



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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent 20th / 21st March 2021

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAY MASSES: This Week:

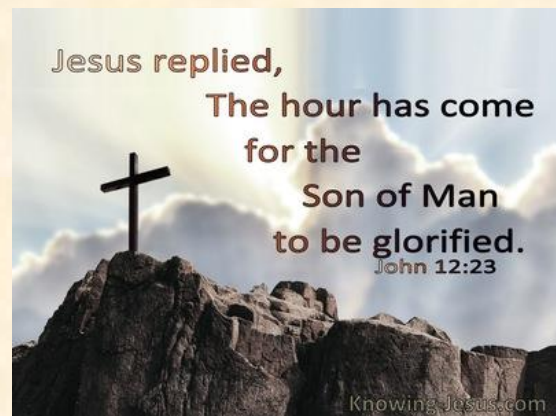
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30am

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.

Preparation Course: 0411 883 661



As we journey through Lent and approach Holy Week, our Sunday readings draw us deeper into contemplating Jesus fulfilling the new Covenant by his sacrifice and death.

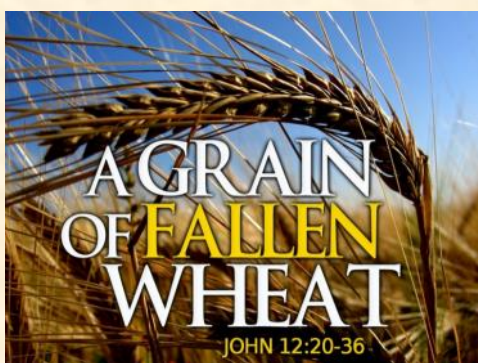
The First Reading from Jeremiah reveals God's love, as he promises to make a new covenant with us, written on our hearts.

The verses chosen from the Psalm reflect this: 'A pure heart create for me, O God'. We pray for a heart that will receive this covenant of love.

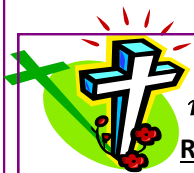
The letter to the Hebrews (Second Reading) reveals the cost of this covenant to Jesus, in all his humanity. His obedience is through suffering, becoming our salvation.

In the Gospel Jesus spells out the necessity for the grain of wheat to die. His soul is troubled, but he is One with the Father. Through the cross will come glory.

As his disciples, we must follow him, and so, like Jesus, may we turn to the Father in all our troubles, striving to draw others with us.



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sr Carmel Clancy, Anne Good, Michael O'Brien, Pat Peel, Allen Jenkins, Bert Gogoll, Myles Borg, Kath Duck.

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Scott, Bill McNamee, Mary Cudmore, Susan Dawson, Connie Barber, Katerina Serbinek, Jack Livsey, Catherine Caton, George O'Neill, Michael Mitchell, Harry Flood, Margaret O'Dwyer, Ethel Shipard, Dawn Ridley, Lindsay Anderson, Glenn McPherson, Robert Salzke, Leonard Vogel, Cliff Chapman, Attilio Bellina, Paul Husz, Molly Cooper, William Grant, Catherine Condon, Vince Ryan, Steven Wright, Molly Mitsch, Leslie Evans, Catherine Brogan, Arnold Thorne, Jack Livermore.

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: 20th / 21st March

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Jasmine Gordes Kellie Gordes Justin Clancy	Richard Parkinson Rom Hayes Roy Thompson
Eucharistic Ministers	Kaye Deanshaw	Sr Patricia Weekes
Cantor Musicians	Catherine/Judy Judy Foley	Simon Goss Val Hayes
Counters: Diane & Greg Bartsch (Sunday) Group 6		

Sat/Sun: 27th / 28th March

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Sr Carina Morton Adrian Mitchelhill	Gavin Dykes John Dowling
Eucharistic Ministers	Anna Farrell	Gemma Whitehead
Cantor Musicians	Margy & Ed Brown Judy Foley	Bernadette & Wendy
Counters: Nardia Scarvell & Liz Simon (Monday) Group 7		

Prayer to St Joseph

For the Year of St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"In the Gospels, St Joseph appears as a strong and courageous man, a working man, yet in his heart we see great tenderness, which is not the virtue of the weak but rather a sign of strength of spirit and a capacity for concern, for compassion, for genuine openness to others, for love. "



*This weekend we welcome into the community of the Christian church through the sacrament of Baptism: **Lachlan Joe Beecroft** child of Monique & Scott.*

Parish News

Notice to Choir Members (and other interested singers)

Because of current COVID restrictions we would like our choir members to indicate which of the Easter ceremonies they are available—Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and / or Easter Vigil.

Practice times: 7.00pm Thursday 25 March and 10.00am Saturday 27 March.

Please phone either Judy Foley on 0419 420 278 or Val Hayes on 0422 953 771 to indicate your availability.

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.

After having your name registered or ticked off please use the hand sanitiser located at the four entrance points of the church at the beginning of our liturgical celebration and as you leave the church building.

Communion will begin with those on the car park side and then move to those seated on the Swan Street side. Please allow space between each recipient.

If the people attending a religious service will be singing in an indoor area then a max capacity of one person per 4 square metre rule applies and everyone attending the service must wear a face mask during the singing.

Therefore, until this regulation changes we will not engage in congregational singing.

However, up to 30 people may participate in an indoor choir in accordance with social distancing protocols.

Sacred Heart Footy Tipping Competition

Thanks to Heath Naughton who has agreed to co-ordinate this year's Footy Tipping Competition. Tips each week can be sent directly to Heath on heath-naughton@gmail.com

Snail mail entries can still be left at the presbytery. Fixtures and tipping forms for each round are available for those who require them at the front and rear of the church.

Project Compassion 2021

Aspire not to have more, but to be more
Oscar Romero

Halima is raising two children in a Bangladeshi refugee camp while caring for her mother, who has a disability. A Caritas Australia-supported program helped her with a shelter, cooking equipment and hygiene training. Halima now earns a small income as a trainer, helping to maintain the health and cleanliness of her community.

Project Compassion brochures, boxes and envelopes are available at all church entrances. Please donate as generously as is possible.

Timetable for Holy Week/Easter Ceremonies & Liturgies

Holy Thursday (1 April) - Mass of the Lord's Supper 6.00pm

Good Friday (2 April)

Stations of the Cross—Indoors Sacred Heart Church 10.30am—Followed by hot cross buns in hall.

Commemoration of The Lord's Passion 3.00pm

Easter Vigil (3 April) 6.00pm

Easter Sunday (4 April) 9.30am

Please be aware of the change of time for Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (1 April) to 6.00pm.

Due to COVID restraints the ecumenical Stations of the Cross service will not take place. Instead an indoors event will be held in Sacred Heart Church on Good Friday 10.30am

Easter Roster for Lectors, Commentators & Eucharistic Ministers

If you are able to carry out the role of a Commentator, Lector or Eucharistic Minister during Holy Week please add your name to the list located at the Swan Street entrance.

Palm Sunday

The Xavier school community will be organizing the liturgy for the celebration of Palm Sunday next Saturday evening 27 March at 6.00pm. Pizza afterwards in Sacred Heart Hall. All welcome.

From The Bishop's Office

Fr Rick Micallef (currently adm of Berrigan, Barooga, Mulwala) has been appointed Rector of the Diocesan Seminary, Vianney College from 1 January 2022 for an initial period of three years and renewable for three years.

Fr Bradley Rafter (currently parish priest of Narrandera) has been appointed Vice Rector of Vianney College and Formator in charge of First Years from 1 January 2022 for an initial period of three years and renewable for three years.

Lenten Discussion Groups

This year we are using ***It's All About Hope***. This year, author Chris Monaghan explores the theme of 'Hope', using prayer, a careful selection of readings, reflection and his own stunning personal photography.

Groups meet each Tuesday and Thursday at 7.00pm in Sacred Heart Hall. All welcome to participate and attend as you are able.

World Day of Prayer—Report

Thanks to the organizing committee comprising Judy Lindsay, Paula Waters and Margaret Bryant for assembling the liturgy for the World Day of Prayer which was hosted by Sacred Heart last Friday. The liturgy was prepared by the Christian women of the republic of Vanuatu. A cheque for \$895.00 raised through contributions to the offering basket has been sent to the Bible Society to assist with their practical projects.

Liturgy of the Word

First reading Jeremiah 31: 31–34

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.
The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 50:3-4, 12-15

Response: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **R**

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R**

Give me again the joy of your help;
With a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners may return to you. **R**

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 12: 20-30

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and together they went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: ‘Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves their life loses it; anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, they must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour them. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!’

A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’

Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all people to myself.’

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die. The Gospel of the Lord.

A reading from the of Letter to the Hebrews 5: 7-9

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had power to save him out of death and be submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.
The word of the Lord.

