

Sacred Heart Parish North Albury

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Thirty-Third Sunday Ordinary Time 14th / 15th 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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The readings in this final week of Ordinary Time, Year A, remind us again of the need to be always prepared for the coming of Christ by the way we live our lives.

In the **First Reading**, the writer extols the virtues of the perfect wife. Although using language which reflects the practice and culture of biblical times, the passage speaks powerfully of the value and dignity of manual work, the importance of charity, and respect for all, whatever their role in life.

The **Psalm** speaks again of the dignity of work, of being self-sufficient, providing for one's family, and living in awe of the Lord.

St Paul reminds us in the **Second Reading** that if we live our lives in the light of Christ, we have no need to fear the coming of the reign of God.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus uses the parable of the talents to show the importance of making best use of what we have been given for the benefit of others.

This week, we pray for those who struggle to realise where their own talents lie, and those who lack the opportunity to be recognised, valued and celebrated. We also continue to pray for peace across the world.

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: Bob Hilton, Shane Fifield, Christine Glennon, Margaret Liston, Paul McDonald, Sr Cabrini Knott, Ellen Hagan, Sr Therese Esler, Sr Mary Clancy, Wally Patterson, Karen Bin, James Hollis, John Gaudry, Frank Esler Jnr, Joyce Petterson, Paul Halpin, Wally Hirst, Nance Barnett, Brian Oliver, Anne Mulquiney, Bill Phillips, Vera Peric, Wolly Lawrowicz, Mary Fox, Mary Star, Frank Wyatt, George Godde, Bob Thompson, Bishop John O'Loughlin, Josie Konacik, James Thompson, James Turley.

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 14th / 15th 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: Judy Lindsay **Musicians:** Judy Foley
Counters: Judy Warren & Michael Byrnes

Sat/Sun 21st / 22nd Nov 2026
6pm Commentator: Adrian Mitchelhill
Readers: Mary-Jayne Boyd, Ben Clancy
Eucharistic Ministers: Colleen Day, Shinead Kilroy
Cantor: Ann McIntyre **Musicians:** Judy Foley

9.30am Commentator: Sr Carina Morton
Readers: Ed Brown, Margy Brown
Eucharistic Ministers: Sr Patricia Weekes, Moira Porta, Cathy Nyhan
Cantor: Bob Matthews **Musicians:** Val Hayes
Counters: Brian Fealy & Bernie Seaton

Prayer for World Day of the Poor

Lord of life and refuge of the humble,
You hear the cry of the broken and restore dignity to those who are unseen. In a world of growing wealth and indifference,
open our eyes to see Your face in the marginalized and the poor.
Forgive us when we store up instead of sharing, and when comfort hardens our hearts against our brothers and sisters.
Teach us to be a true refuge for the vulnerable, to listen to their hopes rather than merely speaking about them, and to walk humbly as a Church of the Beatitudes.
Guide our time, our talents, and our resources into paths of justice, solidarity, and peace.
May the hope of the poor never perish, and may we build a future where every gift is shared in love.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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Pope Leo XIV quote of the week:

"Scientific discoveries are talents entrusted to humanity that they may bear fruit"



Parish Weekly News

TO PONDER:

"Fear" (Hebrew *yare*) runs through our readings, but with very different meanings. In the ancient world, fear of God means *awe and reverence.* Reverence motivates the woman in Proverbs to live selflessly and resourcefully. Our psalmist similarly describes the blessings that come from "fear" or a life of reverence. Reverence may also underlie the active attention and alertness described in I Thessalonians. Yet the "fear" that motivates the third servant in the Gospel is totally different. His is not reverence and ase but a paralyzing, preservationist fear (that ultimately leads him to be thrown "into the darkness"). Our readings call us to examine the motivations that underpin our actions. To what extent are they rooted in self-preservation that paralyzes us versus reverence that opens us to live meaningful lives?

World Day of the Poor

Pope Leo XIV has asked us to open our hearts to the underprivileged as we mark the 10th World Day of the Poor on Sunday. The message this year is 'The Lord is a refuge for the poor'.

The pontiff says, "We must return to the Word of God to reaffirm the importance of the poor in the life of the Church. The words of the Psalm serve as a standard for Christian living because they reveal the face of God and acknowledge human poverty."

Thankfully, most of us will never know real hunger. And yet, as reported in our newsletter several weeks ago, many Australians are now facing food insecurity because of the rising cost of living.

It seems unbelievable that poverty could be an issue in a country as wealthy as ours. However, the increasing number of homeless living on our streets is another example of the current situation.

"The poor of our day are the forgotten and the marginalised: robbed not only of bread, but also of a voice and a face," the pope adds. "Let us remain faithful to the Word of God, which calls us to a conversion of heart."

We are approaching the season of Advent where we reflect about our own lives and our relationship with God and others. On Sunday, we can consider the plight of the poor and perhaps ways we can help them.

Red November: Pray for persecuted Christians

Aid to the Church in Need invites all Catholics to pray, support and act for persecuted Christians throughout Red November. Register today and receive a free prayer card and complimentary pair of Rosary beads, handmade by Christians in Syria. To join us in prayer visit: rebrand.ly/RedNovemberRosary

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 **$3,491.50**

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 are available at church entrances if you wish to request a Mass or prayers for your deceased family members or friends.

Drama Presentation

All welcome to Jan Skinner Drama Presentation in the Sacred Heart Hall this Friday 20 November at 7.00pm.

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.

Together

Our diocesan newspaper for the month of November has arrived. Please take a copy from all entrances to the church.

Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the book of Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

A perfect wife—who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 127:1-5

Response: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. R

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. R

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. R

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 5:1-6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers and sisters, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, brothers and sisters, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all children of light and children of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia, alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 25:14-30 (shorter form)

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third, one; each in proportion to their ability. Then he set out. 'The one who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The one who had received two made two more in the same way. But the servant who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid the master's money.

'Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The one who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more, saying. "Sir, you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." The master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.