



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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter 8th / 9th May 2021

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAY MASSES: This Week:

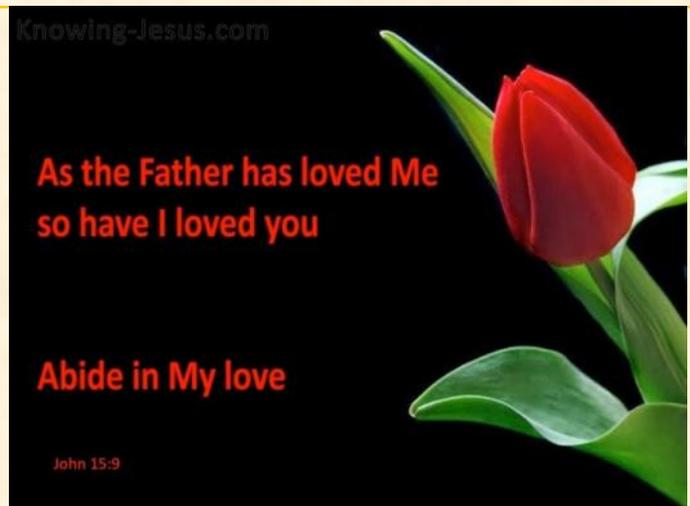
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30am

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.

Preparation Course: 0411 883 661



God's love is both profoundly faithful and utterly overwhelming. This is what this Sunday's readings reveal, with the **First Reading** showing a love that is also universal. The early disciples, at first limited in their mission, are now convinced that God's love embraces everyone.

It's a theme taken up in the **Second Reading** where St John says that God is love and acts lovingly when he sends his Son to reveal what true love means. God's outreach to the whole human race is what today's **Psalm** sings of so joyfully.

In the **Gospel**, St John goes on to speak ever more deeply of God's love for us. He recalls Jesus' teaching about his loving relationship with his Father and of his desire to make this relationship both known and available. All are invited into that same intimate relationship!

Perhaps this week, I might ask for the grace to let that teaching sink into my heart and become a reality in the way I live and by the fruit I bear.

'Help me, Lord, to respond to your friendship by being a true friend to you through my loving relationships with my sisters, brothers and all of creation. Amen.'



Parish Community



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

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Maureen Wesley, Joan Skidmore, Geoffrey Jervois, Margaret Maynard, Paul Griffin, Joe Vuga, Lorraine Vogel, David Purvey, Peter Maher, Noreen Roach, Tony Phelps, John Gardiner, Norman Clear, Dominik Vildovas, Therese Chandler, Paul Ofak, Peter Fodor, Brian Cooper, Frederick Maher, John Barber, Robert Millea, Rita Murray, Matthew Blomeley, Betty Russell, Molly Davis, Nicholas Heaton-Harris, Des Cornford, Frederick Serbinek, Ern Gaudry, Kath Toner, John Lopez, Alan Carter, Michael King, Robert Garland.

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: 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	John Van Lint Val Hayes	Bernadette & Wendy
Counters: Carey Menz-Dowling & John Dowling (Sunday) Group 2		

Sat /Sun: 15th / 16th May		
Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Colleen Day Kellie Gordes Jasmine Gordes	Rom Hayes Kaye Deanshaw Liz Phegan
Eucharistic Ministers	Pauline Mulquiney	Jim Deanshaw
Cantor Musicians	Brian Waters Judy Foley	Catherine Cutler/Judy Lindsay Val Hayes
Counters: Gordon Bryant & Laurie Moylan (Monday) Group 3		

Prayer for Mother's Day

*O Loving Lord,
You have created mothers in love and blessed them with children. As they work tirelessly to support their families may they be showered with your blessings. Give mothers strength to exercise compassion as they live each day under your care. May they face each new day with faith and hope in your abiding love. May all families find in the strength of your love the priceless gift of peace.*

*As Mary was the model of prayer and love, make mothers holy and rich with your gifts. Bind families together in the bonds of peace and safety so that mothers will feel nurtured by love. May all mothers enjoy good health and spiritual well being to enable them to care for their families. We ask this through Christ our Lord
Amen*



*This weekend we welcome into the community of the Christian church through the sacrament of Baptism: **Amelia Anne Elliott** daughter of Jonathon & Clare.*

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

'To be a mother is a great treasure. Mothers, in their unconditional and sacrificial love for their children, are the antidote to individualism; they are the greatest enemies against war.'

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 1/2, 8/9, 15/16, 22/23 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.

Call for Volunteers

Catholic Education Sandhurst Ltd supports the "In School Volunteer" program which provides assistance to Aboriginal children in schools within the Diocese.

We invite volunteers to assist in this In-School Program at St Monica's Primary School, St Augustine's Primary School and St Francis of Assisi Primary School, all of Wodonga.

Starting in Term 3, 2021.

Hopefully volunteers would have had previous experience and/or interest in the field of education.

Adherence to Child Safety Standard Protocols required.

Indications of interest are welcome.

For more information contact the Project Coordinator: Sr Shirley Garland. Mobile: **0417 674 919**

Email: shirleygarland18@gmail.com

Concerned Catholics Wagga Wagga Diocese

A reflection: Pope Francis' Vision for our Church

Presenter: Fr Richard Leonard SJ

Sunday 23 May 2.00pm—3.30pm at Sacred Heart Parish Centre, Lake Albert Road, Koorngal. All welcome

Enquiries: concernedcatholics.wwd@gmail.com

Website: www.concernedcatholicswagga.com

Liturgy & Sacraments in a COVID World: Renewal Not Restoration

Registrations for the ACU Centre for Liturgy online public lecture to be held on Monday 17 May close on 13 May.

The public lecture on the topic 'Liturgy & Sacraments in a COVID world: Renewal not Restoration' will run from 10.00am—11.30am AEST via Zoom. Presenter: Professor Kevin Irwin. Website to register: www.acu.edu.au/centreforliturgy and click on news, events & resources.

Family Group Celebration

Members of our parish family group will lead our liturgy during our celebration of 9.30am Eucharist on Sunday 16 May as we give thanks for their contribution to the life of our parish community.

Thanks to our family group for volunteering to help cater for our next Parish Morning Tea on Sunday 6 June.

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**.

Project Compassion 2021

Thank you for your generosity to Project Compassion this year. So far we have raised \$3,910. Please return outstanding boxes/envelopes and any one off contributions as soon as possible so we can forward to Caritas Australia.

Liturgy of the Word

First reading Acts of the Apostles 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all.' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise,' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 97(98):1-4

(When the Psalm is sung, the words will vary slightly but the meaning remains the same.)

Response: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **R**

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **R**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. **R**

A reading from the first Letter of St John 4:7-10

My dear people,
let us love one another
since love comes from God
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and
knows God.
Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,
because God is love.
God's love for us was revealed
when God sent into the world his only Son
so that we could have life through him;
this is the love I mean:
not our love for God,
but God's love for us when he sent his Son
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.
The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them..
Alleluia, alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. No-one can have greater love than to lay down their life for their friends.

You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know their master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you is to love one another.' The Gospel of the Lord.