



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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
19th / 20th 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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Ref No: Name # Please contact Office for a number

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Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable People:

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

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This week, the readings focus on God's generosity, even if it is sometimes difficult for us to accept that God's ways are not our ways. In the **First Reading**, Isaiah encourages the people of Israel to seek the Lord and turn to him, so that they can experience his forgiveness and compassion. The **Psalm** promises kindness and mercy to all who call on the Lord.

St Paul (**Second Reading**) speaks of his dilemma. He wants to be with Christ, but also realises that he is needed on earth to continue to preach the Gospel around him. Of two good things, he chooses the better: that is, to remain alive for the sake of the new Christians.

The **Gospel** further illustrates that God's ways are not our ways, and that God's generosity is without bounds. Here, Jesus tells the parable of the vine workers: all will be paid the same amount, regardless of the number of hours they have spent in the field. This story helps us understand that in God's eyes, those who turned to God later in life are worth just as much as those who have followed him from the beginning.

In our prayer this week, we may like to meditate further on God's unconditional love and generosity for us all, and remind ourselves that his ways are not our ways.

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.

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Roch McGrath, Peg Chapman, Terry Cruickshank, Margaret Phillips, Judith Williams, Trevor Quayle, Dennis Ritchie, Kenneth Murray, Gevevieve Govers, Shaun Dwyer, Nancy White, Paula McColl.

ANNIVERSARIES: John Brown, Joanne Bartlett, Clarita Strauss, Nick Setaro, Margaret Gaynor, Kevin Smith, Pat O'Shaughnessy, Val Bullock, Margaret Doyle, Jim Sheahan, Jack Gordon, Sandra Syphers, Maureen Brady, Dorothy Fegan, Nicole Shirley, Bernard Rolfe, Neil Russell, Gwyneth McSpadden, Keith Fegan, Amanda Bowen, Jill Mitsch, Kerry Osmond, Patricia Kernaghan, Geoffrey Thompson, Laurel Lindsay, Ross Riess, Sr Mary Aquinas.
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:

Effie Alaia Bollingmoore

Daughter Nathaniel and Kyra

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 19 / 20 September 2026

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Justin Clancy	Cathy Nyhan
Lector 1	Xavier Clancy	Roy Thompson
Lector 2	Kaye Deanshaw	Bethany Carey
Eucharistic Ministers	Pauline Mulquiney Volunteer	Belinda Shelton Trish Parkinson Sue McLaurin
Cantor Musicians	Ann McIntyre Judy Foley	Wendy & Bernadette

Counters: Bethany Carey

Sat / Sun: 26 / 27 September 2026

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Michael Byrnes	Sr Carina Morton
Lector 1	Adrian Mitchelhill	Margy Brown
Lector 2	Paula Waters	Mary Hunt
Eucharistic Ministers	Jan Skinner Kaye Deanshaw	Dianne Treacy Sue Betts Carey Menz-Dowling
Cantor Musicians	Brian Waters/John Van Lint Judy Foley	David Hicks

Counters: Carey Menz-Dowling & John Dowling

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.

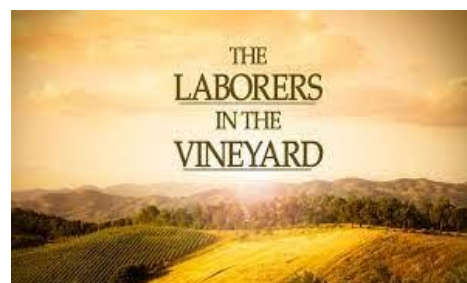
Help us to grow in gratitude so that we can recognise and thank you for all the good things you have given us.

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

*Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Thought for the week Pope Leo XIV

"God loves every person and wants to help everyone discover their inherent value and dignity, especially those who feel unworthy or unappreciated."



Parish News

TO PONDER:

Our Gospel parable affirms that God is good and generous toward all people. This truth should be a great relief and cause for rejoicing, yet the competitive side of human nature does not always see it this way. We want things to be “fair” and “earned,” yet God’s ways and thoughts do not function according to human standards (thank God!). As the Gospel tells us, if we seek God honestly and attentively - whether we are the labourers diligently working all day or the labourers diligently waiting all day—we will receive everything God has, a full day’s wages. To understand the power of this parable means seeing things from God’s perspective and from the perspective of the underdog.

As we pray with our readings, what does God’s universal goodness, God’s indiscriminate justice, God’s extravagant mercy, truly mean to us—personally and socially?

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

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors Rosters

We are drawing up a new roster for October through to January 2027. If you would like to participate in these ministries please add your name, phone number & email address to the sheet provided Swan Street entry or contact the parish by email.

For those already on the roster please advise of your unavailability during these months.

Australian Catholics—Spring Edition

The Spring Edition comprises articles chosen from the over 500 participants in the Jesuit Young Voices Awards. Entrants highlighted how people and communities continue to work to ensure fairness and justice for those around them. Each entry was an antidote to a world where sometimes we can feel enmeshed in negativity and selfishness. They pose the question, where are you going to go boldly? Please take and distribute your free copies.

Parish Pastoral Council

The next meeting of the Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Thursday 15 October at 6.00pm in our parish hall. Agenda items need to reach the Secretary, Marjorie Serbinek: m4serbinek@gmail.com by Monday 12 October.

2026 Footy Tipping Final Scores

1st: 154 Roo Boy (Ed Brown) \$500.

2nd: 153 Nanna Lil (Liz Phegan) & Ray Trebilcock \$170each.

3rd: 152 Bomber (John Grigg), Liz Jones & Cathy Nyhan \$80each.

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 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.

Fr John McGrath’s younger brother Roch who lives in Tumbumba died suddenly this week. Please remember his wife, children and large extended family in your prayers.

Fr John McGrath—50th Jubilee of Ordination

St Mary’s Star of the Sea Parish Corowa invite parishioners of Sacred Heart North Albury to Fr John’s Jubilee Celebrations on Sunday 11 October, 2026. Mass at 10.00am. Followed by morning tea in St Mary’s School Hall.

RSVP by Monday 5 October. Cathy O’Shea Ph: 0418 972 375. Email: brigdenc@www.catholic.edu.au

Catholic Mission Appeal

World Mission Sunday occurs on 18 October.

Catholic Mission works on behalf of Pope Leo as the Australian agency of the Pontifical Mission Societies to support Church run mission programs around the world. The theme for 2026 is “*One in Christ, United in Mission.*”

This year we are encouraged to support the Church in Malawi, Africa where the work of Fr Matthew Semba is changing lives through St Peter’s Nyamikuta Primary School. Coordinated by Fr Matthew, the Church with your support can build a new school close to home, provide nutritious meals for students and purchase essential items to help the children learn with confidence.

It is exciting to announce that Fr Matthew Semba himself will celebrate 9.30am mass with us here at Sacred Heart on Sunday 18 October. Shared Morning Tea to follow the conclusion of mass in our Parish Hall.

Christine Costello from Australian Catholic Mission will attend 6.00pm mass on Saturday 17 October and reflect on the video presentation. More details in the coming weeks.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

A Parent / Student information and reflection night for children from Yr 3 and beyond wishing to receive the Sacrament of reconciliation for the first time will be held this Monday 21 September at 6.00pm in St Anne’s School Hall.

The Second Rite of Reconciliation for candidates and families will be held on Tuesday 27 October in Sacred Heart Church at 6.00pm.

Parents of children not attending St Anne’s who wish their child to receive this important sacrament of healing and forgiveness are asked to contact our parish office by phone/email so that appropriate preparation can be arranged.

Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 55:6—9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked abandon their way, the evil ones their thoughts. Let them turn back to the Lord who will take pity on them, to our God who is rich in forgiving;

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 144

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

Response: The Lord is near to all who call Him.

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name forever.

The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. **R**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R**

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **R**

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians 1:20—24, 27

Christ will be gloried in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results—I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 20:1—16

Jesus said to his disciples: “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour, he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, ‘You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage.’ So they went. At about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more workers standing round, and he said to them, ‘Why have you been standing idle all day?’ ‘Because no one hired us,’ they answered. He said to them, ‘You go into my vineyard too’. In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first.’

So those who were hired last came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but grumbled at the landowner

. ‘The workers who came last have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day’s work in all the heat.’ He said, ‘My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous? Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.’ The Gospel of the Lord.