Sacred Heart Parish North Albury

Palm Sunday

28th / 29th March 2015

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm
SUNDAY: 8.30 am; 10.30 am

WEEKDAYS: 9.30 am Monday, Wednesday, Friday (in the church)

First Tuesday of the month: 11.00 am Mass at Mercy Place.

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 4.45 PM-5.45 PM
WEDDINGS—By appointment.
Preparation course: 6051 0222
BAPTISMS—By appointment.
Preparation Course: 0411 883 661

Coming Events:

Thurs 2nd April: Holy Thursday Mass 7pm
Fri 3rd April: Good Friday
Stations of the Cross 10.30 am
Liturgical Celebration 3pm
Sat 4th April: Easter Vigil 6pm
Sun 5th April: Easter Sunday Mass 9.30am

The whole passion story reminds us that the type of authority of Jesus is different than that of a worldly power. Christ "emptied himself and became the servant of all." We need this spirit if we are to be "one people healed of all division" and bring an end to the war, violence, selfishness and injustice which divide us.

We can treat the "passion of Jesus" in a sentimental sort of way and force a certain sense of grief upon ourselves, blaming our personal sin for Jesus' death. However, more importantly, we are called to connect Jesus' experience to our own experience today – an experience that includes life and death, injustice and courage, violence and peace. We cannot contemplate Jesus' suffering without contemplating the suffering of our world and its people.

Parish Community

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Bill McNamee, Dr John Stoney, Errol Edmunds, David Tutt, Kevin Costigan.

ANNIVERSARIES: John Smith, David Paull, Bill McGrath, Wayne Johnson, Robert Newberry, Kevin Lester, Kathleen Johnson, Evelyn Esler, Mary Curley, Mary Benefield, Darryn Graeber, Geraldine Grimson, Patti Crozier, Shirley Foster, Delma Mullavey, Robert Grealy, Mary Cromerty, Penny Johnson, Bep Van Kerk Oerle, Lawrence Hennessy, John Norman Smith.

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

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

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 28th / 29th March			
Ministry	**Vigil**	**8.30am**	**10.30am**
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Anthony Foley Kellie Gordes Ed Brown	Colleen Day Anne Duck Bede Hart	Sr Carina Morton Wendy McFerran Ray Murtagh
Eucharistic Ministers	Jeneice Harding Geoff Jervois	Robert Brown Noelene Cruise	Carmel Butts Fran Kernaghan
Cantor Musicians	Judy Lindsay Judy Foley	Timo Van Kerk Oerle	Bernadette & Wendy
Counters: Desmond Lum & Jane Togher		Cleaning Group: Group 3	

Sat /Sun: 4th / 5th April		
Ministry	**Vigil**	**9.30 am**
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	As per Roster for Easter Vigil	As per Roster for Easter Sunday
Eucharistic Ministers	As per Roster for Easter Vigil	As per Roster for Easter Sunday
Cantor Musicians	Choir Val Hayes	
Counters: Peter Toner		Cleaning Group: Group 4

Prayer for the Palm Sunday

All powerful God
You are the fountain for which we thirst.
We open our hearts to you in faith; and lay bare our hidden wounds.
In your love free us from the slavery of sin,
quench our thirst and grant us peace.
Through the Cross of Christ show us the way
of salvation and forgiveness.

We pray this through Christ who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, holy and mighty God for ever and ever.

Amen

Thought for the Week:

' Whenever we encounter another person in love, we learn something new about God. Whenever our eyes are opened to acknowledge the other, we grow in the light of faith and knowledge of God. Every human being is the object of God's infinite tenderness.'

(Pope Francis)

Parish News

Holy Thursday Collection
Each Holy Thursday a collection is taken up to support a local need. This year our donations will be given to St Matthew's to support their care of the homeless in Albury.

Good Friday Collection
This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on this Good Friday.

Final Choir Practice
On Tuesday 31 March in the Church at 7pm.

First Communion Classes
Classes for children not attending Catholic Schools will be commencing next term. Please call 6025 1516 if you wish your child to begin these classes.

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers
Because of the change of Mass times beginning Easter Sunday could your please let Fran know whether you want to be put down for 6pm vigil or the 9.30am Sunday Masses. There will be 3 weekends in April where we will have a double up of Ministers so maybe you could let me know prior to that weekend of your availability. Thank you.

Reflection Evening Collection
A big thank you to those who donated to Caritas Australia during our Tuesday reflection evenings. $655 was raised.

You are invited—St Anne's School Community is holding a Stations of the Cross evening at the school on Wednesday 1 April, between 7-8pm. The purpose of the evening is for each of us to reflect on Jesus' Good Friday journey and our own Lenten journeys. You and your family are invited to walk through each of our classrooms (at your own leisure), where a Station of the Cross will be depicted.

Reception into the Church
At the Easter Vigil, Shannon Jacobs will be received into the Catholic Church. Please remember Shannon and her family in your prayers.

Please Note Sunday Mass Time Changes
Beginning with Easter Sunday, our Parish will be celebrating only ONE Mass on Sundays. The new time will be 9.30am for a trial period of six months.

Footy Tipping Competition
For those who have joined our footy tipping comp please take entry slips and draw for 2015 from table at side of church.

The Journey Catholic Radio Program
Make sure you don't miss this weeks edition of 'The Journey' for Easter Sunday. This week you will hear a fantastic Easter message from Bishop Peter Ingham as well as a great input from Sr Hilda Scott. Join with us as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. Tune into 98.5 THE LIGHT Sunday 11am, repeated 9pm or go to www.radio.dow.org.au.

Significant Days of the Week

MASS TIMES FOR EASTER CEREMONIES

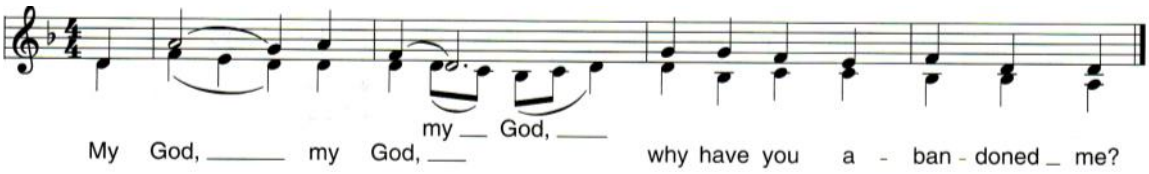
Holy Thursday—7pm; Good Friday Ecumenical Stations of the Cross commencing at St Mark's Anglican Church—10.30am; Good Friday—The Lord's Passion—3pm; Holy Saturday Easter Vigil - 6pm; Easter Sunday—9.30am.

Liturgy of the Word

Palm Sunday —Year B

Readings: Is 50: 4-7; Phil 2: 6-11; Mark 14: 1—15: 47

Responsorial Psalm



My God, my God why have you abandoned me?

<u>Acclamation</u>: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on a cross.
Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name
above all other names.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!!

Reflection for Lent—Caritas Story

Vinsen's story

Vinsen (39) is a farmer living in West Timor, Indonesia. While poor soil quality and erosion meant farming was always difficult for Vinsen, at least the weather was predictable.

However, in recent years weather patterns have become increasingly erratic in Vinsen's region. In 2010 and 2011, Vinsen's village was hit by heavy rains and strong winds, which destroyed crops and killed livestock. Incomes plummeted and famine spread throughout the area.

Wanting to protect his family's future, Vinsen enrolled in the Sustainable Agriculture Program– an initiative supported by Caritas Australia and run by local partner Yayasan Mitra Tani Mandiri (YMTM).

Respecting the environment and our role as Stewards of Creation, the YMTM Program provides training for farmers and a YMTM representative in each village helps and advises farmers on challenges.

The farmers in Vinsen's village learnt to terrace their land, helping them to stabilise land against landslide, combat erosion and harness valuable rainfall. They also learnt how to plant long-term crops in addition to short life-span crops like vegetables, which allows them to build a stable livelihood and survive crop fluctuations and unexpected weather changes.

Since the YMTM Program, Vinsen's income has increased by 25% and his family now live without fear of food insecurity. *"Before the program I was very anxious,"* says Vinsen. *"But now I do not worry. There is always cassava, banana and taro in the garden. We will not be hungry."*

Vinsen is now passing on his knowledge by training others in his community and encouraging others to take part in the program. *"I have a prosperous life,"* says Vinsen. *"Thank you so much to the people of Australia who have helped support YMTM."*

Please donate to Project Compassion 2015 and help farmers in remote West Timor grow sustainable crops for life, regardless of changing weather patterns.

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