



*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.*

## *Fifth Sunday of Lent 2nd / 3rd April 2022*

### **Parish Clergy**

**Fr Martin Cruickshank Parish Priest**

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### **Sacred Heart Bank Acc Details for Parishioners**

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**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—Fifth Week of Lent**

Shaniella 23, grew up in a remote village in the Solomon Islands in a province which has limited educational and job opportunities – and one of the country's highest poverty rates. After leaving school, she decided to move closer to the capital city, Honiara, to study hospitality and tourism. However, her vocational training school was hit by a landslide and cyclone in quick succession, destroying its water supply system and the vegetable garden that it relies on for food.



With your generous support, Caritas Australia has helped the school to install water tanks, re-establish its garden and provided training in disaster risk reduction. Shaniella can now complete her job skills training and the school has enough food and water for its students.

### **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:** Geoff Jones, Norm Pinney, Garry Rake, Bob Nichols, John Stiler, Cletus Ball, Raymond Lang, Patricia Corrigan, Tim Landy, Pat Parnell.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Charles Borg, John Gale, Sue Thompson, Philip Liston, Anne Whitfield, Jack Dempsey, Meg McNamee, Penny Johnson, Shirley Foster, Sister Baptista, Kevin Corrigan, Kathrina Schieber, Allan Roach, Pamela Quin, Pam O'Brian, Edna Stephenson, Patricia Darbyshire, Rusty Stewart, Bob Gray, John Smith, John Norman, Patrick Scammell, Lawrence Hennessy, Annie Brown, Frank Brown, Sandra Gillett, Alice Frauenfelder, Mary Egan, Norm Frauenfelder, Albert Maguire.

*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:

**Lewis Richard Ellinger** son of Timothy and Hayley

**Hannah and Archie Percy**

Children of Joseph and Emily

## ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 2nd / 3rd April

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

Sat / Sun 9th / 10th April

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Adrian Mitchelhill Colleen Day Paula Waters	Richard Parkinson Liz Phegan Sr Patricia Weekes
Eucharistic Ministers	Michael Regan	Sue Betts
Cantor Musicians	Catherine Cutler/Judy Lindsay	Bob Mathews/Mary Buckley
Counters: Diane & Greg Bartsch (Group 6) Sun		

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

“Therefore, Mother of God and our Mother, to your Immaculate Heart we solemnly entrust and consecrate ourselves, the Church and all humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine.”

### 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

## EASTER CEREMONY MASS TIMES

**HOLY THURSDAY (14 April)—7.00pm**

**GOOD FRIDAY (15 April)—Stations of the Cross—10.30am**

**GOOD FRIDAY—The Lord's Passion—3.00pm**

**EASTER SATURDAY VIGIL (16 April)—6.00pm**

**EASTER SUNDAY (17 April)—9.30am**

## Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers & Commentators

Please put your name down on the roster provided at the Swan Street entrance to the church if you are available to help out with any of the Easter Ceremonies above.

## 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 out patient. 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***

## Combined Schools Stations of the Cross

The students and staff of St Anne's Primary School and Xavier High School will join together to present 'The Stations of the Cross', Friday 8 April 12.30pm. Grounds of Xavier High School. All welcome.

## Choir Practice—Easter Ceremonies

A call out to our choir members and any other interested persons. Practice continues Friday 8 April at 7.30pm in the Church. Contact Brian Waters 0408 359 024 or Catherine Cutler 0419 518 791. All Welcome.

## 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.

## First Holy Communion

Congratulations to those children who receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time this weekend. Please keep these children in your prayers and their parents and families that through participation in the Eucharist their faith may be nurtured and strengthened.

## Prayer for the Children who Made Their 1st Communion

*Lord Jesus Christ, bless the children who have received Holy Communion for the first time.*

*May this day be a step toward a life-long love of the Eucharist.*

*Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance and wisdom as they grow.*

*Nurture in them a desire to give and not simply take....*

*But to bring your love to those whom they meet, to develop a Christ-like love for all people....*

*As a Parish Community may we support these children and their families so that we may all work together in coming closer to You.*

*May you always know the peace of Jesus, the light of His love and joy of His life within you.*

*Through Christ Our Lord. Amen*

## 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 students like Shaniella to forge a path out of poverty 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)

## 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.**

## Parish Morning Tea

Our monthly morning tea will be celebrated today at the conclusion of our celebration of Eucharist.

# Liturgy of the Word

## **First reading: Isaiah 43: 16-21**

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.      The word of the Lord

## **Responsorial Psalm 125**

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

***Response: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy***

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!  
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad. **R**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as steams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R**

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing;  
they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **R**

## **A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians 3:8-14**

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection, and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you, my brothers and sisters, I am far from thinking I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord

## **Gospel Acclamation:**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
With all your heart turn to me,  
for I am tender and compassionate.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

## **A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 8: 1-11**

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everyone, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus, 'go away, and don't sin any more'. The Gospel of the Lord.