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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.

Third Sunday of Easter 17th / 18th April 2021

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAY MASSES: This Week:

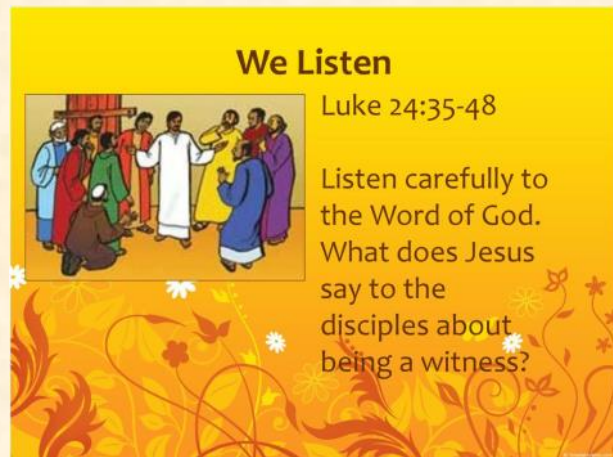
Friday Only at 9.30 am

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.

Preparation Course: 0411 883 661



We Listen

Luke 24:35-48

Listen carefully to the Word of God. What does Jesus say to the disciples about being a witness?

In the midst of the joy and exuberance of Easter, this Sunday's readings allow us to consider our sinfulness, our doubts and our weakness. This is not to weigh us down, but to bring us peace and encourage us to live the new life won for us.

In the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter is gentle with those responsible for the death of the 'Prince of life'. They must now turn back to God. The Psalm is both a cry for help and a song of hope and trust. John, in the Second Reading, speaks of Christ as our Advocate with the Father. Not only does he take our sins away, he fills us with God's love.

Jesus appears to his doubting disciples in the Gospel. He reassures them by inviting them to touch him and by eating with them, before increasing their understanding and hinting at their mission.

Let us continue our Easter journey this week, strengthened by the gift of Christ's peace, and conscious of being his witnesses – even if, at times, we are confused and doubtful.



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Dot Taylor, Essie Burns, Sue

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Geoff Milton, Mabel Foley, Ted Goodgar, Annie Goodgar, Carmen Dosenko, Jean Thompson, Bob Hamblin, Malda Hawkins, Leonard George, Harold Robinson, Kathleen Anker, Ronald Mitsch, Richard Conway, Johnny Coyle, Danniell Pearson-Wainwright, Brian Martin, John Hodda, Jack Donnelly, Lorna Keighran, Wattie Grant, May Cowell, Neville Kliese, Vilem Dosek, Erin Corboy.

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: 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		

Sat /Sun: 24th / 25th April

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

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):

“Let us ask our Lord to help us bear shining witness to his mercy and his love in every area of our Christian lives.”



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

Thank you for your generosity to Project Compassion this year. So far we have raised \$2,510. Please return outstanding boxes/envelopes and any one off contributions as soon as possible so we can forward to Caritas Australia.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & LECTORS ROSTER

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors Roster is being drawn up for the months of May, June and July. Could you please let the office know of your unavailability during these months. Thank you.

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.

Footy Tipping

Here are the results as of **Round 4:** Leading Naughton Family with **28**; Lukas Vinar, Val Azzi, Fran Kernaghan **25**; Carmel Butts **24**; Val Hayes **23**; John Dowling & Denis Shirley **22**; Pat Gleeson, Bede Hart, Cathy Nyhan, Les Murray, Favero Family & Brian Butts **21**; Colleen Howard **20**; Fr Martin, Paula McEachern & Molly Fulford **19**; Joan Moylan & Joseph Kipper **18**.

Chart to be displayed in church this weekend.

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.

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 3 13-15, 17-19

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant, Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then dis-owned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead and to that fact we are the witnesses.

Now I know, brothers that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 4:2, 4, 7, 9

Response: Lord, let your face shine on us

When I call, answer me
O God of justice;
from anguish you released me,
have mercy and hear me! **R**

It is the Lord who grants favours
to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me
whenever I call him. **R**

'What can bring us happiness?'
many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **R**

I will lie down in peace
and sleep comes at once,
for you alone, Lord,
make me dwell in safety. **R**

A reading from the first Letter of St John 2:1-5

I am writing this my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him,' and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us;
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia, alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 24: 35-48

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of the bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

You are witnesses to this..'

The Gospel of the Lord.