



Third Sunday of Easter

25th / 26th April 2020

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Mass at Sacred Heart North Albury

Join our virtual celebration of the Eucharist each Sunday while coronavirus restrictions remain. Simply click of the YouTube link provided on our website. Will be available for your participation by Saturday afternoon. Thanks to Nick Manning from the IT department at Xavier, Cameron Adam, to Ed & Marg Brown and James Burke (website) for their assistance in this regard.

Prayer Resources: Located on parish website under "Latest Newsletter".

From Liturgy Brisbane: The first document contains the Sunday readings with associated commentaries and prayers. It is suggested that families gather to read the scriptures aloud together.

The second resource is designed for families with young children. An extract from the Sunday gospel is provided, along with some reflection questions, a family activity and a worksheet for children.



ANZAC Day - Reflection and Prayer

Martin Flanagan, the Australian writer and historian says that when he is asked to talk to young Australians about World War I he gets one third of them to stand in a group. To them he says 'You're the ones who came back with your lives and bodies in tact'.

To the other two thirds he says 'You're the ones who were either killed or maimed or wounded.

Australia's first battalion landed on the shores of Gallipoli in the dark of the early morning 25 April 1915. From that original 1st battalion of 800, casualties by 1918 would total 715 - almost the whole unit.

Our commemoration of ANZAC Day always falls during the Christian feast of Easter. It was early morning and still dark when those first disciples saddened and grieving reached the tomb - but what they expected to find - the dead, lifeless body of Jesus was not there.

May the crucified yet risen Christ point to a way of living which alleviates suffering, promotes healing and forgiveness and rejects the madness of war.

May the Christian and ANZAC principles of integrity, compassion, courage and committed self giving love continue to shape the direction of our personal and communal lives.

God of love and liberty, we thank you for the peace and security we enjoy.

It was won for us through the courage and devotion of those who gave their lives in time of war.

We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain, but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come.

We ask this prayer in the name of Jesus and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Recitation of 'The Ode'

All: They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

Lest we forget!

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Debbie Yensch, Hubertus

Steenbergen, Wayne Fulford, Bryan Filliponi, Brian Unthank, Michael Bereza, John Thornely.

Let us remember the family of Debbie Yensch who died suddenly on Easter Sunday evening. Please pray for her husband Peter and their daughter Grace who is a Year 12 student at Xavier. In their great grief may the Risen Christ bring them comfort and help them to find a way forward in the coming days.

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Galvin, Klarrie Paizis, Shirley Wessen, Kerree Pearsons, Therese Doherty, Isobel Gibbs, Edmund Miles, Bernadette Stevens, Edward Unger, Hazel Joss, Jim Purcell, Peter Falvey, Mary Driscoll, Willem Lautenbacher, Harold Dexter, Claude Zallocco, Mary Doyle, Margaret Roach, Raymond Buttell, Petro Tymczuk, John Browne, Colin McNamee, Jenny Hawkins, Lillian Magrath, Frank Naughton, Leslie Trezise, Mary Everston, Myra Whitehead, Ronald Murray.

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

An Emmaus Road Blessing

May the Risen Christ meet you
on the road,
Lead you into all truth,
Guide you on your path.
May the Risen Christ feed you
and sustain you,
Fill you with His presence,
Equip you by His Spirit.
May the Risen Christ go with
you today,
Be with you through this
week,
May you dwell with Christ
forever.

Easter Prayer

**'When you pass through waters
I will be there with you
And through the rivers,
They shall not overwhelm you...
Because you are precious in my eyes;
And honoured, and I love you...
Fear not, I am with you always.'**

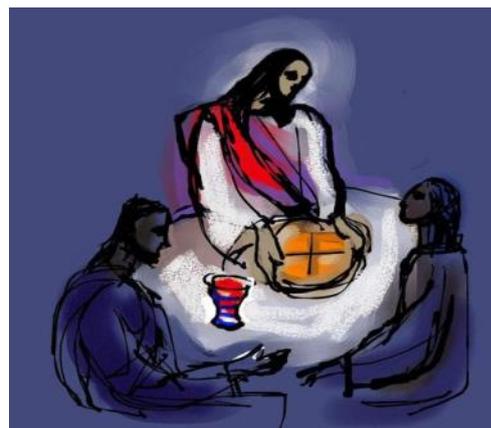
Isaiah 43:2,4,5

Thank You

Thanks to Michael Regan for re-shaping the hedge near the church carpark and to John Van Lint for the pruning of the Oleanders on the Swan Street side.

A Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

'We proclaim the resurrection of Christ when his light illuminates the dark moments of our existence, and we are able share it with others.'



Parish News

Online Mass and Prayer Resources

Options for viewing Mass online:

Website: northsydneycatholics.com then 'Mass on Demand' (Mass 9.00am every day) can be viewed anytime after that. Lavender Bay, North Sydney.

1. Daily Mass: Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn: www.catholicvoice.org.au Mass celebrated specifically for viewing online.

2. Daily Mass: Archdiocese of Melbourne: <https://Melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

Daily Mass: The 1.00pm Mass is streamed live daily (Mon-Fri) from St Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne and is then available as a recording on demand until one hour prior to the next 1.00pm Mass.

Sunday Mass: On Sundays, the 11.00am Mass is streamed & also available as a recording on demand.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF SACRED HEART PARISH

I am conscious that all around us people are losing their jobs and that this will create an unprecedented level of stress and anxiety.

Thanks for your continued support of our parish community through your generous contributions to the second collection. It may be some time before we will be able to resume gathering as a Eucharistic community.

If possible please continue to contribute to the financial security of our parish community through the direct deposit scheme. For those using envelopes, if you are able to put away your regular contribution each week and store it until life as we have known it returns to normal, that would be most appreciated.

Planned giving contributions can also be left at the Presbytery during office hours Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.00am—2.00pm following coronavirus social distancing and medical protocol.

Sacred Heart Bank Account for Parishioner Depositing Church Account Second Collection

Pays insurance and utility accounts. Covers all maintenance and pastoral/liturgical activities expenses.

Internet Transfer

Account Name: Sacred Heart North Albury Church Account

BSB: 066-789; Account Number: 100005574

Description: Surname & Envelop or Planned Giving Number

Presbytery Account First Collection

Pays for household expenses and Priest's Stipends.

Internet Transfer

Account Name: Sacred Heart North Albury Presbytery Account

BSB: 066-789; Account Number: 100005575

Description: Surname

Bruce Dawe, the acclaimed Australian poet died on 1st April, 2020.

He wrote a wonderful poem called 'Roads' which accounts for how on their journey to Emmaus two disciples discover the way that is Jesus' legacy.

*'We thought that we were walking Freedom Road,
That at its end we'd realise every "if"
Whose promises the centuries had bestowed
- But that Freedom Road, it seemed, led to a cliff ...'*

*'Oh, yes, we'd hoped (Israel knew how to hope!)
this messianic kingdom was the one
dreamed of in exile; such dreams helped us cope
with our estrangement under an alien sun.'*

*'While on the way to Emmaus, then, we talked
of his death on the cross, where no hand came to save,
of the angel at the empty tomb. But, as we walked
(as if towards our own dark future grave)
this stranger joined us. When we told our story
he shook his head and called us slow of heart
and said for Christ to enter into his glory
he had to suffer such things. About to depart,
we desperately begged him then to stay,
which he did. And at the breaking of the bread
we knew him, and ever since that day
we've walked a surer Freedom Road instead.'*

*So it happens sometimes, at the fall of night
suddenly light breaks upon our sight.*

Bruce Dawe

UPDATE ON PROPOSED CAPITAL WORKS

Contracts have been signed with the successful tenders for the replacement of the church roof and the installation of heating/cooling in the church. Hopefully, once materials have been sourced this extensive project will be able to commence.

Diocesan Newspaper 'Together' Available Online

The monthly printed issue has been temporarily suspended while churches are closed and schools are in learning from home mode.

The new look 'Together' will be produced on a twice-monthly basis which will be online until our churches and schools open again.

Please let your parishioners know they can access a copy online at:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/togetherwagga

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/togetherwagga>

Website: www.wagga.catholic.org.au/Diocesan-Paper-Together.aspx

For those of you who are unable to access Together online, we will endeavour to provide you with a printed copy. Please call our Editor on 0437 738 726 or email: together@wagga.catholic.org.au to request this.

Liturgy of the Word



A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22–33

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: ‘Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

*I saw the Lord before me always,
for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.
So my heart was glad
and my tongue cried out with joy:
my body, too, will rest in the hope
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.
You have made known the way of life to me,
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.’*

‘Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witness to that. Now raised to the heights by God’s right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.’ The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 15:1–2, 5, 7–11

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 24:13–35

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, ‘What matters are you discussing as you walk along?’ They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas answered him, ‘You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.’ ‘What things?’ he asked. ‘All about Jesus of Nazareth’ they answered ‘who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.’

Then he said to them, ‘You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?’ Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. ‘It is nearly evening’ they said ‘and the day is almost over.’ So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at the table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, ‘Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?’

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, ‘Yes it is true, The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.’ Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord