



Fourth Sunday of Easter

11th / 12th May 2019

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAY MASSES: This Week:

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30am

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

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.

Preparation Course: 0411 883 661



In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that we follow him, not because we are too dumb to know otherwise, or because we are anxious or fearful of our alternatives, but because we know his voice, we know him, he knows our name. We follow Jesus' lead for no other reason than throughout our life we have come to trust him and to rely on the intimacy of our relationship with him. In return he protects us and makes sure no one can steal us from his flock.

The possibility of being stolen away from the Christian family is a real one. We know many people who, for a variety of reasons, have left the fold and been seduced into pursuing other leads. Whereas every Sunday we affirm that we cannot find a better way to live than following the Way, the Truth and the Life which is Christ present here and now. No one can suggest it is always easy to follow the Gospel and hang in here with one another. Jesus was never under any illusions about what following his lead may cost, but he underlines how much we need each other to survive in this world.

In this Eucharist, then, let's steal a few moments to experience again the intimate love of the Risen Lord who knows, claims and loves us. May we respond by following his lead by enfolding all our world in our care and welcoming all his children into his flock. (Fr Richard Leonard SJ)



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Tony Hall, Jack Withers, Les Murphy, Don Harris, Fr Con Croese, Trevor Newcombe, Monica Brosolo, Mary Galvin, Klarrie Paizis, Frances Rohrich, Ernesta Di Mizio, Br Denis Cusack, Brian Murphy, Charles Borg.

ANNIVERSARIES: Darryl Butler, James O'Connor, Kerry Dowling, Geoffrey Jervis, Margaret Maynard, Joe Vuga, Lorraine Vogel, David Purvey, Leanne Patterson, Peter Maher, Norman Clear, Dominik Vildovas, Brian Cooper, Robert Millea, Rita Murray, Wally Larkin, Matthew Blomeley, Joan Althmeier, Betty Russell, Pierce Kelleher, Des Cornford, Frederick Serbinek, Ern Gaudry, John Lopez, Bill Stewart, Michael King, Arthur Stout, Maurice Slattery, Edward O'Keefe.
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: 11th/12th May

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Ed Brown	Roy Thompson
Lector 1	Nano Clancy	Wendy McFerran
Lector 2	Justin Clancy	Sr Carina Morton
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Hopkins Judy Lindsay	Mary Lefevre Sue McLaurin Kevin Kennedy
Cantor	Brian Waters	Anne McIntyre
Musicians	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
Counters: Desmond Lum & Jane Togher		

Sat /Sun: 18th / 19th May

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Brian Waters	Richard Parkinson
Lector 1	Paula Waters	Leanne Michael
Lector 2	Volunteer	Bede Hart
Eucharistic Ministers	Jeneice Harding Michael Regan	Ann Maree Whiting Pamela McIntosh Fran Kernaghan
Cantor	Margie & Ed Brown	Simon Goss
Musicians	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
Counters: Gordon Bryant & Peter Toner		

Mother's Day Blessing Prayer

Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life and caring for all.

You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children or those placed under their care always brings.

Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly.

Give them the faithful support of husband, partner, family, friends, parish and local community, as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children and all for whom they care.

Give them joy and delight to sustain them through the trials of motherly care. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

A Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

'Always have before your eyes the example of the Good Shepherd, who did not come to be served, but to serve and to seek and save what was lost.'

Parish News



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Parents of children in Year 3 not attending St Anne's and who wish them to receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** are asked to contact the parish office by phone or email as soon as possible so that appropriate preparation outside the dates on back page of bulletin can be organised.

Children's Liturgy

Sacred Heart will be offering a Children's Liturgy to be conducted in our Sacred Heart Hall once a month during Sunday morning Mass commencing 19 May. We will leave the church following the Opening prayer and return for the Offertory procession. The children's liturgy allows the children to celebrate their own version of the liturgy that is more appropriate to their level of understanding. Preschool age children require a parent to accompany them. All children very welcome. For further information please contact Narelle Naughton 0417 216 488 or Louise Fifield 0439 449 714.

A Day of Prayer & Reflection

***Theme: Encountering St Hildegard of Bingen,
Woman of Vision & Hope***

Presented by *Breath of Life* team Margaret Walsh pbvm and Katherine Klappdor.

Date: Saturday 18 May 2019

Time: 10.00am - 3.30pm

Venue: Sacred Heart Parish Hall Mate St, North Albury

RSVP: 13 May to Catherine Cutler 0419 518 791 or Cheryl Ryan 0402 147 340 or Parish Office 6025 1516.

Cost: Donation - BYO Lunch - Tea & Coffee provided

A time to reflect on the life & teaching, music and art of Hildegard of Bingen a 12th century abbess, visionary, musician, artist, author, lover of creation. We will look at the relevance of Hildegard's life for our world today.

Special Collection - Education of Priests

Next weekend our annual leaving collection to support the education of future priests to serve in our diocese will be held. Your generous assistance in this regard also helps contribute to our 2019 diocesan levy of \$5,464.

Project Compassion

Your generous support for Project Compassion helps end poverty, promote justice and upholds dignity. Please return outstanding boxes / envelopes and additional contributions as soon as possible so that our final parish contribution can be forwarded to Caritas Aust.

Feast Days

Monday 13th May—Our Lady of Fatima

Tuesday 14th May—St Matthias

Mother's Day

A special welcome to all mothers and all those who provide feminine love to others; those who are models of hospitality, guidance and acceptance. May you be blessed by God's unconditional and nurturing love. Prayer cards available for collection at all church entrances.

Passion, Politics, Partying

This is the title of Murray Conservatorium Choir's next concert on Saturday 18 May at 7.30pm at St Matthew's Albury and at 2.30pm at St John's Wodonga. It will feature choruses from well known operas such as La Traviata, The Flying Dutchman and Madam Butterfly as well as selections from West Side Story, Porgy and Bess and The Gondoliers. Tickets \$25, \$20 concession and under 18 free available from Regent Cinema and choir members. A number of our own choir members are involved in what promises to be a delightful musical experience.

Enrolment at Xavier High School Year 7 2020

Applications for enrolment for Yr 7 are open. Please contact Cerina Meredith on 6040 6388 to discuss the enrolment process or visit: <https://www.xhsw.catholic.edu.au/join/enrolments/enrolment-process> On receipt of your application for enrolment you will be notified as to how to make an online booking for an enrolment interview for your child. Applications for enrolment may be downloaded from the above website.

RSPCA Million Paws Walk

A walk to fight animal cruelty will be held on Sunday 19 May at Hovell Tree Park from 9.00am to 2.00pm. To register or for more information go to: millionpawswalk.com.au

Prayer

God of new life, at the beginning of creation your Spirit hovered over the waters, to sanctify the seas and the land.

God of freedom, you called your chosen people to arise from the Red Sea and slavery.

God of compassion, your Beloved Son was baptised by John, and as he rose up from the waters, was anointed with the Holy Spirit.

Through the Resurrection of Jesus you have filled us with the same light.

May we always walk as radiant witnesses to your love, your mercy, your tender care and justice.

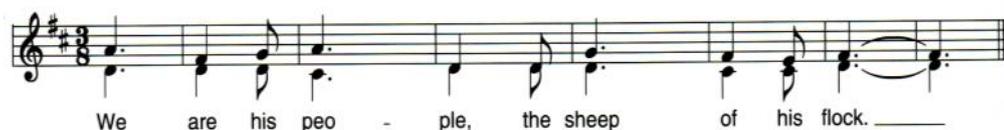
This we ask in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen

Liturgy of the Word

Fourth Sunday of Easter—Year C

Readings: Acts 13: 14, 43-52; Ap 7: 9, 14-17; John 10: 27-30

Responsorial Psalm:

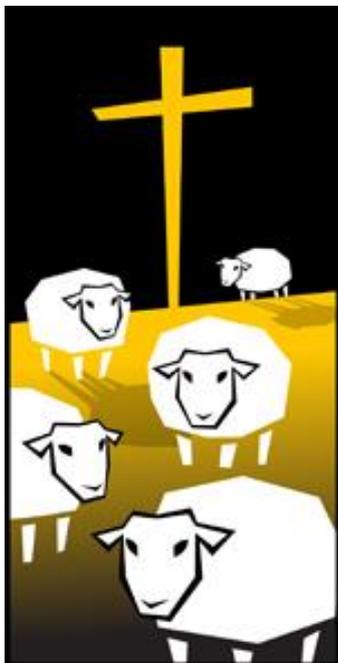


We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia , alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep and mine know me.
Alleluia!

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Revised Sacramental Policy and Practice regarding children receiving the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Parents / Carers of children who are baptised in Christ and living out their faith within the Catholic worshipping community, are advised that as from this year, 2019, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated in Year 3 and First Holy Communion in Year 4.

The primary reason for this change is that children at Year 3 age level are much better able to understand the nature of Reconciliation in their lives. The shift enables us to spend more time helping these children understand the importance of sorrow and forgiveness within their lives. As the current practice of preparing for sacraments is school based (for students attending St Anne's) it is not appropriate to sandwich the reception of both these sacraments into the same year level.

Again, the movement of the celebration of the sacrament of First Eucharist to Year 4 allows the focus on children at a different stage in their cognitive and spiritual development. During Year 4 we will be able to continue to develop a sacramental program that engages both children and parents to more readily appreciate the actions of Christ in their lives and how participating in the celebration of Eucharist nourishes and sustains us in our everyday endeavours.

With parent / carers consent, children in Year 3 who wish to serve on the altar during weekend masses at Sacred Heart Parish are most welcome to carry out this ministry of service. The reception on First Eucharist is not a requirement for this to occur.

The Baptismal Rite recognises parents as the first teachers of their children in the way of faith. It is intended that these changes will both support and encourage parents in this commitment.

The parish community of Sacred Heart North Albury remains committed to assisting all children to understand and appreciate the presence of God, who in Jesus Christ blesses, welcomes, reconciles, nurtures and strengthens.

Proposed dates, times and venues for all gathering in preparation for First Reconciliation are as follows:

- **Parent Information and Reflection Session** - Monday 20 May at 6.00pm - St Anne's School Library
- **Reconciliation Commitment Masses** - Weekend of 1 & 2 June - Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 9.30am
Sacred Heart Church
- **Child and Parent Reflection Session** - Monday 3 June 6.00pm - St Anne's School Library
- Year 3 students receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** at Sacred Heart Church late June. The date will be confirmed early Term 2.