



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.

Feast of the Assumption of Mary

14th / 15th August 2021

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

Live Streaming—Sunday 9.30am by accessing our website

WEEKDAY MASSES: This Week:

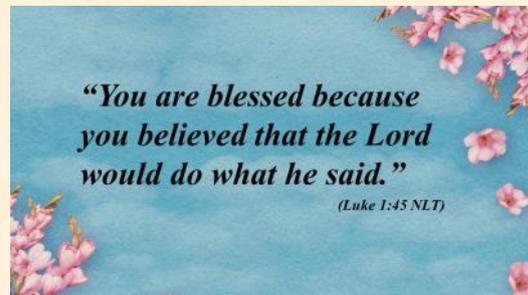
Wednesday & Friday 9.30am

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.

Preparation Course: 0411 883 661



The Feast of the Assumption marks the special place that Mary, chosen to be the Mother of Jesus, has in the life of the Church. The Roman Catholic Church today celebrates that she was taken, body and soul, into heaven, when her life on earth was over.

In the First Reading, a woman, taken to be either Mary or the Early Church, safely delivers her son into the world. Although threatened by the dragon (representing the power of evil), the child – the Messiah who would rule all the nations – was taken directly to God. The woman herself escaped to a place of safety.

The Psalm was originally a wedding song for the king of Judah. It also points us towards Jesus the king and to Mary, his mother, as queen. She is also a subject of the king, and a daughter. St Paul tells the Corinthians that through Jesus's death and resurrection, all followers of Christ can look forward to a risen life with Jesus, and to a new fullness of life with God. (Second Reading)

The Gospel tells of Mary's visitation to her sister, Elizabeth. In Mary's hymn of praise, the Magnificat, we see her faith and complete trust in God. This week, we may like to ask Mary to intercede for us as we pray for the grace of knowing God's will for us, and to follow her example in always saying an unconditional 'yes'. We also offer thanks for all the great things the Almighty has done for us.



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Bruce & Kath Duck, Lachlan Fitchett, Peter O'Neill, Ron Fraser, Leo McInerney, Sr Mavis Hanlon, Reg l'Anson, Fr John Ware, Stan Lechmere.

ANNIVERSARIES: Bernie Cudmore, Nan Doughty, Joyce Doolan, Chris Maclean, Marie Hickey, Dorothy Thompson, Bernare Stout, Emma Mansfield, Maria Douba, Iris Pierpoint, Joan Carthew, Jeffrey Amy, Mary Mullavey, Carmel Onley, Daniel Chandler, Joan Samuelson, Neville Crowther, Laura Grabbatz, David Crowe, Sean Ryan, Rita Bognell, Jack Ryan, Thomas ryan, Jean Bailey, George Palmer, Harry Cooper, Clare Matthews, Pat Deveney, Peter Mathew, Ann Cowin, James Purvey Snr. *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: 14th / 15th August

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Colleen Day Kellie Gordes Jasmine Gordes	Richard Parkinson Mercedes Goss Ann McIntyre
Eucharistic Ministers	Pauline Mulquiney	Carey Menz-Dowling
Cantor Musicians	Catherine Cutler/Judy Lindsay Judy Foley	Ann & Lachlan McIntyre Val Hayes
Counters: Richard & Trish Parkinson (Sunday) Group 5		

Sat /Sun: 21st / 22nd August

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Adrian Mitchelhill Sr Carina Morton Paula Waters	Margy Brown Lorraine Willis Roy Thompson
Eucharistic Ministers	Michael Regan	Moira Porta
Cantor Musicians	John van Lint Mary Hunt	Bob Mathews Val Hayes
Counters: Diane & Greg Bartsch (Sunday) Group 6		

Prayer during this COVID Time

Mary, we pray for your love and compassion to abound as we walk through this challenging time of COVID.

We ask for wisdom for those who bear the load of making decisions with widespread consequences.

We pray for those who are suffering with sickness and all who are caring for them and for those who have died.

We ask for protection for the young, the elderly and the vulnerable to not succumb to the risks of the virus.

We pray for misinformation to be curbed, that fear may take no hold in hearts and minds.

As we exercise the good sense that you in your mercy provide, may we also approach each day in faith and peace, trusting in the truth of your goodness towards us.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

“Whenever we look to Mary, we come to believe once again in the revolutionary nature of love and tenderness. In her we see that humility and tenderness are not virtues of the weak but of the strong who need not treat others poorly in order to feel important themselves.”



Parish News

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. Our Sunday 9.30am celebration of the Eucharist continues to be live streamed.

This can be accessed by website:

<http://sacredheartnorthalbury.com/>

It makes our digital processing of attendees much easier if you use the QR code provided at all church entrances.

Otherwise, please continue to use the paper register provided or have your name and contact details ticked off by one of our parish welcomers.

Additional COVID-19 Protocols

As announced by the NSW government effective 26 June, 6.00pm 2021 until 31st August 2021:

- Attendance at places of worship is limited to one person per four square metres.
- Physical distancing is to be practiced. People from different households are to remain 1.5m apart.
- Masks are to be worn in all indoor non-residential settings (ie churches).
- Singing by the congregation at indoor places of worship is not allowed.

Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council—AGM

Gratitude is extended to Karen Purtle and those who comprised the sub-committee for the innovative and energetic way in which our AGM held on Thursday 5 August was organised. The gathering was attended by 50 parishioners who were given an opportunity to review and reflect upon our pastoral liturgical journey over the last two years. The highlight was the inspirational words shared by David Clancy on how faith guides his personal, family and working life. Thanks to Tony Smit for compiling and presenting the comprehensive financial report. Copies of the material and articles provided at the AGM are still available for collection at the entrance doors to the church.

First Holy Communion

Once again in order to fulfil current state government Covid-19 regulations as regards numbers in attendance and social distancing requirements it has been decided to celebrate the sacrament of First Holy Communion over a series of gatherings.

Dates are as follows: **Friday 3 September—6.00pm; Sunday 5 September 11.00am; Monday 6 September—6.00pm.**

Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Invitation to Ladies of Sacred Heart Church

You are invited to St Peter's Women's Fellowship on Wednesday 8 September at 10.00am. Venue: St Peter's Lutheran Church Hall cnr Urana Road and Buchorn Street, Lavington.

Please RSVP by Tuesday 31st August to Judy Lindsay 0418 403 505.

Catholic Mission

Mission One Heart Many Voices (MOHMOV) 2021

Background & description of MOHMOV

This event offers a unique opportunity to listen, converse and experience the many and diverse voices that are an expression of the one heart of mission. The aim is to affirm what we do well, nurture our growth and rethink and reformulate how we effectively live and lead mission today and tomorrow.

Catholic Mission and our mission partners both in Australia and overseas are grateful for the generosity of the people who support us. In answer to the question, *What can Catholic Mission do for you, and by extension the parish and the community?* Catholic Mission is offering this opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of mission and spirituality as it impacts on the life of a person in the community, juggling any number of commitments while still aiming to give life to the parish and/or serve the local and global community.

View a snapshot of this popular conference, jointly organised by Catholic Mission and Catholic Religious Australia:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J3LRto-pG5Q>

This year the conference will be online at a greatly reduced cost. MOHMOV Hubs will provide a place for people in regional areas: (a) to come together to hear the voices of people who are active in mission; (b) to develop their understanding of mission and spirituality as it impacts on them as they are juggling any number of commitments while still aiming to give life to the parish and/or serve the local community.

Individuals may choose to register separately to continue to participate in days 2 and 3 of MOHMOV independently via their own online technology if so register via:

<https://2021.mohmv.com.au/>

Our parish church will be functioning as one of the Hubs Conference Program for Wednesday 1 September 2021

10.00am—10.45 Welcome & opening prayer

10.45am—11.15 Keynote - Dr Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr Baumann AM

11.15am—11.45 BREAK—tea/coffee & light morning tea to be provided.

11.45am—12.15pm Keynote - Cardinal Luis Antonio Gokim Tagle

12.15pm—12.45 Break out in small discussion groups

12.45pm—1.15 Q & A with Dr Miriam & Cardinal Luis

If you are interested in attending the MOHMOV Hub @ Sacred Heart RSVP by 23 August to Parish Office. Phone 6025 1516 Mon Wed or Fri between 9.00am—2.00pm or Email: sacredheartna@gmail.com

Book Group

You are invited to join a **book group** to share, reflect & ponder on the message that Pope Francis in his Encyclical *Laudato Si'* calls our common home the earth.

Every 2nd & 4th Monday of the month.

Dates: 23 August, 13 & 27 Sept, 11 & 25 October. Time: 2—3.30 pm at Sacred Heart Hall North Albury.

RSVP by 8 August to Catherine Cutler 0419 518 791 or cmmc4321@gmail.com

Liturgy of the Word

First reading: Book of the Apocalypse 11: 19, 12: 1-6,10

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it. Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon and with twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God and all authority for his Christ.' The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm 44

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

Response: The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir
Listen O daughter, give ear to my words:
Forget your own people and your father's house **R**

So will the king desire your beauty:
He is your lord, pay homage to him.
They are escorted amid gladness and joy;
They pass within the palace of the king. **R**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Mary is taken up to heaven
and the angels of God shout for joy.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 1: 39-56

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leaped for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.' And Mary said: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him. He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart.

He has pulled down the mighty from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy –according to the promise he made to our ancestors of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.' Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15: 20-26

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all die in Adam, so all will be brought to life in Christ; but each of them in their proper order: Christ as the first fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet. The word of the Lord.