



Sacred Heart Parish North Albury

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 24th / 25th 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 27 October - Mercy Place Chapel at 2.00pm. All welcome.

A letter from Catholic Mission to Sacred Heart Parish Community

Dear Fr Martin,

I wish to thank you and your Sacred Heart Parish community for the wonderful welcome and hosting of Fr Matthew Semba last weekend in the celebration of World Mission Sunday.

I have had endless number of dealings with Parishes over the years and your Parish stands out as a vibrant place of welcome, engagement and commitment to the universal mission of the Church. As you well know, we had many obstacles to overcome in assisting Fr Matthew to even get to Australia. The decision to bring him to North Albury, only a few hours after his arrival in Melbourne, has proven to be a very good one indeed. It was exactly the kind of introduction to the Church in Australia that we had envisaged for Fr Matthew, and he was overwhelmed by the generosity of spirit and genuine interest shown in his ministry in Malawi. I can't thank you and the Parish Council enough for your kindness, flexibility and support. We were so impressed with the number of Parishioners who attended the morning tea and who provided the hospitality. There was a wonderful atmosphere the whole weekend we were there.

May your Parish continue to thrive and make such a difference in people's lives. Please find attached a few photographs of the day that you may like to use in your various Parish communications. *Mark Raue (Director of Catholic Mission)*

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: John Bourke (Jerilderie), Ashley Willis, Gerald Dore, Marie Ford (Toowoomba), Michael Hickey, Elizabeth Yates, Christopher Kloppenborg, John McTigue, Doreen Spalding, Shirley Furlong, Terry Cruickshank.

Anniversaries: Caroline Wenke, John Muldoon, Elizabeth Kennedy, Peter Freeman, Joe Hancock, Andrew Prichard, Rosa Vuga, Mary Smith, Mary Curtis, Pat Nesire, Fr Michael Hayes, Dorothy Hamilton, Mary Parkinson, Francis Butler, Irene Norman, Peter Crisp, Shirley Schilg, Desmond Wynack, Marie Collins, Margaret Baker, Ted Green, Beatrice Hammond Frank Eames, George McKee, Barney Oak, Donald Sullivan, Jessica Stone, Elizabeth Pochdalofszky, Leslie Rose, Arthur Williams, Rosalie Kopacz, Jim Bowcher.

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 24th / 25th October 2026

6pm Commentator: Jan Skinner

Readers: Shinead Kilroy, Catherine Cutler

Eucharistic Ministers: Kaye Deanshaw, Nicole Morton

Cantor: Judy Lindsay **Musicians:** Val Hayes

9.30am Commentator: Natalie Osborne

Readers: Roy Thompson, Samuel Serbinek

Eucharistic Ministers: Sr Patricia Weekes, Dianne Treacy, Cathy Nyhan

Cantor: Damien Parkinson **Musicians:** Brigita Serbinek

Counters: Diane & Greg Bartsch

Sat/Sun 31st Oct / 1st Nov

6pm Commentator: Justin Clancy

Readers: Michael Byrnes, Jan Skinner

Eucharistic Ministers: Patricia Hopkins, Anna Farrell

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

9.30am Commentator: Natalie Osborne

Readers: Roy Thompson, Samuel Serbinek

Eucharistic Ministers: Sr Patricia Weekes, Dianne Treacy, Cathy Nyhan

Cantor: Heath Neville, Margie & Ed Brown

Counters: Trish Parkinson & Anne Gordes

Baptisms

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

Mae Tuppence Byers
daughter of Michael and Megan

Ivy Louise Dempsey
daughter of Thomas and Lucy

Leo Matthew Medhurst
son of Brent and Kaitlin

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
Your love is boundless, and Your care for us is unwavering.
You nourish us with Your grace and provide for our every need.
In Your mercy, You call us to feed Christ's sheep, to care for the least among us, and to share the abundance of Your blessings with others.

Awaken in us a spirit of generosity, so that we may respond to Your call and build a community of faith rooted in love and compassion.
Guide us to use our time, talents, and treasure to support the mission of Your Church, that we may reflect Your love to all those we encounter.

Through Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen

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Pope Leo XIV quote of the week:

"True love is a deep commitment to the other, a decision, a journey and a covenant for life".



Parish Weekly News

TO PONDER:

We are called to imitate God throughout the Bible, to be holy as God is holy (Lev 11:44) and perfect as God is perfect (Matt 5:48). This week, Paul commends the Thessalonians for their imitation of Christ, while our Exodus reading gives concrete examples of how to imitate God's love or compassion in our care for each other, especially the most vulnerable.

What does it mean to be an "imitator of God" in your personal and family life, in your local community, or as a church?

What concrete actions are our readings asking of you, or of us, today?

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>

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

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

November Parish Morning Tea

An opportunity to discuss your tip for the Melbourne Cup with good company and enjoyable food. As usual at the conclusion of 9.30am mass next Sunday 1 November in our parish hall. If possible please bring something to share.

Final Mass at St Therese Church, Humula

To be held on Sunday 8 November at 11.00am. Followed by a light lunch at the Humula Citizens Sports Club. Mass will be led by: Bishop Mark Edwards, Fr Norman and Fr Paddy Sykes.

Bookings essential RSVP Lawrie Sykes 0411 033 191.

Together

Our diocesan newspaper 'Together' for the month of October has arrived. There is an article on the 50th Jubilee of Fr John McGrath page 7. Please take a copy.

Fr Martin - Annual Leave

Fr Martin will be taking holiday leave from Saturday 31 October - Friday 27 November.

We welcome back to our parish communities Fr Bernie Thomas who will celebrate Eucharist with us on weekend's in Fr Martin's absence. Fr Bernie will also celebrate mass with us for the Feast of All Souls on Monday 2 November at 9.30am.

During this time if you need the urgent pastoral ministry of a priest please contact St Patrick's Albury on 0439 530 515; Thurgoona 60 886 222 or Holy Spirit Lavington 6025 1784. Our parish office will be staffed on Monday and Friday between 9.00am - 2.00pm. So, for all other enquiries please contact Gemma or Fran.

Fr Bernie has kindly and graciously agreed to help out with funerals at Sacred Heart Church as required.

Catholic Mission Sunday - Thank You

Gratitude is extended to all those who welcomed Fr Matthew Semba from Malawi and the Catholic Mission Team to our parish community last weekend.

This year parishes and schools throughout Australia are invited to partner with Catholic Mission and the Church in Malawi as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home. Through projects like St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School, the Church is creating a place where children can learn, be nourished, and grow with dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs.

Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift. Use the envelopes provided and place on one of the collections or visit: catholicmission.org.au/united

So far we have raised \$1,941.50.

November Book of Life

November is traditionally the month to remember the Holy Souls. Our Book of Life will be displayed next weekend at the front of the church during the month of November.

If you would like to add family members to this book there are sheets of paper and sleeves inside front of book.

November Mass Envelopes will also be available at church entrances if you wish to request a Mass or prayers for your deceased family members or friends.

Columban Calendar Orders 2027

St Vincent de Paul has relinquished purchasing Columban Calendars. If you would like to purchase a calendar for 2027 please contact the parish office by phone/email or add your name to the list provided at Swan Street entrance to church.

Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the book of Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen for I am full of pity.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 17

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

Response: I love you, Lord, my strength

*I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. R*

*Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. R*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia, alleluia!

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians 1:5 - 10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread—and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question: 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all you heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

The Gospel of the Lord.