Sacred Heart Parish North Albury

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Feast of Christ the King 21st / 22nd 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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On the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, in this last Sunday of Year A, the image of a shepherd echoes throughout the readings. Christ's kingship is one of tender care and love of his flock.

In the **First Reading** the prophet Ezekiel describes how the Lord will seek us out when we are lost. He will rescue, heal, care and feed us.

Psalm 23 affirms this prophecy. The Lord leads us to lush pastures, revives and anoints us with love. He desires that we dwell with him forever.

In the letter to the Corinthians **(Second Reading)** Paul teaches that Christ has overcome all things, even death. In Christ we are fully alive. Christ is all, and Christ is in all.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus gives his disciples a powerful teaching about the nature of his kingship.
Christ our King is to be found in the stranger, the outcast, the weak and the vulnerable. We will be judged by how we treat these among us.

This week, let us pray for the grace to become compassionate shepherds of one another, reverencing the presence of Christ within us, and serving Christ in the most vulnerable amongst us.

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: Hazel Cross, Janice Groch, John Bourke, Mary Gargano, Frank Kelly, Ashley Willis, Gerald Dore, Marie Ford, Michael Hickey.

Anniversaries: Rom Hayes, Helen Gardner, Terry Walsh, Roger Lescun, Corrie Van Lint, Jean Parker, Marlene Mirani, Kevin Loughry, Les Coward, Sr Barbara Murray, Margaret Russell, John Dale, Mark Conlon, Lawrence Loughran, Beatrice Purvey, Jean Painter, Irene Monk, Ita Whitty, James Briscoe, Bob Tuziak, Gabe Farrah, Eileen Ryan, Hugh McKenzie-McHarg, Laurence Wenke, Addie Mathieson, Christine Benson, Ellen Esler, Virgil Lindley, Raymond Dickenson, Peter Hickey, Elsie Esler, Margaret Kane, Albert Gorkom, Jim McLaughlin, Mary Bourke, Christine Glennon.

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 21st / 22nd Nov 2026

6pm Commentator: Michael Byrnes
Readers: Mary-Jayne Boyd, Ben Clancy
Eucharistic Ministers: Colleen Day, Shinead Kilroy
Cantor: Judy Lindsay **Musicians:** Brigita Serbinek

9.30am Commentator: Volunteer
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

Sat/Sun 28th / 29th Nov 2026

6pm Commentator: Nicole Morton
Readers: Terri Anne Scott, Xavier Clancy
Eucharistic Ministers: Justin Clancy, Adrian Mitchelhill
Cantor: Brian Waters & John Van Lint **Musicians:** Val Hayes

9.30am Commentator: Roy Thompson
Readers: Will Muir, Kay Morell
Eucharistic Ministers: Sue Betts, Mercedes Goss, Sue McLaurin
Cantor: Helen Regan **Musicians:**
Counters: Gemma

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

Parish Prayer

God of Love, Source of all hope and good
things;You call us in love, to share in the work and ongoing life of our Sacred Heart Parish.
Bless this parish of ours and lead us to be confident and joyful in serving those around us, so that through us, the world
may catch a glimpse of the love you have for each one of us.
Make us instruments of your love to everyone
that we encounter in our parish community, at home, at work and in our neighbourhood.
Help us to grow in gratitude so that we can recognise and thank you for all the good things you have given us.
Each day may we come to know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Pope Leo XIV quote of the week:

"Christian witness arises from friendship with the Lord, who was crucified and rose for the salvation of all."



Parish Weekly News

TO PONDER:

Today we end the liturgical year and move toward Advent, in preparation for Christmas, or Christ-with-us. Moving from one season to another, one liturgical year to the next, our Gospel is a fitting call to ponder how well we have lived this past year, not only in anticipation of Christ coming, but of Christ always with us. How have we "seen" Christ in our daily lives and in the people around us, especially those who often go unseen? How have we served them? Reflecting on the Gospel, John Shea once envisioned asking the "sheep' in God's kingdom how they got there, and they said, "We just cared for every person we met, immediately, without calculation." The sheep then added, "It was no big deal," an indication of how habitual, how natural, this attitude is in the kingdom of God.
How well have you prepared for God's kingdom?

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

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.

Advent Daily Reflection - "*The Way of the Heart*"

Advent invites us to listen again to the quiet movements of the heart. In these weeks of waiting, longing and hope, the Church asks us not simply to prepare our homes and our celebrations, but to allow the Lord to prepare within us a place where he may be welcomed more deeply. This resource *The Way of the Heart,* offers a timely companion for that journey. Pope Leo XIV has often drawn attention to the spiritual wisdom of Saint Augustine, whose own life was transformed by a heart restless for truth. *(Archbishop Shane Mackinlay, Brisbane)*
This free resource is available for collection from entrances to the church. It can be used for small groups or individual reflections.

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.

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.

Renew Our World Prayer

God, today we lift up our vision of a world where extreme poverty, inequality and environmental exploitation are no longer. We pray for a world where people and our planet thrive, with systems that are restorative and just.

Today, we pray:
Lord, renew our spirits and cleanse our hearts.
Renew our minds and transform our lives.
Renew our cities and rebuild our ruins.
Renew our world, in your name we pray. Amen
(Emma TEAR Australia)

"They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations". (Isaiah 61:4)

Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest—it is the Lord who speaks, I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy, I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 23

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. R

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. 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 first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 5:20-26, 28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom of God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.
The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia, alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory . . . he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate people one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats . . .'Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these of mine, you did it to me." 'Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you . . . and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." 'And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.' The Gospel of the Lord.