



*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 Lent 26th / 27th March 2022

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**Sacred Heart Bank Acc Details for Parishioners**

**Depositing. Church Account Second Collection:**

**Acc Name:** Sacred Heart Parish North Albury

**BSB:** 066-789; **Acc No:** 10000 5574 **Ref:** Please contact office to obtain a **Reference No.**

### Project Compassion Story—Fourth Week of Lent

Rosalie 44, is an ex-combatant who lives with her husband and seven children in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Forced to join the army when she was just 15-years-old, Rosalie experienced significant trauma and hardship during her years in the military. After she was demobilised from the army, Rosalie, like other ex-combatants, was left to fend for herself in the community.



With your generous support and through our local partners, Rosalie was able to connect with other members of her community and participate in business skills training to help her reintegrate into society.

### Prayer:

*Loving God, We thank you for the gift of our lives and for the life of every person, both near to us and far away. We thank you for the wonder of all your creation. Through fasting, almsgiving and prayer may this Lent draw us deeper into the warmth and light of God's love. May we see the world more clearly, especially those who are often overlooked. May we come closer to your heart which you showed through the cross of Jesus. May we be full of hope for all future generations. We ask this in Jesus' name Amen.*

### Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

Live-streaming on Sunday 9.30am Mass by accessing our website.

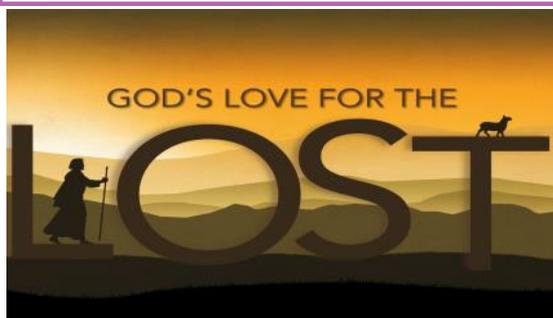
WEEKDAY MASSES: This Week:

Wednesday & Friday 9.30am

### RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.



# Parish Community



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Robert Nichols, John Stiler, Cletus Ball, Raymond Lang, Patricia Corrigan, Tim Landy, Pat Parnell, Patrick Nightingale, Angela Muntz, Matthew Griffiths.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Michael Bereza, Charles Borg, Bill Stirling, Alan Scholz, Robert Killelea, Bep Van Kerk Oerle, Mary Cromerty, Billie Walsh, Robert Grealy, Delma Mullavey, Catherine Caton, George O'Neill, Patti Crozier, Harry Flood, Geraldine Grimson, Darryn Graeber, Mary Curley, Evelyn Esler, Kathleen Johnson, Kevin Lester, Robert Newberry, Joyce Lawson, Catherine Condon, Penny Murphy, Wayne Johnson, Bill McGrath.

*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:*

**Callum Max Phelan** son of Daniel and Renee

## ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 26th / 27th March

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Sr Carina Morton	Bede Hart
<b>Lector 1</b>	Sr Loretta Corrigan	John Dowling
<b>Lector 2</b>	Adrian Mitchelhill	Sr Patricia Weekes
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Anna Farrell	Gemma Whitehead
<b>Cantor</b>	John Van Lint	David Hicks
<b>Musicians</b>		Catherine Cutler
<b>Counters: Noelene Cruise &amp; Jane Togher (Group 4) Mon</b>		

Sat/Sun: 2nd / 3rd April

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	<b>First Holy Communion Candidates</b>	Margy Brown
<b>Lector 1</b>		Rom Hayes
<b>Lector 2</b>		Sue McLaurin
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>First Holy Communion</b>	Sue Hayhoe
<b>Cantor</b>	<b>First Holy Communion</b>	Simon Goss
<b>Musicians</b>		
<b>Counters: Richard &amp; Trish Parkinson (Group 5) Sun</b>		

### **Thought for the Week ( Pope Francis):**

"I entrust every effort for peace to the intercession of the Virgin Mary and the consciences of responsible politicians."

### **PRAYER FOR UKRAINE**

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion

to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,

that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Giver of Peace and Mary, Queen of Peace. Amen



# Parish News

## Lenten Discussion & Reflection Program 2022

The reflection and discussion program helps us to focus on getting to know the compassion and mercy of God through Jesus—both personally and as communities. Discussion groups continue each Tuesday and Thursday evening at 7.00pm in Sacred Heart Hall. All welcome!

## Prayer Intention for Seamus Clancy and his family

With some welcome and positive signs Seamus continues treatment at the Royal Children's Hospital as an outpatient. The newborn baby girl, Esme, daughter of Nathan & Jacqui who was in a critical condition at birth is now recovering well.

### Text of Novena Prayer

O Jesus, who has said, 'Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened to you', through the intercession of Mary, your Most Holy Mother I knock, I seek, we ask that our prayer be granted:

***Please provide your healing touch to Seamus and embrace him with your loving care and protection***

O Jesus, who has said, 'All that you ask of the Father in My Name, He will grant you', through the intercession of Mary, your Most Holy Mother, we humbly and urgently ask your Father in your Name that our prayer be granted:

***Please provide your healing touch to Seamus and embrace him with your loving care and protection***

O Jesus, who has said, 'Heaven and earth shall pass away but My Word shall not pass', through the intercession of Mary, your Most Holy Mother, we feel confident that our prayer will be granted.

***Please provide your healing touch to Seamus and embrace him with your loving care and protection***

## 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/>

### For Places of Worship

- Masks are now optional but are strongly advised for indoor places of worship.
- Sanitisation of hands on entering / exiting the church to continue.

### Cleaning of Church Seating

With the current prevalence of Covid-19 throughout our communities it remains necessary to wipe down seating surfaces at the end of Mass. If you are physically able, please take a turn in completing this activity which will help protect the health of all congregants.

### Advertising in Heartbeat

There is an opportunity to advertise your business in the Easter edition of Heartbeat. If you would like to take this up, please contact Karen for details [bevispurtle@internode.on.net](mailto:bevispurtle@internode.on.net)

### March Issue of Together—Autumn edition Aust Catholics

Both magazines are available for collection at all church entrances.

## Choir Practice—Easter Ceremonies

A call out to our choir members and any other interested persons. Practice continues Friday 1 April at 7.30pm in the Church. Contact Brian Waters 0408 359 024 or Catherine Cutler 0419 518 791. All Welcome.

## First Holy Communion

Due to COVID restrictions our children now in Year 5 and those outside St Anne's did not receive this sacrament as intended in 2021. **The Sacrament of First Holy Communion for these children will take place during our celebration of Eucharist next Saturday 2 April at 6.00pm.**

**Due to the large number of candidates, with seating at a premium it would be best if at all possible to attend our Sunday morning celebration of the Eucharist.**

## Strategic Planning Meeting

The members of the parish pastoral council will gather for a time of reflection and to further develop a strategic plan to shape the future direction of our parish community on Monday 4 April from 5.00pm—9.00pm. If you have ideas or suggestions to contribute for consideration please contact the Chairperson of the Parish Pastoral Council, Ed Brown [browne@ww.catholic.edu.au](mailto:browne@ww.catholic.edu.au)

## Project Compassion 2022

This year's theme reminds us that what we do today can have an impact **For All Future Generations.**

You can help people like Rosalie become leaders in their community by making a donation through Project Compassion boxes and envelopes available at church entrances or contacting:

**1800 024 413** or go to: [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au)

## Men's Breakfast—Saturday 9th April 2022

All men welcome. Good Food—Good Fellowship at St James Hall Lavington. Time approx. 7.45am for tea / coffee. Grace at 8.00am followed by hot food, cereals etc.. Speaker Andrew Kotzur (Walla Walla) Testimony Cost: donation. Enquiries: 0427 706 756 or email: [bandjames@yahoo.com.au](mailto:bandjames@yahoo.com.au)

## Parish Morning Tea

Our monthly morning tea will be celebrated next Sunday 3 April at the conclusion of our celebration of Eucharist. If possible please bring some food items to share.

## Caritas Australia Ukraine Appeal

Our long-standing partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground, supporting people in need during this unfolding humanitarian crisis.

**Your urgent support today will help provide critical assistance including emergency shelter, food, clean water, transportation services & psychological support to the people affected. Donate today at [www.caritas.org.au/ukraine](http://www.caritas.org.au/ukraine) or call 1800 024 413 toll free.**

# Liturgy of the Word

## **First reading: Joshua 5: 9-12**

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

## **Responsorial Psalm 33**

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

***Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.***

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R**

Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. **R**

Look towards him and be radiant;  
Let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress. **R**

The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him. **R**

## **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 15:11-24 (abridged)**

Jesus said, 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me". So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.'" So he left the place and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.' Now the elder son was out in the fields and on his way back he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. 'Your brother has come and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.' He was angry and refused to go in.

The father said, 'My son you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.'  
The Gospel of the Lord.

The word of the Lord

## **A reading from the Second Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 5: 17-21**

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The word of the Lord

## **Gospel Acclamation:**

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:**

**Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.**

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**