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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.

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 5th / 6th September 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/>

Safeguarding Officer for Sacred Heart Parish:

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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.

PRAYER FOR FATHERS DAY

Let us praise those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice.

Let us praise those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a worthy and virtuous father.

Let us praise those fathers who, by their own account, were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support. As well, let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by words and actions of their children.

Let us praise those fathers who, despite marital discord, have remained in their children's lives.

Let us praise those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has nurtured a thriving life.

Let us praise those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their step children's love and respect.

Let us praise those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.

Let us praise those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

Let us praise those men who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides.

Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Nancy White, Paula McColl, 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: Don Fraser, Bernadette Blair, Cassie Purtle, Marisa Copperwaite, Gerald Murphy, Maureen Toner, Jenny O'Flaherty, Maryanne Kennedy, Sr Margaret Schmetzer, Eileen Gill, Noeleen Low, Mary McLaurin, Arthur Walsh, Gloria Dawson, Sandra Mitsch, Cess Herbert, Megan Ryan, Jo Handley, Geoff Hore, Bob Kirkwood, Bill Ashworth, Irene Lieberman, Patrick Hamilton, Kathleen Bomford, Krystal Crowther, Ludwig JanKowski. *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: 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	Moirra Porta Pamela McIntosh Sr Siony
Cantor Musicians	All Cantors Judy Foley	Heath, Ed & Margy

Counters: Judy Warren & Michael Byrnes

Sat / Sun: 12 / 13 September 2026

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Nicole Morton	Ed Brown
Lector 1	Ben Clancy	Narelle Naughton
Lector 2	Mary-Jayne Boyd	Samuel Serbinek
Eucharistic Ministers	Adrian Mitchelhill Anna Farrell	Mercedes Goss Volunteers
Cantor Musicians	Judy Lindsay Judy Foley	Damian Parkinson Brigita Serbinek

Counters: Brian Fealy & Bernie Seaton

Thought for the week Pope Leo XIV

Jesus treats reconciliation as an immediate command rather than a suggestion, urging people to settle conflicts quickly and proactively take the initiative.

PRAYER FOR FATHERS ON FATHER'S DAY

*Heavenly Father,
You entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, his foster father.
Bless all fathers and grandfathers as they care for their families.*

Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience, give them ability to love in a way that reflects your love.

Support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to You for love and guidance. Help us to love them in a way that would bring honour to You and them.

*Bless and heal all those wounded by the imperfections of their fathers and grant an eternal rest to our fathers You have called from this life to Yourself, through Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen*

HAPPY
Father's Day



Parish News

TO PONDER:

Ezekiel's watchman metaphor recalls Cain's question to God in Genesis 4:9: "Am I my brother's keeper?" The answer, of course, is yes. We are all responsible for each other. One person's separation from God and community hurts the whole. This is where Paul's call in Romans becomes a linchpin: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." We can only act as true "watchmen," with care and responsibility toward each other, if we *love* each person as we love ourselves (and vice versa: we can only love each other if we have a healthy sense of self-love and dignity). Right relationships and skilful intervention happen in the context of love. Our readings challenge us to consider whether we are being called to reach out or intervene honestly and lovingly to someone who has gone astray, and whether that person might even be ourselves.

St Lorenzo Ruiz Commemoration Mass

Mass in commemoration of St Lorenzo Ruiz, Martyr to be held 26 September, Holy Spirit, Lavington, 6pm Vigil Mass. Bring a plate to share for supper at the Meeting room. Contact: MACE Sisters—0402 090 438

Murray Concert Choir—*Paths of Light*

A musical Journey across Continents and Centuries—Saturday 12 September at St Matthew's Albury at 7.30pm
Sunday 13 September at St John's Wodonga at 2.30pm
Tickets: \$25 (\$20 concession) under 18 Free. Available at Try Booking, Regent Cinema Centre Albury or at the door.

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.

Murray River Fine Music—*The Art of Wonder & Consolation*

This special music festival brings together some of the finest musicians from around Australia, including Lior, in collaboration with regional performers and the Flying Fruit Fly Circus in an outstanding program for all ages at The Cube Wodonga, from September 11—13. For more information go to: thecubewodonga.com.au or phone (02)6022 9311.

Safeguarding Sunday

This Sunday is Safeguarding Sunday. We join the wider Church community to pray and reflect on our shared duty to protect, children, young people and adults at risk. Safeguarding is not simply a policy or procedure; it is a responsibility that reflects the dignity of every person and our shared commitment to love one another as Christ has loved us. Under this year's theme, "Every Conversation Matters - Shifting Conversation to Action", we thank our volunteers and ministry leaders who maintain safe, welcoming environments in our parish. For more information visit: <https://wagga.catholic.org.au/safeguarding-children-vulnerable-people/>

From Fr Martin

Thanks to all those who helped out in any way so that I was able to spend last week in Adelaide preparing for and attending my brother's funeral. In a particular way I thank Fr Sean Byrnes from Holy Spirit for covering last Saturday night's mass so that I could safely make the long sojourn home. I am most grateful for those who have offered words and gestures of condolence and comfort. Please remember my brother Terry, his wife Fay, their children Karen, Erica and Holly and their families in your prayers.

Nepal Floods

Caritas teams are on the ground assessing the scale of the disastrous Nepalese floods and how to respond. It is expected that the needs will most likely include: emergency shelter and essential items, access to clean water and sanitation, access to food and immediate and long-term recovery. If you are able to support Caritas Australia's Nepal Floods Appeal, visit: www.caritas.org.au/nepal.

Loving God,

*Be close to all those caught in the devastation of the floods in
Nepal and Tibet.*

*Comfort those who have lost loved ones,
strengthen those waiting anxiously for news,
and guide rescuers and emergency workers as they search
for survivors.*

*Give courage to displaced families
and compassion to communities offering shelter, food and care.*

*May those who are missing be found,
and may those who mourn know they are not alone.*

God of mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

Parish Morning Tea

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

2026 Footy Tipping Final Scores

First (\$500): Roo Boy 154; **Second (\$170 each):** Nanna Lil & Ray Trebilcock 153; **Third (\$80 each):** Bomber, Liz Jones & Cathy Nyhan 152;

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; **103—**Haz-Miller.

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

Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 33:7—9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 94

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

**Response: O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
Let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R**

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men and women you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single commandment: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has
entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 18:15—20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community, and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

The Gospel of the Lord.