted *'The Lord is clear—the sick the elderly, the young, old, ugly, beautiful, good and bad. Everyone is welcome.'*

The rite of baptism acknowledges the role of parents as the first teachers of their children in the way of faith. The final blessing concludes *'May you be the best of teachers bearing witness to the faith by what you say and what you do.'* Pope Francis reminds us that faith is not a thing of the past, like an artefact in a museum. Rather faith is a born and re-born from a life giving encounter with Jesus from experiencing how his mercy illumines every situation in our lives. May your own faith be nurtured and nourished inspired and enlightened so that your children will more closely follow the call of Jesus in their lives.

Gratitude is extended to all those involved in the preparation of our children for the reception of Christ's life giving presence especially our Year 4 teachers Cassandra Jones and Jason Hollard.

Special thanks to Jacqui Cuthbertson our St Anne's Religious Education Coordinator for continuing to share her living faith with the many children under her care.

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: <https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/albury-vinnies-community-sleepout-2026/vinnies>

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.

From Fr Martin

My older brother Terry died in Adelaide last Monday unexpectedly after a short illness. While he lived in Christies Beach Adelaide most of his married and working life his nostalgia for his growing up years in Albury were happy ones.

Please remember his devoted wife Fay, their adult children Karen, Erica and Holly and his precious grandchildren in your prayers during these difficult days. At least he saw the mighty saints win one premiership in 1966.

His funeral service will be held in Adelaide next Friday, so I will be away from our parish this coming week.

I am grateful to Fr John McGrath for being the celebrant at the funeral mass of Shaun Dwyer this Friday 28 August in Sacred Heart Church at 2.00pm. Shaun was a regular mass goer here at Sacred Heart—you might remember his little pink car in the car park. Unfortunately, he was killed in a road accident near the Five Mates Bridge while he was travelling to work.

Our prayers are with his wife Leanne and his elderly parents and extended family in their great loss and grief.

May both Terry and Shaun and your own loved ones who have died rest forever in God's peace.

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)

Sacred Heart Football Competition Ladder—End Rd 23

All participants including email and snail mail contributors:

The last round is underway. Some of us have gave gone wider in our selections to make up lost ground.

The big question is whether 'Roo Boy' will pluck up the courage to back his own team for once, against a decimated Sydney Swans. For the record I have picked the Bombers to win. The word from a reliable source is that Mark McVeigh will be appointed coach of Essendon early next week.

150—Roo Boy; **148**—Nannalil; **147**—Cathy Nyhan, **146**—Bomber, Liz Jones, Ray Trebilcock; **145**—Les, Wendy Glazebrook, Fr Martin, Kay; **144**—Ben Griffin, Judy, Valerius; **143**—Brian Butts, Kate Tracy, Mannix; **142**—Ben & Adrian, Xavier Clancy; **141**—Terry Cruickshank; **140**—Clancy Family; **139**—Mr Miller; **138**—Coyle Family, Enbee; **137**—Melissa Daniher, EJ, The Navies; **136**—Finners 21, **135**—Dormitor, Brookside5, Denis Shirley, Matt Boyd; **134**—Mitchelhill; **133**—Richard Hickey; **132**—Barry, Brian Millgate; **131**—Carmel Butts, Paul Albury; **130**—Retired Gentleman, Chrissie Trebilcock; **129**—Ironsides; **123**—Joan Moylan; **113**—Go Kangas; **110**—Bucks.

Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 22:19—23

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

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

Response: *My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God*

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **R**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **R**

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R**

For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **R**

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: I have already told you what the Lord Jesus did on the night he was betrayed. And it came from the Lord himself. He took some bread in his hands. Then after he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Eat this and remember me." After the meal, Jesus took a cup of wine in his hands and said, "This is my blood, and with it God makes his new agreement with you. Drink this and remember me." The Lord meant that when you eat this bread and drink from this cup, you tell about his death until he comes.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

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.