



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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
26th / 27th 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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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:

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The readings this week invite us to reflect on where we put our energies. They remind us that we can only serve our own, deep needs by responding to God's call to love and serve others.

In the **First Reading** the prophet, Ezekiel, tells us that we will only ever experience the fullness of life if we reject wickedness and pursue what is right and just. The **Psalms** offers words of great encouragement, reminding us of God's constant guidance and salvation for those humble enough to receive it. We are reassured of his mercy and compassion, should we stray from his path. The **Second Reading** continues in the same vein, inviting us to reject selfish ambition and pride in favour of humility, sympathy and generosity towards others.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus uses the familiar parable of the two sons to illustrate the difference between mere words and concrete action. He emphasises how status, power and religion mean nothing unless they are used in ways that serve others in God's love.

This week, may we remain mindful of how we might respond to God's call to live a full and meaningful life through service and kindness to others.

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 9.30am

Friday (Anointing Mass-Sacrament of the sick) 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: Christopher Kloppenborg, Doreen

Spalding, Shirley Furlong, Roch McGrath, Peg Chapman, Terry Cruickshank,
Trevor Quayle, Genevieve Govers.

ANNIVERSARIES: John Brown, Pat Boyd, Alma Withers, Patrice Peters,
Harold Groch, Molly Fulford, Jeanette Dethlefs, Peter Lawler, Hayden
Corrigan, Robyn Haberecht, Molly Livermore, Ron Brindley, Clare Maloney,
Bernie Moncrieff, Edith Cane, Elinor Monk, Berta Bihler, Albert Terhaar,
Betty Arendarcikas, Valerie Burton, Bill Stewart, John Richardson, Elsie
Dunn, Cecil Murray, Alfred Jeffrey, Phyllis Ryan, Frances Slater, Barbara
Hartwig, Denes Todor, Mal McPherson, Roy Clear, Peter Conroy, Armer
Boyle, Joseph McKeown, Briget Mulquiney.

*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 pray-
ers 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: 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

Sat / Sun: 3 / 4 October 2026

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Michael Byrnes	Margy Brown
Lector 1	Colleen Day	Ed Brown
Lector 2	Paula Waters	Sr Patricia Weekes
Eucharistic Ministers	Pauline Mulquiney Patricia Hopkins	Sr Siony Trish Parkinson Moiria Porta
Cantor Musicians	All Cantors Val Hayes	Damien

Counters: Gemma

Thought for the week Pope Leo XIV

*"True obedience to God requires genuine repentance and
action, not just empty religious words."*

Blessing on our Parish

*Almighty God, we pray for your blessing
on all who share in the life and work of
our Sacred Heart Parish:
In the ministry of word, liturgy, prayer
and sacrament;
In teaching, learning together and
pastoral care;
In reaching out to the community and
those in need;
In acknowledgement of our Indigenous
peoples, various nationalities and
ecumenical fellowship;
By our sharing and administering to
those who are house bound,
aged or sick.
We pray for all members of our parish,
that in our lives and work we may
advance your kingdom and bear
witness to your love as shown in your
Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen*

Blessings

Parish News

TO PONDER:

Paul urges us to strive to be like Christ, our model of humility who “emptied himself” of his status of divinity out of love for us, a broken and underserving people. To follow Christ, there is no room for human vanity or self-righteousness. Yet our Gospel parable (directed at religious leaders and authority figures) points out the paradox: in trying to live a virtuous life, in trying to follow Christ, it is so easy to fall into self-righteousness and erroneous ideas about spiritual hierarchy, about who is a “better” or more virtuous person. As you examine your own life, where do you see this temptation to self-righteousness?

Sacrament of Anointing

The opportunity to receive the sacrament of anointing of the sick and infirm will be offered during our celebration of Eucharist next Friday 2 October at 9.30am. Shared morning tea to follow in our parish hall.

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.

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.

Morning Tea

Our monthly Parish Morning tea will be held next Sunday 4 October at the conclusion of our celebration of Eucharist in our Parish Hall. All welcome. If possible bring a plate to share.

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?

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.

Webinar Invitation: *The Changing Face of Catholicism*

The Council of Australasian Catholics (CAC) and Garratt Publishing present ‘The Changing Face of Catholicism’ webinar on Thursday 8 October 2026 at 7.00pm. This webinar will provide an opportunity for representatives of a selected range of groups to briefly explore their essential principles and driving forces. Some focus outwards and others inwards, some on social justice education ministries others on dialogue and spirituality. This event is via zoom and free. To register please see link below. Also, webinar will be recorded and made available the week following, you must be registered to receive the link to the video.

<https://www.garrattpublishing.com.au/.../the-changing.../>

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@ww.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

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.

Together

Our monthly diocesan newspaper ‘Together’ is now available from all entrances to the church. Please take a copy and distribute.

Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 18:25—28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘You object, “What the Lord does is unjust.” Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his precious sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die

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: *Remember your mercies, O Lord.*

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me,
for you are God my saviour. **R**

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **R**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;

I know them and they follow me.

Alleluia!

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians 2:1—11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as we are; and being as all people are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names, so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 21:28—32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, ‘What is your opinion? A man had two children. He went and said to the first, “My child, you go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not go”, but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, “Certainly, sir”, but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?’ ‘The first’, they said. Jesus said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.’ The Gospel of the Lord.