



*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.*

## Fourth Sunday of Easter 24th / 25th April 2021

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### Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAY MASSES—This Week:

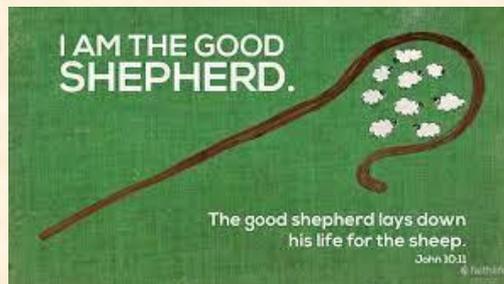
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30am

### RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.

Preparation Course: 0411 883 661



**This Sunday we are invited to deepen our awareness of the protective, caring love that surrounds us, holds us and sustains us.** This love was made incarnate in Jesus the Good Shepherd.

In John's letter (Second Reading), we are encouraged to meditate on the deep love that the Father lavishes upon us, by calling us his children.

Centring our lives on this reality will help us on our pilgrim journey – and this week's Psalm is associated with pilgrimage, sung by those entering Jerusalem. For us it becomes a resurrection song. The one who was reviled and rejected becomes the cornerstone that our faith is built upon; Christ is our refuge and our strength, and the psalmist reminds us to place our trust in our loving Lord.

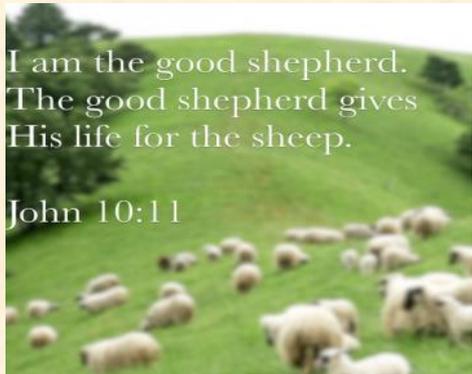
In the First Reading, Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, quotes from this same psalm. Christ, who was rejected and condemned by the religious leaders of the time, is the source of Peter's authority and his gift of healing.

In the Gospel, the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd is used to draw out the depth of the love that God has for his people. Jesus lays down his life for us so that we might truly live. By describing himself in this way, Jesus is describing the close, intimate relationship we are each called to have with the living Lord. Although we are many, we are one flock, with one Shepherd who knows each one of us personally. Jesus trusts that we will listen to his voice.

As we pray this week, let us ask for the grace to truly listen with open and accepting hearts to the needs of our community, and to the needs of the earth. May we, too, may become loving shepherds to each other, and to the environment.

I am the good shepherd.  
The good shepherd gives  
His life for the sheep.

John 10:11



# 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:** Mary Galvin, Klarrie Paizis, Shirley Wessen, Kerree Pearsons, Therese Doherty, Isobel Gibbs, Edmund Miles, Bernadette Stevens, Edward Unger, Madge Trebley, Mary Driscoll, Richard Davis, Willem Lautenbacher, Edith Adams, Harold Dexter, Claude Zallocco, Mary Doyle, Margaret Roach, Edward Trim, Raymond Buttell, John Browne, Colin McNamee, Jenny Hawkins, Lillian Magrath, Frank Naughton, Leslie Trezise, Mary Everston, Mary Prince, John Hertzog, 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*

## ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 24th / 25th April

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b> <b>Lector 1</b> <b>Lector 2</b>	Paula Waters Kellie Gordes Jasmine Gordes	Cathy Nyhan Ann McIntyre Mary Hunt
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Adrian Mitchelhill	Trish Parkinson
<b>Cantor</b> <b>Musicians</b>	Catherine & Judy Judy Foley	Simon Goss Val Hayes
<b>Counters: Gemma Whitehead (Monday) Group 11</b>		

Sat / Sun: 1st / 2nd May

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b> <b>Lector 1</b> <b>Lector 2</b>	Kellie Gordes Jasmine Gordes Adrian Mitchelhill	Richard Parkinson Rom Hayes Sr Patricia Weekes
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Anna Farrell	Noelene Cruise
<b>Cantor</b> <b>Musicians</b>	Margy & Ed Brown Judy Foley	Bernadette & Wendy
<b>Counters: Lachlan McIntyre &amp; Wendy McFerran (Sunday) Group 1</b>		

## Prayer for ANZAC Day

Gracious and loving God, the cross of Christ is the sign of your desire for justice and peace for all. Open our minds to your vision as we remember all who suffered through Australia and New Zealand's involvement in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. Grant all servicepersons who sacrificed health and life for the good of all, the gift of your deep peace. May we who inherit the freedom for which they fought become instruments of your peace in our homes, workplaces and world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Thought for the Week ( Pope Francis):

"It is impossible for peace to exist without dialogue. All the wars, all the strife, all the unsolved problems over which we clash are due to a lack of dialogue. When there is a problem, talk: this makes peace."

# Parish News

## 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!



*This weekend we welcome into the community of the Christian church through the sacra-*

*ment of Baptism: **Mackenzie Louise Zanardo** daughter of Jye and Breanna.*

## Morning Tea

Morning Tea will be held at the conclusion of the celebration of Eucharist on Sunday 2 May in the Parish Hall. If possible please bring something to share.

Tea/Coffee provided. All welcome.

## Parish Pastoral Council

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

## Project Compassion 2021

Thank you for your generosity to Project Compassion this year. So far we have raised \$3,200. 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.

## Combined Catholic Parishes Deb Ball 2021

For all Year 11 & 12 students wishing to participate in a Deb Ball an Information Night will be held at Sacred Heart Church Hall, Mate Street North Albury on Tuesday 27 April @ 7.15pm.

We have two separate balls this year, one for Year 11 students 18th &/or 19th June. One for Year 12 students Friday 25th June. Girls please come with a parent and if you have chosen a partner invite them with a parent also.

Please note this is not a Xavier High School organized event, it is run by the Combined Catholic Parishes of Albury. For Further info contact Suzi West 0418 607 350 or Tierre McCormack 0428 432 732.

# Liturgy of the Word

## **First reading Acts of the Apostles 4: 8-12**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly, here in your presence today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The word of the Lord.

## **Responsorial Psalm 117:1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29**

***Response: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone***

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in men;  
it is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in princes. **R**

I will thank you for you have given answer  
and you are my saviour.  
The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. **R**

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who  
comes.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
I will thank you for you have given answer  
and you are my saviour.  
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;  
for his love has no end. **R**

## **A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 10: 11-18**

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd.

The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

## **A reading from the first Letter of St John 3:1-2**

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord.

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

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