



Sacred Heart Parish North Albury

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Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 17th / 18th 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

Our readings today leave us in no doubt that, as the Creator of all, there is only one God, who rules over everything on earth.

In the First Reading we hear Isaiah's prophecy concerning the pagan king, Cyrus, who, with God's help, will conquer nations, return the Jewish people to their homeland, and restore the greatness of Jerusalem. Through his actions, people around the whole world will know that God is Lord of all nations. The Psalm invites us to sing of the power and glory of God. As in the First Reading, we are exhorted to tell others that the Lord is king, praising him above all else. St Paul (Second Reading) writes to the developing Christian community in Thessalonica. He reminds them – and us – that we are chosen and loved by God. We know God not just through words, but also by the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel we see Jesus neatly avoiding the trap set for him by those who seek to discredit him. Pointing out Caesar's image on a coin, he tells them: 'Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.'

In the week ahead, we pray for all those who are in positions of leadership around the world. We ask that God will steer and guide them to seek justice and fairness for all people.

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, Gerald Dore, Marie Ford (Toowomba), Michael Hickey, Elizabeth Yates, Christopher Kloppenborg, John McTigue, Doreen Spalding, Shirley Furlong, Terry Cruickshank.

Anniversaries: Lindsay Beck, Margaret Esler, Mike Egan, Ray Allen, Craig Dunkerley, Elaine Thomson, Kelley Gabriel, Mac Terlikowshi, John Howard, Pasquale Carnovale, Lauren Flegeltaub, Sr Gabriel Sheahan, James Murphy, June Harrison, George McIntosh, Stella Boyd, Nella O'Brien, Kate Hallam, Margaret Morrow, Mary-Ann Packer, Arthur Deanshaw, Charles Walton, Matthew Walshe, Eileen Maher, Jack Clegg, Craig Jackson, Bill Murphy, John Carroll, Bernard Miley, Martha Wilson, Frank Corrigan, Elizabeth Flanagan, May Lonergan.

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 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: Health Neville, Ashleigh Donaldson **Musicians:**

Counters: Jane Togher & Moira Porta

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, Brigita Serbinek

Counters: Diane & Greg Bartsch

Baptisms



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

Andi Paige Duck
daughter of Jack and Anna

Eli Joseph Potter
Son of Darcy and Maggie

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:

"As you know I've been unable to be among you during these days—I thank you warmly for your prayers. I ask you to please pray for me as I pray for you".



Parish Weekly News

TO PONDER: As Christians, we are called to active political and social engagement, yet the danger is becoming overly caught up in the systems of this world. In our reading from Isaiah, the long-oppressed Judeans see in King Cyrus a saviour figure. Isaiah and our psalmist remind their audiences of the right orientation: God is the one true saviour. In a slightly different fashion, Jesus tells his interlocutors to give politics the attention it deserves and to give God the attention God deserves. Do not mistake one for the other. Our readings invite us to reflect on this delicate balance and the notion, that, ultimately, for people of faith, there is no such thing as divided attention: the focus that we give to the things of this world should always be grounded in and fully attentive to God.

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 - CANCELLATION

Please note due to there being NO Music in the Gardens for October our outing has been cancelled.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Eternal Rest and Peace - Ash Willis

Gratitude is extended to all those who helped prepare our liturgy and who were able to attend the celebration of Ashley's life. A special thank you to Margie Brown, Ashleigh Donaldson and Heath Neville for the time and energy spent in preparing, practicing and leading the music component. 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

We welcome to our parish community Fr Matthew Semba from Malawi Africa and Christine Costello from Australian Catholic Mission.

It is exciting to announce that Fr Matthew Semba himself will celebrate 9.30am Mass with us. Shared morning tea to follow at the conclusion of mass in our parish hall.

Christine will attend 6.00pm mass on Saturday 17 October and reflect on her recent pastoral visit to Malawi.

This weekend, you 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 or visit: catholicmission.org.au/united

A special collection will be taken at both masses or you may choose to use the envelopes provided and return them on one of the collections.

Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I am you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

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

Response: Give the Lord glory and honour.

***O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. R***

***The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. R***

***Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
Give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. R***

***O worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. R***

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

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia, alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a person's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's,' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God'.

The Gospel of the Lord.