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Sacred Heart Parish

NORTH ALBURY

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.

Easter Sunday 3rd / 4th April 2021

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAY MASSES: This Week:

Wednesday & Friday 9.30am

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.

Preparation Course: 0411 883 661



JOHN 20:1-9

Mary went to the tomb and found it empty.

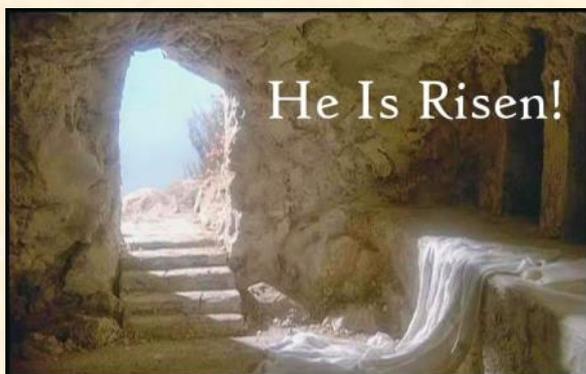
We have come, finally, to the season of joy and hope, following a long season of anguish and suffering. Many have struggled with the darkness of the past year. Many more have wept at tombs, asking ‘where?’, ‘how?’, ‘why?’ We have all been asked to carry crosses. Some of them have been almost unbearably heavy. Now, though, alongside his own cross, we stand with Jesus victorious and risen in glory.

We might be coming to this new season hesitantly, like the younger disciple (Gospel), perhaps still hurting from the scars of the year and hardly daring to hope. Or we may find ourselves, like Peter, rushing headlong, eager to see and to believe.

In the Acts of the Apostles (First Reading), we hear that the first witnesses were to go out with this good news and proclaim it to all people. We are the messengers of the Gospel today.

As St Ignatius said, ‘Love is shown more in deeds than in words’.

Haven’t we seen that this past year! So let us rejoice and be glad, and give thanks to the Lord (Psalm) this coming week.



He Is Risen!

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Allan Scholz, Inge Husz, Norm

Thorson, Peter Brooke, Kay Duel, Sr Carmel Clancy, Anne Good, Michael O'Brien, Pat Peel, Bert Gogoll, Myles Borg, Kath Duck.

ANNIVERSARIES: Norm Jessop, Elizabeth Simon, Heidi Yonson, Philip Liston, Jack Dempsey, Meg McNamee, Jill Webster, Christopher Eades, Sr Baptista, Kevin Corrigan, Kathrina Schieber, Allan Roach, Pamela Quin, Pam O'Brien, Phillip Percy, Edna Stephenson, Patricia Darbyshire, Rusty Stewart, Bob Gray, John Smith, Angel Taravillo, John Norman, Patrick Scammell, Lawrence Hennessy, Annie Brown, Frank Brown, Sandra Gillett, Alice Frauenfelder, Mary Egan, Norm Frauenfelder.

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: 3rd / 4th April

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Richard Parkinson	Volunteer please
Lector 1	Sr Carina Morton	Liz Phegan
Lector 2	Colleen Day	
Lector 3	Sr Patricia Weekes	
Lector 4	Volunteer	
Eucharistic Ministers	Trish Parkinson	Cathy Nyhan
Cantor	Choir	
Musicians		Val Hayes
Counters: Margaret Brown & Moira Porta (Tuesday) Group 8		

Sat /Sun: 10th / 11th April

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Adrian Mitchelhill	Richard Parkinson
Lector 1	Colleen Day	Liz Phegan
Lector 2		Sr Patricia Weekes
Eucharistic Ministers	Volunteer please	Sue Betts
Cantor	Brian Waters	Ann & Lachlan McIntyre
Musicians	Catherine Cutler	Val Hayes
Counters: Anne Gordes & Lorraine Willis (Sunday) Group 9		

Prayer for Easter

Lord of life,
we pray for all who bring your
word of life,
as a light to those in darkness.
For those who bring your word of
peace,
to those enslaved by fear.
For those who bring your word of
love,
to those in need of comfort.
Lord of love and Lord of peace
Lord of resurrection life,
be known
through our lives
and through your power.
Christ the Lord is risen to-day!
Alleluia!

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

“May Christ, who has already defeated death and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, dispel the darkness of our suffering humanity and lead us into the light of his glorious day, a day that knows no end.”

Parish News

EASTER MESSAGE

There is no doubt that we live in worrying and confusing times. The spread of a mysterious and contagious virus throughout the world has thrown the normality of our lives into turmoil. Twelve months ago we were confined to our homes, restraints on gathering for public worship meant that we had to discover new ways of celebrating our faith and keeping in touch.

We have become accustomed to hand sanitiser, social distancing and QR Codes.

Perhaps these changes however can help us prepare for a unique experience of holy week as we both return to our communal celebration of Eucharist and continue to provide digital access for those who otherwise would remain disconnected and isolated. Let us remember that we are all in this together.

We recall that on Palm Sunday there was the triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Jesus was feted with acclamation and palms. The disciples must have been smiling broadly, happy to be associated with such a figure as Jesus. On Thursday evening there was a dinner with friends and while there were tensions it passed relatively peacefully. However, by the end of the evening there was violence, fear, denial of what was happening. On Friday there was worse to come with the corrupt trial and brutal death of a beloved son and friend. It must have seemed incredible that things could turn so fast.

The disciples locked themselves away from others wondering what was going to happen to them. Then on Sunday in the midst of grief and despair there was the incredible news of the resurrection. Such joy and hope. As we experience the emotions of the Holy Week and relate it to our time of isolation and fears, let us hold onto the certainty of God's love for us and trust that our time of trial will pass and we will share in the new life of the resurrection.

The great gift of Easter is hope—Christian hope, which makes us have that confidence in God, in his ultimate triumph, and in his goodness and love, which nothing can shake. Basil Hume

Happy Easter Everyone!

PRAYER

*God of new life, at the beginning of creation your Spirit hovered over the waters, to sanctify the seas & 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 baptized 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*

THANK YOU

Gratitude is extended to all involved in the organization and preparation for the celebration of our Holy Week and Easter liturgies.

To Sr Anne Hagan for her tireless efforts.

To those who helped cater for morning tea following our Stations of the Cross.

To our wonderful choir and musicians for the generous sharing of their gifts and talents.

To all for your prayerful and active participation, your contribution is much appreciated.

May the hope and joy of the Easter season remind each of us of God's guiding presence in our world and in our lives. May the Risen Christ renew our faith and give us the courage and strength to be his disciples in our world.

Updated COVID-19 Diocesan Protocols

If you are feeling unwell, have a cough or cold, sore throat or flu like symptoms please do not attend our physical gatherings as this puts others as well as yourself at risk.

At this stage: **1.** Holy Communion may now be received on the tongue by those who wish to receive in this way. Out of respect for those who are still being careful with regards to COVID-19, those who choose to receive Holy Communion on the tongue are asked to come forward only after the cohort of those who want to receive on the hand have finished receiving Communion. **2.** It is no longer diocesan protocol that Ministers of Holy Communion must wear a mask, though they may wear one if they choose to do so. Ministers of Holy Communion are to sanitise their hands before and after distributing Holy Communion.

An exemption has been granted to allow congregational singing to begin in churches from Palm/Passion Sunday rather than Monday as permitted by revised NSW government protocols.

Heartbeat—Easter Edition

The Easter edition of the Sacred Heart Parish Journal "Heartbeat" is available for collection at the church entrances. Thanks to Karen Purtle and all those involved in its publication.

Project Compassion 2021

Through your generosity during Project Compassion and by aspiring to 'Be More', you are assisting some of the world's most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities. Thank you so much for being more! Please return outstanding boxes/envelopes and additional contributions as soon as possible so we can forward to Caritas Australia.

Liturgy of the Word

First reading Acts 10:34, 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God has chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses—we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead—and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness; that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.' The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

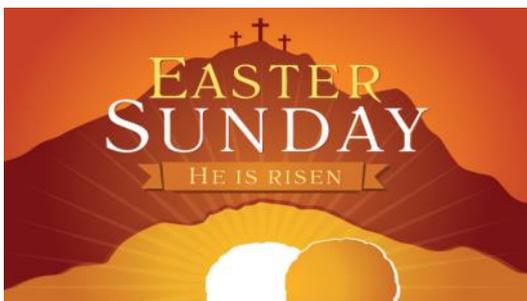
Response: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end' **R**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up..
I shall not die, I shall live.
and recount his deeds. **R**

The stone which the builders rejected.
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes! **R**



A reading from the of Letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed—and he is your life—you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 29:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb,' she said, 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead. The Gospel of the Lord.