



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.

Second Sunday of Easter 10th / 11th April 2021

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAY MASSES: This Week:

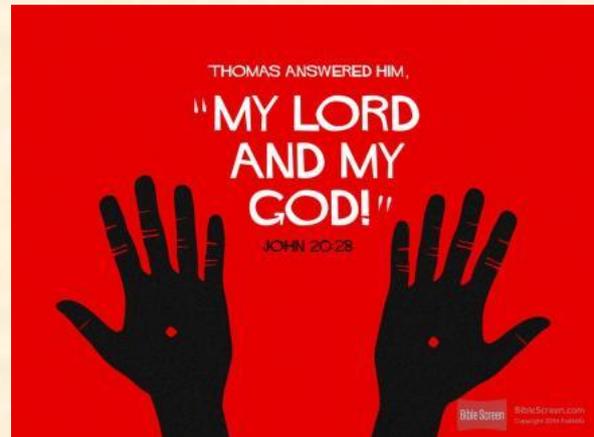
NO weekday masses scheduled this week

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.

Preparation Course: 0411 883 661



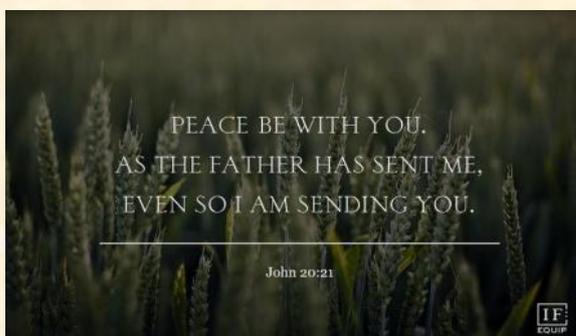
We come together today like the first believers, praying for unity of heart and soul. With our fellow Christians, we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, the Lord of Life!

In the First Reading, we hear how belief in the resurrection bears fruit in the lives of the disciples: it brings them together as a community, united in faith and love in action. The witness of the apostles is the cornerstone of growth in the early church.

In the Second Reading, however, John needs to remind an early Christian community to value the incarnational nature of Christ, and the importance of a deepening, living faith. This has practical consequences in terms of love of God, and of our fellow human beings. It sometimes makes challenging demands on us.

The Psalm is a song of thanksgiving, and forms a grateful prayer that sits easily on the lips of the risen Lord.

The Gospel recounts Jesus's appearance to the disciples, who are overjoyed at his presence. They receive through him the gift of the Holy Spirit and are given their mission. A week later, the Lord appears again to the previously absent Thomas, eliciting his magnificent confession: 'My Lord and my God'!



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sue Thompson, Paul Fowles,

Robert Hingston, John Gale, Aranka Klucso, Allan Scholz, Inge Husz, Norm Thorson, Sr Carmel Clancy, Anne Good.

ANNIVERSARIES: Debbie Yensch, Klarrie Paizis, Ted Goodgar, Mark Pennay, Betty Grealy, Sylvia King, Joe Everett, Larry Foley, Ellen Phibbs, Otto Sproule, Kath Doyle, Anna Yea, Colleen O'Reilly, David Miller, May Evans, Les Stewart, Elio Corte, Fr Mel Roach, Harry Hore, Steven Campbell, Rose Dynan, Kerry Faul, Frank Percy, Wal Tozer, Joan Godde Catherine Campbell, Catherine Thompson, Patricia Fisher, Rose Weaver, James Doolan, Leo Doolan, Jessie Whelton.

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: **Logan Diana Dear** daughter of Andrew & Rebecca.*

ROSTERS

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		

Sat /Sun: 17th / 18th April

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Justin Clancy	Roy Thompson
Lector 1	Sr Carina Morton	Lorraine Willis
Lector 2	Michael Byrnes	Sue McLaurin
Eucharistic Ministers	Judy Lindsay	Mercedes Goss
Cantor	John van Lint	Bob Mathews
Musicians	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
Counters: Judy Tuckwell & Michael Byrnes (Monday) Group 10		

Prayer for Easter

God of tender mercy
we thank you
for the joy of new life this Easter.

Give us new eyes to recognize
your presence around us each
day.

The resurrection of your Son has
given us renewed hope.

Grant us the insight to discern
daily deeds of mercy, compassion
and justice.

May the Spirit fill us with the
courage, perseverance and the
strength to live each day in mercy
and humility.

May the Risen Christ be our guide
on the path of peace throughout
all our days.

We ask this through Christ our
Lord.
Amen.

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

“Jesus is not outdated. He is alive here and now. He walks beside you each day, in every situation you are experiencing, in every trial you have to endure, in your deepest hopes and dreams. .”

Parish News

EASTER PRAYER REFLECTION

Loving God as Jesus struggled in the movement towards his death, You identify with our pain.

When we experience illness, pain and suffering and aging or doubts deflate our spirits

Console us with your love

When others fail us and our failings are met with judgement; or we turn our faces from you

Console us with your love

When death removes from our sight those we love

Console us with your love

When life becomes insecure; and our plans are altered or shattered

Console us with your love

When depression or fear are our daily companions

Console us with your love

When we hear the suffering of our sisters & brothers

Console us with your love

When we recognize the precious gift of life

Console us with your love

When we experience loving kindness and hope as our daily companion

We know your love is with us

May we know the peace of Christ in the depths of our hearts. May we console others with our love so they remember that God is with them.

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.

Revised NSW Government protocols now permits congregational singing in places of worship.

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.

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.

THANK YOU

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

To Gemma & Fran for the preparation and compilation of resource material and for continuing to keep up to date with COVID-safe compliance.

To Sr Anne Hagan for her tireless efforts and organizational excellence.

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

To Sr Patricia Weekes for her insightful reflection on Good Friday.

To our wonderful choir and musicians for the generous sharing of their gifts and talents. To Judy Foley (choir leader); organist Val Hayes and choir members: Brian & Paula Waters, David Hicks, Rom Hayes, Catherine Cutler, Sr Loretta Corrigan, Kaye Deanshaw, Margaret Bryant, Judy Lindsay, Ann McIntyre, Simon Goss and Brigita Serbinek our heartfelt gratitude.

To Ed Brown (Xavier) and Cassandra Jones (St Anne's) for their leadership in helping our children and young people to walk the Easter journey with increased understanding and appreciation.

To Marjorie Serbinek, Ed Brown and Nick Manning for ensuring that through live streaming our liturgies were able to reach the sick, elderly and home confined.

To all the unnamed helpers and to each of you 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.

SR PATRICIA WEEKES—GOOD FRIDAY REFLECTION

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.

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

Liturgy of the Word

First reading Acts of the Apostles 4: 32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them and bring the money from them to present it to the apostles; I was then distributed to any members who might be in need. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting

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

Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love had no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord 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.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord
but not doomed to die. **R**

The stone which the builders rejected.
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

We rejoice and are glad. **R**

A reading from the first Letter of St John 5: 1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot us, loves the child whom God begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself, and do what he has commanded us. This is what loving God is – keeping his commandments. And his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world. This is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth
The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia, alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20:19-31 (abbreviated)

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood amongst them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father send me, so I am sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.'

Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied,

'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'
The Gospel of the Lord.