



Sacred Heart Parish North Albury

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Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 3rd / 4th October 2026

Parish Priest - Father Martin Cruickshank

Secretaries

9am - 2pm Monday - Gemma Whitehead

9am - 2pm Friday - Frances Kernaghan

Mass times

9:30am Wednesday & Friday

6pm Saturday

9:30am Sunday

Reconciliation - 5:15pm - 5:45pm Saturday

Baptisms & Weddings - By appointment

Children's Liturgy is held 9.30am the second and fourth Sunday during school terms.

Direct deposit donations - Church account (second collection for the support of our Sacred Heart Parish)

BSB - 066 789 Account number - 10000 5574

Please contact the office for a reference number.

Presbytery account for the support of our Diocesan Priests

BSB - 066 789 Account number - 10000 5575

We thank you for your continued support of our Parish.

Sacred Heart Parish is a Child Safe Community. We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all, and a zero tolerance to any form of abuse.

Safeguarding Officer for Sacred Heart Parish - Adrian Mitchelhill E: nasafeguarding@wagga.catholic.org.au
wagga.catholic.org.au/safeguarding-children-vulnerable-people

Mass of Anointing - Tuesday 6 October - Mercy Place Chapel at 2.00pm. All welcome.

The Season of Creation draws to a close today on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. It is fitting that throughout this Sunday's readings, the vineyard is used as a way of illustrating our relationship with God.

Isaiah (First Reading) uses a song of love to describe how God cares and protects us, his precious vines. Although we remain rooted in that love, we may not always produce the fruit of God's love. The Psalm uses the same vineyard imagery. It is a song of repentance and longing to return to God's protection. In the Gospel, Jesus uses the image of the vineyard to illustrate how God's radical message of love, professed by ancient prophets and by himself, has been ignored and rejected. Despite this, Jesus can confidently proclaim the truth: that what people have ignored will become the foundation of a new covenant of love.

Paul's letter to the Philippians (Second Reading) assures us that through prayer and thanksgiving we need not be afraid, because our hearts and minds are guarded in Christ Jesus. We will bear good fruit when we set our hearts on what is true, honourable, just, pure and lovely in the Lord.

May Christ Jesus, who forever guards our hearts and sustains us in his love, give us the courage and strength to lead lives centred on truth, justice, peace and compassion for all.

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.

Parish Community

Baptisms



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

Recently Deceased: Christopher Kloppenborg, John McTigue, Doreen Spalding, Shirley Furlong, Roch McGrath, Peg Chapman, Terry Cruickshank, Trevor Quayle, Genevieve Govers.

Anniversaries: Michael Dunkerley, Pat Boyd, Frank Glennon, Peter Treacy, Joan Plunkett, Cody Antone, Mary O'Neill, Reece Tehan, Gary Hunt, Maureen Stirling, Reginald Gard, Louise Sowrey, Tony Chappell, Sr Francesca Parkin, Douglas Tooth, Jenny McLaurin, Dawn Rixon, Kathleen Yensch, Vicki Gyoles, Paul Hagan, Josephine Frauenfelder Tom Whitty, Thomas Smith, Raymond Neal, Arnold Corte, Leslie Grenda, Mary Powell, John Bereza, Vera Smith, Shirley Thomas, Emilie Lautenbacher, Drahoslov Molinek, Phyllis Jones.

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

Volunteer Rosters

Sat/Sun 3rd / 4th October 2026

6pm Commentator: Michael Byrnes **Readers:** Colleen Day, Paula Waters

Eucharistic Ministers: Pauline Mulquiney, Patricia Hopkins

Cantor: All Cantors **Musicians:** Val Hayes

9.30am Commentator: Margy Brown **Readers:** Ed Brown, Sr Patricia Weekes

Eucharistic Ministers: Sr Siony, Trish Parkinson, Moira Porta

Cantor: Damien **Musicians:**

Counters: Gemma

Sat/Sun 10th / 11th October 2026

6pm Commentator: Justin Clancy **Readers:** Kaye Deanshaw, Xavier Clancy

Eucharistic Ministers: Catherine Cutler, Anna Farrell

Cantor: Brian Waters/John Van Lint **Musicians:** Val Hayes

9.30am Commentator: Cathy Nyhan **Readers:** Sue McLaurin, John Dowling

Eucharistic Ministers: Eamonn Buckley, Will Muir, Carey Menz-Dowling

Cantor: Helen Regan

Counters: Ray Gawen, Laurie Moylan

This weekend we welcome into the community of the Christian church through the sacrament of Baptism:

Mackennah Amber Bauerle
the daughter of Aaron and Chloe

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.*

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Pope Leo XIV quote of the week: "Working in his vineyard, you will find an answer to that profound question you carry within you: what is the meaning of my life?"



Parish Weekly News

TO PONDER: In Isaiah, the owner (God) of the vineyard (Israel) works hard to cultivate good grapes yet finally destroys the vineyard. But this is not the end of the story. At the end of Isaiah, God finally restores the vineyard (see Isa 66). Our psalmist trusts that God will eventually “take care of this vine” and “give us new life” so that “we shall be saved” Throughout the Hebrew Bible, God is tenacious and faithful to Israel while also showing a particular concern for the least among us. This is the tension in the vineyard allegory. As God’s beloved people, we are called to be God’s hands and feet, to “cultivate good grapes,” or care for the least among us. And yet, no matter how often we fail or cultivate “wild grapes,” God will call us back for another chance. The question is how we respond to God’s invitation and whether we are as tenacious and faithful as God in trying again.

National Police Remembrance Day:

Included is a prayer used last Tuesday 29 September at our service held at St Matthews. You might like to make it your own in the coming week.

Let us pray for those members of our state and national police forces, sworn and unsworn, who have died in the service of our community. May this be not only a time of remembering, but also a time of healing. Help us to order and manage those things that overwhelm us, the grief, the trauma and the sadness. And to hold dear the names, the faces, the voices and the memories of those police officers and staff who have died serving the community. Eternal God, cover us with your gentle peace and compassionate love.

Spirituality Day - Connecting for Mission: Reimagining

Leadership Presenter Maeve Heaney will be speaking at this spirituality day on Saturday 7 November from 9.30am - 3.30pm at Kildare Catholic College Hall, Coleman St, Wagga Cost: \$35 Refreshments and lunch provided. Registration by **Friday 30 October 2026**. Flyers on noticeboards more info. Email: spiritweaverswagga@gmail.com

Men's Breakfast: is on Saturday 10 October at 8.00am in St Peter's Lutheral Church, Urana Road, Lavington. Join the growing crowd of men enjoying a cooked breakfast and getting to know one another and encouraging each other in their Christian life. Cost \$10. Text 'Yes' to Ps Chris, on [0425886837](tel:0425886837) if you are coming.

Alpha Gathering - Wild Goose series continues this Tuesday 6 October at 10am in our Parish Hall. Theme: “The Spirit's Freedom”. *When the son sets you free you are free indeed.* John 8:36 All welcome.

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: 0418972375

Email: brigidenc@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.

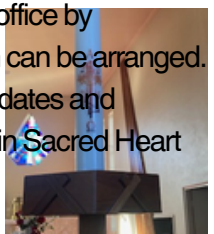
It is exciting to announce that Fr Matthew Semba himself will celebrate 9.30am mass with us here at Sacred Heart on Sunday 18 October. Shared Morning Tea to follow the conclusion of mass in our Parish Hall.

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

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.

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



Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Prophet Isaiah

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on and knock down the wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug: overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

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

Response: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. R

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. R

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
Look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. R

And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may all upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. R

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you. The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord.

Because I have made known to you

Everything I have learnt from my Father

Alleluia, alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 21: 33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?'

They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?' 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.' The Gospel of the Lord.