



*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.*

## *Easter Vigil / Easter Sunday 16th / 17th April 2022*

### **Parish Clergy**

Fr Martin Cruickshank Parish Priest

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**BSB:** 066 789; **A/c No:** 10000 5574; **Ref No:**

Please contact Office for a number.

### **Mass Times**

**SATURDAY VIGIL:** 6.00 pm

**SUNDAY:** 9.30 am

Live-streaming of Sunday 9.30 Mass by  
accessing the website.

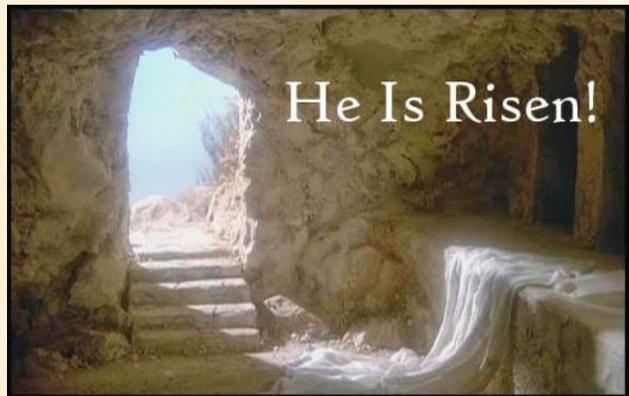
**WEEKDAY MASSES:** This Week:

Wednesday & Friday 9.30am

### **RECONCILIATION**

**SATURDAY:** 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

**BAPTISMS**—By appointment.



## **EASTER SUNDAY**

### *Alleluia!*

Jesus helps us to see the daily resurrections that can  
transform our world and ourselves.

This Easter we can catch a glimpse of the Risen Christ and  
our Risen Selves by...

Helping to transform another's hurt into forgiveness,  
Transforming our dying planet into a world of  
interdependence and beauty,

Freeing ourselves from anything which might hold us in  
the tomb.

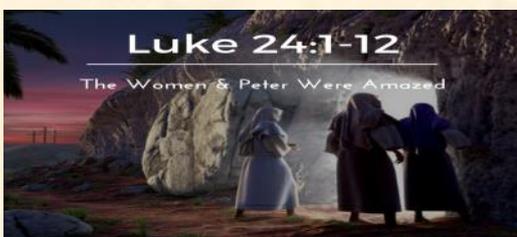
Resurrection is about allowing ourselves and others to  
live alleluias every day of our lives.

It is believing we are all one.

It is about hope and being set free.

And yes, it is about a cosmic leap of faith!

Reflect Joy in your own life!



# Parish Community



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Reg Plunkett, Sue Barsby, Leszek

Stankiewicz, Jeff Jones, Gavin Feltwell, Norm Pinney, Garry Rake, Bob Nichols, John Stiler, Cletus Ball, Raymond Lang, Patricia Corrigan, Tim Landy, Pat Parnell.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Yvonne Rosewarne, Brian Murphy, Geoff Milton, Ted Goodgar, Annie Goodgar, Carmen Dosenko, Jean Thompson, Bob Hamblin, Sylvia King, Malda Hawkins, Leonard George, Ronald Mitch, Johnny Coyle, Dannial Pearson-Wainwright, Brian Martin, John Hodda, 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*

## 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.

## ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 16th /17th April

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	EASTER ROSTER	EASTER ROSTER
Eucharistic Ministers	EASTER ROSTER	EASTER ROSTER
Cantor Musicians	PARISH CHOIR	
Counters: Nadia Scarvell & Liz Simon (Group 7)		

Sat /Sun: 23rd / 24th April

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Justin Clancy Catherine Cutler Michael Byrnes	Cathy Nyhan Lorraine Willis Rom Hayes
Eucharistic Ministers	Judy Lindsay	Mercedes Goss
Cantor Musicians	Brian Waters Val Hayes	Ed, Margie, Heath and Don
Counters: Margaret Brown & Moira Porta (Group 8)		

## Prayer for Easter

Lord of life,  
we pray for all who bring your  
word of life,  
as a light to those in darkness.  
For those who bring your word of  
peace,  
to those enslaved by fear.  
For those who bring your word of  
love,  
to those in need of comfort.  
Lord of love and Lord of peace  
Lord of resurrection life,  
be known  
through our lives  
and through your power.  
Hear the cries of your people in  
many parts of our world.  
Christ the Lord is risen to-day!  
Alleluia!  
Amen.

## Thought for the Week ( Pope Francis):

“May Christ, who has already defeated death and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, dispel the darkness of our suffering humanity and lead us into the light of his glorious day, a day that knows no end.”



# Parish News

## EASTER MESSAGE—'The Greatness of Hope'

In its beginnings Easter was a time of extremes. Life and hope flared out from where death and darkness had reigned. Easter represented the victory of life over death, of victory over a crushing defeat, connection over isolation, freedom over captivity, hope over despair. It is an exuberant feast in which the overflow of joy is measured by the depths of grief that have preceded it. In the Christian churches Easter Sunday follows Good Friday which focuses on Christ's torture and execution. It represents the hope that speaks to the experience of the loss of everything at the personal, national or universal level.

If we smooth over the extremes of Easter, underplay the depth of darkness with which the light of Easter contrasts, we finish with a beige feast. Small pain, small gain. That is true also of the story of Easter. Seen from God's perspective the story of Easter represents God's salvation of humanity as seen in Jesus' rejection, humiliation, tortured execution intended to wipe out all claim on humanity, leading to his rising to life. The Scriptures variously describe this as being taken out of death into life, from slavery into freedom, from sin to forgiveness, and from despair into joy. In each of these images early Christians measured the astounding and exuberant joy of Jesus' rising by the horrific story of his death. The extent of our salvation is matched to the equally dramatic extent of our need. If we pass lightly over the reality of human sinfulness and the extent of our need, we also minimise the extraordinary gift of salvation and domesticate the scope of God's promises. A small need and a sanitised crucifixion lead to a restrained happiness at the minor victory that was won at Easter.

The extremes of Easter speak to our times. This year has revealed the depth of our need as persons and as members of the human race. Our inadequate attempts to deal with climate change revealed in flood and bushfire, our vulnerability to disease revealed in the coronavirus, and our incapacity to manage the risks of scientific and technological discovery revealed in the threat of nuclear war, all speak to the need for a salvation greater than technology and business as usual can meet. They demand a united human response where communities and nations come together to act, caring for the people most in need.

To make this response we need hope. Easter Sunday invites us to recognise the depth of our need and the greatness of our hope. We believe that we live in the presence of the risen Christ who has experienced the depths of our betrayals and misery and has risen to offer us a vision of a world beyond human possibility and our imagining. (Andrew Hamilton S.J.)

## THANK YOU

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

To Sr Anne Hagan for her tireless efforts.

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

To our wonderful choir and musicians for the generous sharing of their gifts and talents.

To those who volunteered to proclaim the liturgy of the word and carried out other ministries of service with such generosity of spirit.

To all 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.***

## WALKING IN THE SPIRIT:

The People of God are invited to make a prayerful journey towards the Second Assembly of the Plenary Council through the Walking in the Spirit prayer campaign. Walking in the Spirit begins on Easter Sunday, April 17, and runs until the Second Assembly, which opens on Sunday, July 3. Resources have been created for use by individuals, families, schools, parishes and other Catholic communities. Find out more at:

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthspirit/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthspirit/)

## Date for the Diary—Mass of Thanksgiving for Mercy Sisters

The Most Reverend Mark Edwards, sixth Bishop of Wagga and Dr Andrew Watson, Director of Catholic Education invites you to attend the mass of thanksgiving to celebrate the work of the Sisters of Mercy in the Diocese of Wagga Wagga on Monday 16 May at 10am in Sacred Heart Church followed by morning tea in our Parish Hall. For catering purposes RSVP to:

[execsec@ww.catholic.edu.au](mailto:execsec@ww.catholic.edu.au) by 5 May 2022.

Alternatively, contact our parish office by email/phone during office hours or add your name to the list at the Swan Street entrance.

It would be wonderful if you can attend this Diocesan mass of thanksgiving held in our parish church to show our appreciation for the past and present contribution of the Sisters of Mercy to the service of the gospel, particularly in the area of education, health care and parish pastoral ministry.

## Project Compassion 2022

With your generosity, Caritas Australia has been able to help millions of vulnerable people around the world, through its annual Project Compassion appeal.

Please return outstanding boxes/envelopes and additional contributions as soon as possible so we can forward to Caritas Australia.

 **HAPPY EASTER**

# Liturgy of the Word

## First reading Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after Jhn had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God has chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses—we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead—and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness; that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.' The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm 117

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

**Response: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good  
for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel 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. **R**

The stone which the builders rejected.  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes! **R**

### A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed—and he is your life—you too will be revealed in all your glory with him. The Word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, the women went to the tomb with the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, but on entering discovered that the body of the Lord Jesus was not there. As they stood there not knowing what to think, two men in brilliant clothes suddenly appeared at their side. Terrified, the women lowered their eyes. But the two men said to them, 'Why look among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here; he has risen. Remember what he told you when he was still in Galilee: that the Son of Man had to be handed over into the power of sinful men and be crucified and rise again on the third day?' And they remembered his words.

When the women returned from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the others. The women were Mary of Magdala, Joanna and Mary, the mother of James. The other women with them also told the apostles but this story of theirs seemed pure nonsense and they did not believe them. Peter, however, went running to the tomb. He bent down and saw the binding cloths, but nothing else; he then went back home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord.