

Sacred Heart Parish North Albury

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Thirty-Second Sunday Ordinary Time 7th / 8th Nov 2026

Parish Priest - Father Martin Cruickshank
Secretaries
9am - 2pm Monday - Gemma Whitehead
9am - 2pm Friday - Frances Kernaghan
Mass times
No Weekday Masses during November
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 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

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As we come to the end of the liturgical year, the readings are increasingly concerned with the end of time and the Second Coming of the Lord. In the **First Reading**, Wisdom is personified as an attractive woman, who seeks to comfort and support those who love and seek her. She prepares us for the virgins in the Gospel who are looking out for the bridegroom.

Continuing the theme of watching, the **Psalmist's** main ambition is to find God. He will certainly be ready when the Lord comes.

Using apocalyptic language, Paul reminds the Thessalonians that whether dead or alive, the Lord will be with them, so they can comfort one another. **(Second Reading)**

In the well-known parable of the wise and foolish virgins, Matthew reminds his audience that the Lord will eventually come, but that we must not only exercise patience, but also be ready at all times to welcome him. **(Gospel)**

This week, we might pray particularly for all those who will be unprepared when the Lord comes, whether because they don't know him, or because they have given up waiting.

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



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 prayers 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

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

Recently Deceased: Janice Groch, John Bourke (Jerilderie), Mary Gargano, Frank Kelly (Finley), Ashley Willis, Gerald Dore, Marie Ford (Toowoomba), Michael Hickey.

Anniversaries: Mary Cruickshank, Frank Smith, Lena & Stan Hague, Greg Hallam, Rosalind Smith, Anne Monk, Lloyd Charter, John Raines, Patricia Sheridan, Trixie Stephens, Jim Rosewarne, Mick Kirley, Millice Hailstone, John Cullen, Baron Lethbridge, Msgr Pat Ford, Gary Fearne, Rosa Sargeant, Kathleen O'Rourke, Jim McMahon, Charles Mitsch, William Plunkett, Anna Schmidt, Ellen Neven, Fr Les Ring.

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

Prison Awareness Sunday Prayer

Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison.
Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist.
Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care.
Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ, in his strength and in his Spirit, now and every day.
Amen.

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Volunteer Rosters

Sat/Sun 7th / 8th Nov 2026
6pm Commentator: Michael Byrnes
Readers: Jacqui & Pippa Cuthbertson
Eucharistic Ministers: Catherine Cutler, Justin Clancy
Cantor: Brian Waters & John Van Lint **Musicians:** Judy Foley

9.30am Commentator: Roy Thompson
Readers: Bethany Carey, Narelle Naughton
Eucharistic Ministers: Sue McLaurin, Mercedes Goss, Fran Kernaghan
Cantor: David Hicks **Musicians:** Val Hayes
Counters: Margaret Brown

Sat/Sun 14th / 15th Nov 2026
6pm Commentator: Jan Skinner
Readers: Barb McDermott, Paula Waters
Eucharistic Ministers: Pauline Mulquiney, Terri-Anne Scott
Cantor: Ann McIntyre **Musicians:** Judy Foley

9.30am Commentator: Natalie Osborne
Readers: Brigita Serbinek, Sr Patricia Weekes
Eucharistic Ministers: Trish Parkinson, Dianne Treacy, volunteer
Cantor: Bernadette & Wendy **Musicians:**
Counters: Judy Warren & Michael Byrnes

Pope Leo XIV quote of the week:

Pope Leo recalls that our bond with the dead is not broken but transformed in our faith in Christ.



Parish Weekly News

TO PONDER:

The reading from Wisdom and our responsorial psalm are saturated with longing for God. According to ancient tradition, true wisdom is a manifestation of God and is connected to God Notice the words used to describe those who long for this divine Wisdom: they "love," "seek," and "(keep) vigil" for her; they "desire" and "(watch) for her." Similarly, the psalmist experiences longing for God as thirst and physical pining. In our readings, the promise is that Wisdom - the embodiment of the path that leads to God - also longs for us. So long as we seek her, she will seek us and guide us into all understanding, grounding us in a life of faith, hope and love.

Take time this week to contemplate these readings, allowing yourself to open up to and experience this deep and holy desire for God and knowledge of God.

Prison Sunday 2026

Catholics across Australia are being encouraged to mark Prison Sunday on November 8 by directing their thoughts and prayers to prisoners, their families and those who care for them including chaplains.

Visiting a prison in Equatorial Guinea in April, Pope Leo XIV said: "No one is excluded from God's love."

"True justice seeks not so much to punish as to help rebuild the lives of victims, offenders and communities wounded by evil," he said.

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference delegate for prisons, Bishop Tim Norton SVD, said prisoners, their families and those released from custody often found themselves on the margins of society due to social stigma.

"But all people are deserving of dignity and respect which can be shown through personal connection," he said.

"Despite the challenges they face in ministering to people who have often led troubled lives, prison chaplains and others working in post-release programs enable the light of the Gospel to shine into the darkness of the prison experience.

"Whatever offence they have committed and whatever the harm it has caused, prisoners are offered love, compassion and respect by our chaplains who offer a listening ear, spiritual care and a reminder that no person is beyond God's love."

Bishop Norton said visiting was often a lifeline for people in prison. "It's an opportunity to provide practical and emotional support," he said. "It can also serve as a reminder that the Church stands by the side of prisoners and God does not abandon anyone."

Bishop Norton expressed thanks for the many chaplains working in correctional facilities across Australia.

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is on Saturday 14 November from 8.00am. We have plenty of brekkie food, hot and cold, plus great table conversations lined up. $10 for brekkie, plus we ask for donations toward local SRE in schools. Confirm you are coming to 0425 886 837.

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

On behalf of the Church in Malawi, thank you once again for your generosity. Your support is helping create spaces where children like Yamikani* can learn, families can rebuild, and communities can move forward together.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to donate, please visit **catholicmission.org.au/united** to lend your support today.

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 back ground 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 **$3,441.50**

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.

Family Group

Family group are having a picnic lunch in the Botanical Gardens near the Children's playground on Sunday 6 December starting at 11.30am. BYO everything including a chair or picnic rug. Kaye 0474 132 970.

Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the book of Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 62

Response: My soul is thirsting for you O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. R

So I gaze o you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. R

So I will bless you all my life,
In your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
My mouth shall praise you with joy. R

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. R

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 4:13-18

We want to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia, alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible; the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, 'The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.' At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, 'Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out.' But they replied, 'There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and get some for yourselves.' They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us.' But he replied, 'I tell you solemnly, I do not know you.' So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.