



Sacred Heart Parish North Albury

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Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 10th / 11th 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

Today we're shown a foretaste of salvation and how God desires the inclusion of everyone. In the Gospel, the parable of the Wedding Banquet shows God's eagerness to offer salvation to all, yet how easily all kinds of reasons can get in the way of our response.

The prophet Isaiah (First Reading) affirms that the enemies of humanity – death and despair – will be overcome. The Lord will provide an abundant banquet for all, of every nation. It is a scene echoed in the Psalm, which shows a shepherd overcoming death and preparing a banquet for his flock.

St Paul intimately knows Christ, the Good Shepherd of the Psalm and, though writing from a Roman prison, he wants for nothing (Second Reading). His secret is that his consolation rests not with external circumstances but with Christ.

Through Christ's strength and presence, Paul can live with much or little and endure any hardship or persecution.

This week, let's pray that we feel ever more strongly the presence of Christ and, by doing all things through his strength, we might willingly share the troubles of others.

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

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

Recently Deceased: Ashley Willis, Michael Hickey, Elizabeth Yates, Christopher Kloppenborg, John McTigue, Doreen Spalding, Shirley Furlong, Roch McGrath, Peg Chapman, Terry Cruickshank, Trevor Quayle, Genevieve Govers.

Anniversaries: Michael Dunkerley, Marina Hewings-Jones, Jan Dzwigol, Liam O'Farrell, Charlie Kavanagh, Edith Alvarado, Lindsay Beck, Betty Healy, Bessie Stephenson, Sr Patricia O'Connor, Margaret Newman, Lois Ferris, Bill Toohey, John Stapleton, Jack Daly, Allie Quinn, Ron Healey, Fred Sheather, Nicholas McLeod - Nibbs, Raymond Piltz, Andreas Christy, Shirley McNuff, Algy Arendarcikas, Margaret Wills, Arnold Quick, Leo Plunkett, Mary & Les Davies, Jeff & Jule Plasto, John Bourke.

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 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:** Roy Thompson, John Dowling

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

Cantor: Helen Regan **Musicians:**

Counters: Ray Gawen, Laurie Moylan

Sat/Sun 17th / 18th October 2026

6pm Commentator: Nicole Morton **Readers:** Mary-Jayne Boyd, Ben Clancy

Eucharistic Ministers: Shinead Kilroy, Terri-Anne Scott

Cantor: Ann McIntyre **Musicians:** Val Hayes

9.30am Commentator: Ed Brown **Readers:** Mercedes Goss, Brigita Serbinek

Eucharistic Ministers: Sue Betts, Pamela McIntosh, Belinda Shelton

Cantor: Heath Neville, Ashleigh Donaldson

Counters: Jane Togher & Moira Porta

Baptisms



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

Hazel Yvonne, Patrick Maxwell & Daisy

Marie Slatter

children of Sheldon and Nikki

Ned Franco Burchell

Son of Paul and Gabriella

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

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Pope Leo XIV quote of the week:

"Deepening and strengthening the life of faith within families is key to resolving many of the crises facing the Church and society".



Parish Weekly News

TO PONDER: Over the last few weeks, our Gospel parables have tried to probe or even reverse our expectations of who ends up in God's kingdom. The question is not so much who is invited (everyone) but rather who responds. Ultimately, to be chosen by God is an invitation to choose God. This emphasis on choice is subtly distinct from Isaiah's message, in which God physically removes that which prevents people from choosing the God of Israel (the "web that is woven over all nations"). In the Gospel, the banquet is there for all of us, and the question is whether we choose to say "yes" to it each moment of our lives. There is also another, second layer to this message. Coming to the banquet fully prepared is not quite enough. Once there, we are again called to extend ourselves to invite others. Hopefully we do so with open minds and hearts, proclaiming that God's doors are open and welcoming for everyone.

Spirit Weavers 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 for more info.

Email: spiritweaverswagga@gmail.com or humanitix:

<https://events.humanitix.com/spirituality-day-7wtqytf>

Sacred Heart Family Group

Sacred Heart Family Group will be attending the Music in the Botanic Gardens on Sunday 18th October, some arrive about 12 noon with their own packed lunch or purchase from the various vendors at the gardens before the event commences at 1.00pm until 3.00pm. All are welcome to join us. Please bring your own chair.

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.

Around the Grounds

Many thanks to Michael Regan and Joe Dissegna for re-working the lawn area at the car park side of the church.

Eternal Rest and Peace - Ash Willis

Ash Willis died last Thursday night in Mercy Palliative Care surrounded by his loved ones after a courageous and tenacious battle with a terminal illness.

Our prayerful support is offered to his wife Lorraine and their two sons Connor and Ronan, his sister Rose and extended family during this time of great sadness. Our thoughts are also with the paramedic community where Ash found a compassionate calling to serve those in need.

Both Ash and Lorraine found a home in this faith community of prayer, worship and service. May the Lord now welcome him home to the abundance of eternal life.

Catholic Mission Sunday - 18th October 2026

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.

Pope Leo has a video message for World Mission Sunday as it marks 100 years since Pope Pius XI established Mission Sunday in 1926. Reflecting on the centenary theme "*One in Christ, United in Mission*" he invites the whole Church to take up the work of mission together: "*Let us all commit to contributing to the great mission of evangelization, which is always a work of love, according to our own vocation and the gifts we have received.*"

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

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said" See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

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

Response: I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R**

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, forever and ever. Amen.

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, alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 22: 1-14 (shorter version)

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants, 'Tell those who have been invited,' he said, 'that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding.' But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding.' So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests."

The Gospel of the Lord.