



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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 29th / 30th 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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Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable People:

<https://wagga.catholic.org.au/safeguarding-children-vulnerable-people/>

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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—Mass of Anointing. Mercy Place Chapel. 2.00pm

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.



Today's readings remind us that while we may find ourselves caught between the values of God's kingdom and those of the world around us, we will always have the love of God to protect and uphold us.

Jeremiah laments that answering God's call has led to him being mocked and derided (**First Reading**). Yet despite this, he can still sense a burning desire to speak God's words. The Psalmist, wandering in the desert, thirsts for God's presence, just as he thirsts for water. Recognising the Lord's loving mercy, he is able to raise his hands in praise and thanksgiving.

St Paul (**Second Reading**) reminds the Romans that the life we take on through baptism becomes the inspiration for how we live. Paul encourages them to resist the temptation to conform to the demands of the world as they seek to respond to God.

In the **Gospel**, we see Peter's struggle to embrace fully the reality of Jesus's Way. Soon after being named 'the rock' on which the Church will be built, Peter is still holding on to the values of the world, and struggling to accept what Jesus tells him about the suffering that lies ahead.

This week we pray for those taking up their cross in the service of Christ and his Church around the world. We ask the Lord to keep them safe 'in the shadow of his wings'.

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Terry Cruickshank, Dennis Ritchie,

Kenneth Murray, Glenn Fairall, Zelda Rutledge, Genevieve Govers, Shaun Dwyer, Paula McColl, Nancy White, Lois Gale, Isabelle Jones, Pauline Stevens, Graeme Jessup, Bernard Scott, Peter Toner, Terry Hillman.

ANNIVERSARIES: Jennifer Childs, Jean MacIntosh, Alma Terlikowski, Tony Whiting, Andrew Lindner, Don Fraser, Maria Lawrowicz, Molly McLaughlin, Bishop W Brennan, Stewart Bryant, Sally Robinson, Pat Boadle, John Sharman, Mary Emerson, Eric Livermore, Theresa Lopez, Valda Cunningham, Nell Cruickshank, Geertja Van Gorkom, Robert Rossmann, Anne Fallett, Michael Lawrence, Lawrence Taylor, Joseph Terlick, Laura Bowen.

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:

Archie Gordon Shearer
Son of Tyler and Ricci Lee

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 29 / 30 August 2026

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Adrian Mitchelhill	Sr Carina Morton
Lector 1	Barb McDermott	Anna Muir
Lector 2	Terri-Anne Scott	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

Sat / Sun: 5 / 6 September 2026

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Michael Byrnes	Margy Brown
Lector 1	Adrian Mitchelhill	Mercedes Goss
Lector 2	Nicole Morton	Ed Brown
Eucharistic Ministers	Kaye Deanshaw Shinead Kilroy	Moiria Porta Pamela McIntosh Sr Siony
Cantor Musicians	All Cantors Judy Foley	Heath, Ed & Margy

Counters: Judy Warren & Michael Byrnes

Thought for the week Pope Leo XIV

Today's gospel emphasizes that Jesus spoke openly of these mysteries so His followers would see death not as an end, but as a passage to eternal life.

Parish Prayer

God of Love, Source of all hope and good things; You call us in love, to share in the work and ongoing life of our Sacred Heart Parish.

Bless this parish of ours and lead us to be confident and joyful in serving those around us, so that through us, the world may catch a glimpse of the love you have for each one of us.

Make us instruments of your love to everyone that we encounter in our parish community, at home, at work and in our neighbourhood.

Help us to grow in gratitude so that we can recognise and thank you for all the good things you have given us.

Each day may we come to know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly.

*Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*



Parish News

Welcome Fr Sean

We welcome Fr Sean Byrnes to our parish community as he celebrates Eucharist with us this Saturday night in Fr Martin's absence. Thank you.

TO PONDER:

There is some tension between our first reading and the Gospel. In the book of Jeremiah, we witness a deep interior conflict between the prophet's desires and the divine will. In the Gospel, Jesus's call to deny oneself is about choice. Moreover, denial of self is not about taking on unnecessary suffering that degrades the dignity of the human person (like staying in an abusive relationship) but about reorienting one's mind and heart. According to our reading from Romans, self-denial means being "transformed by the renewal of the mind" to discern God's will. To deny oneself is to take on an expansive identity rooted not in the narrowness of our own minds but in God's love, "to lose oneself entirely in Christ."

Think back over the last few days. When have you been invited to turn toward Jesus as the centre of your existence at the cost of some other drive or desire you may have had? What did you do with that invitation?

Wild Goose Series

Our monthly gathering is this Tuesday 1 September in our parish hall at 10.00am. Topic: 'The Spirit Convicts' *John 16:8* Morning tea provided. All welcome.

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.

Congratulations and Blessings to our First Holy Communicants

Gratitude is also 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.

Parish Pastoral Council

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place this 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.

'LIVING WATER' Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ

September 1 introduces the **Season of Creation**. It comes to its climax on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi in early October.

Pope Francis introduced this celebration as part of his emphasis that respect for our environment is central to Christian faith and not simply a political choice.

In the Christian tradition St Francis has long been the model of a commitment to simple living and of attention to nature. He saw the world of nature with all its rich connections as more than something out there to pray for. He experienced it as God's gift to us and saw us as part of the world, not as its masters. In this vision of the world we suffer if the physical world is wounded and exploited, if animals and birds are deprived of their habitat, and if forests are felled and their rich ecology destroyed for gain. When the rich and delicate relationships between plants and animals, wildflowers and insects, bees and honey, insecticides and propagation, are destroyed, we human beings also suffer.

The theme of the Season of Creation this year is 'Living Water'. These are flowing waters as distinct from the still water in wells and containers. Living or flowing water satisfies our thirst, but it also irrigates the earth, enables crops to grow and flowers to bloom and birds and insects to blossom and produce fruit. It is an essential part of the circle of life and beauty of the world. Most of us take it for granted, but the rainfall on which our life depends relies on the complex harmony of sunshine, rainfall, winds and low emissions.

In his Gospel, St John emphasises the Good News that God joined our world in Jesus and describes faith in him as living water. The Good News offers hope for the world which is stronger than the drought and flood that we experience in our lives. Like flowing water, it extends beyond our own limited lives to irrigate a dry world and to turn winter into spring. In celebrating the Season of Creation, we are encouraged to delight in the beauty and delicacy of our natural world.

Parish Morning Tea

Our monthly Parish Morning tea will be held next Sunday 6th September at the conclusion of our celebration of Eucharist in our Parish Hall. All welcome.

Final Round for Sacred Heart Footy Competition

154—Roo Boy; **153**—Nannalil, Ray Trebilcock; **152**—Cathy Nyhan, Bomber, Liz Jones; **146**—Bomber, Liz Jones, Ray Trebilcock; **151**—Fr Martin, Kay; **150**—Mannix, Wendy Glazebrook; **149**—Ben Griffin, Valerius, Judy, Les, Kate Tracy; **148**—Brian Butts; **147**—Clancy Family, Xavier Clancy, Ben & Adrian; **145**—Terry Cruickshank; **144**—Coyle Family, Mr Miller; **143**—Enbee, EJ; **142**—Melissa Daniher, The Navies, Finners 21, **140**—Dormitor, Brookside5, Denis Shirley, Matt Boyd, Mitchelhill, Richard Hickey; **137**—Barry; **136**—Brian Millgate, Chrissie Trebilcock, Paul Albury; **135**—Carmel Butts; **134**—Retired Gentleman; **133**—Ironsides; **128**—Joan Moylan; **118**—Go Kangas; **115**—Bucks.

Well done to all competitors! Money will be presented to winners at our Parish Morning Tea next weekend 6 Sept.

Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the book of Jeremiah 20:7—9

You have seduced me, Lord and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everyone's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.' Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 62

(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 Letter of St Paul to the Romans

Think of God's mercy, my sisters and brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God.

Do not model yourself on the behaviours of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

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 16:21—27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But Jesus turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but that of humankind.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let them renounce themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save their life will lose it; but anyone who loses their life for my sake will find it. What, then, will someone gain if they win the whole world and ruin their life? Or what has someone to offer in exchange for their life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to their behaviour.' The Gospel of the Lord.