



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 Easter

1st / 2nd May 2021

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

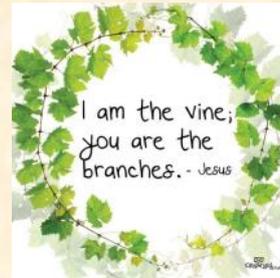
WEEKDAY MASSES—This Week:

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30am

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.



Today's readings remind us that when, like St Paul, 'we believe in the name of Jesus Christ', we accept the intimate relationship to which God invites us. We become branches of the true vine, Jesus Christ.

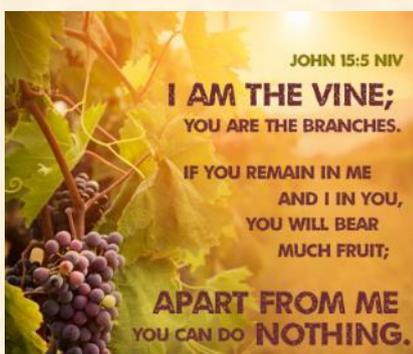
The **Gospel** shows the amazing intimacy that Jesus offers through the wonderful image of the vine and branches. Having Jesus, the true vine, live within our hearts, we as his disciples, the branches, will bear fruit; cut off from Jesus, we can do nothing at all. Jesus reveals his Father as the vinedresser, tending to us with love, and sometimes pruning us so that we can produce more plentiful fruit.

In the **Second Reading**, John reminds us that by believing in Jesus Christ, and loving one another, we are doing what God wants, and that God lives in us through the gift of the Holy Spirit. He also reassures us that we have nothing to fear in God's loving presence. We get an indication of the fruit that Jesus speaks of when John tells us that our love needs 'not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active.'

We see an example of this in the **First Reading**, where Saul proves his love for Jesus by preaching about him to the community. The apostles come to accept him and the local churches begin to put down roots and grow, drawing now from a new source of life: the Holy Spirit.

The **Psalms**, part of which we heard on Palm Sunday, and which Jesus prayed on the cross, closes today with words of the Lord's love, generosity and faithfulness. We are all invited to worship and serve him.

During the week, I may like to ponder the relationship God longs to have with me, and the fruit he enables me to bear.



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Yvonne Rosewarne, Maree Ryan, Dot Taylor, Sue Thompson, Paul Fowles, Robert Hingston, John Gale, Aranka Klucso, Allan Scholz, Inge Husz, Sr Carmel Clancy.

ANNIVERSARIES: Joan McLaurin, Gerard Sullivan, May Smith, Merle McCabe, Helen Scully, Jessica Lawrence, Hazel Joss, Jim Purcell, Peter Falvey, John Thompson, Nell Norman, Joyce Lyons, Zetta Mitchelhill, John Piltz, Barny Zerst, Connie Waters, Michael Clark, Edward Ilsley, Petro Tymczuk, Josephine Keogh, Jack Hanrahan, Dave Hulm.

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



*This weekend we welcome into the community of the Christian church through the sacrament of Baptism: **Ava Olivia White & Charlotte Poppy White** daughters of Timothy & Amelia-Kate; **Lachlan Mark Hartwig** son of Angus & Megan.*

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 1st / 2nd May		
Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Kellie Gordes Jasmine Gordes Adrian Mitchelhill	Richard Parkinson Rom Hayes Sr Patricia Weekes
Eucharistic Ministers	Anna Farrell	Noelene Cruise
Cantor Musicians	Margy & Ed Brown Judy Foley	Ann & Lachlan McIntyre Val Hayes
Counters: Lachlan McIntyre & Wendy McFerran (Sunday) Group 1		

Sat / Sun: 8th / 9th May		
Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Sr Carina Morton Paula Waters Catherine Cutler	Roy Thompson John Dowling Gavin Dykes
Eucharistic Ministers	Jeneice Harding	Sue Betts
Cantor Musicians	Brian Waters Judy Foley	Bernadette & Wendy
Counters: Carey Menz-Dowling & John Dowling (Sunday) Group 2		

Prayer to St Joseph the Worker Feast Day 1st May

St Joseph, by the work of your hands you supported Jesus and Mary.

Teach us to work as you did, with patience and perseverance, for those whom God has given us to support.

Teach us to see in our fellow workers the Christ who desires to be in them, that we may always be charitable and forbearing towards all.

Grant us to look upon work with the eyes of faith, so that we shall recognize in it our share in God's own creative activity.

When it is pleasant and productive, remind us to give thanks to God for it. We ask this through Christ our Lord
Amen.

St Joseph the Worker pray for us.

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

'In our own day, when employment has once more become a burning social issue, and unemployment at times reaches record levels even in nations that for decades have enjoyed a certain degree of prosperity, there is a renewed need to appreciate the importance of dignified work, of which Saint Joseph is an exemplary patron.'



Parish News

National Count of Mass Attendance

Held every five years since 2001, the project is a simple head count of attendees at all parishes and other mass centres across Australia over the four weekends of May. The count takes in masses as well as Sunday assemblies in the absence of a priest.

The National Count of Attendance is held in the same year as the Australian census, which will take place in August. That allows for information gathered from the two projects to be analysed together.

The first two weeks comprises a simple head count of all attendees, the third week includes the number of male and female attendees and the fourth week includes a calculation of attendees in age groups. Our count will take place at weekend masses on 2/3, 9/10, 16/17, 23/24 May.

Come Holy Spirit—Reflection Time

The Easter season concludes with the celebration of Pentecost. Sr Liz Rothe has kindly offered to lead a time of prayer and reflection on the themes of Easter / Pentecost in our lives.

On Saturday 15 May 2.00pm—4.00pm in the Sacred Heart Hall. All welcome.

R.S.V.P by Thursday 13 May to Liz Rothe email: lizanne_rothe@gmail.com or mobile **0400 404 289**.

Sacraments of Initiation in Sacred Heart Parish 2021

Again due to ongoing corona virus restrictions and regulations we are continuing to adapt our programme for the celebration of the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation.

Confirmation

Bishop Mark Edwards will confer the sacrament of Confirmation on our candidates from Yr 6 and beyond over the weekend of Friday 6 August—Sunday 8 August. Presumably, there will be two sessions:

Friday 6 August (6.00pm) probably.
Sunday 8 August (11.00am) definitely.

Reconciliation & First Holy Communion

Parent/Candidate reflection and information session:

Tuesday 18 May 6.00pm St Anne's School Library

First Reconciliation: Second Rite of Reconciliation (Communal celebration) Thursday 3 June 6.00pm in Sacred Heart Church.

First Holy Communion: Sunday 5 September 11.00am Sacred Heart Church. Alternative date to be confirmed.

Parents of candidates for Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation not attending St Anne's are asked to contact Fr Martin through the Parish Office a.s.a.p. so that appropriate sacramental preparation can be arranged.

Morning Tea

Morning Tea will be held at the conclusion of the celebration of Eucharist this Sunday 2 May in the Parish Hall. All welcome.

Parish Pastoral Council

The next meeting of the Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council will take place this Thursday 6 May in the Presbytery at 6.00pm. All agenda items can be referred to the Secretary, Karen Purtle: bevispurtle@internode.on.net

Project Compassion 2021

Thank you for your generosity to Project Compassion this year. So far we have raised \$3,497. Please return outstanding boxes/envelopes and any one off contributions as soon as possible so we can forward to Caritas Australia.

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors Roster

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors Roster is now available on the table at the Swan Street entrance. Please swap with someone if you are unable to attend on the allotted day.

Sr Patricia Weekes—Good Friday Reflection

Additional copies of the Good Friday reflection offered by Sister Patricia Weekes on an understanding of the Passion in the Gospel of John are available on the table at the Swan Street entrance for those who might find them helpful for prayer and contemplation.

123rd Philippine Independence Day

You are cordially invited to the Eucharistic celebration (Holy Mass) of the 123rd Philippine Independence Day. Most Rev Mark Edwards Celebrant on Saturday 12 June at 11.00am St Michael's Cathedral Wagga Wagga.

Please bring a plate for fellowship at St Michael's Parish Centre.

Contact MACE Sisters **0413 661 003** or **0402 090 438**.

Men's Breakfast

To be held Saturday 8 May at St James Hall Lavington. Time approx. 7.35am for tea/coffee. Grace at 8.00am. Cereals etc followed by hot food. Speaker Kevin Quick. Cost donation.

Footy Tipping

Here are the results as of **Round 6**: Leading Naughton Family with **42**: Lukas Vinar **40**; Fran Kernaghan **37**; Val Azzi, John Dowling, Val Hayes, Carmel Butts, Denis Shirley **36**; Favero Family **35**; Bede Hart, Cathy Nyhah, Les Murray Brian Butts **34**; Colleen Howard **33**; Fr Martin, Pat Gleeson Paula McEachern **32**; Joan Moylan, Molly Fulford **31**; Brian Millgate, Kip Kipper **30**.

Liturgy of the Word

First reading Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the believers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 21(22):26-28,30-32

Response: I will praise you Lord in the assembly of your people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever! **R**

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **R**

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.' **R**

A reading from the first Letter of St John 3:18-24

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us. The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia, alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 15: 1-8

Jesus said: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.

Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – they wither; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord.