



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.

Second Sunday of Easter

23rd / 24th April 2022

Parish Clergy

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Direct Deposit into our Church A/c (2nd Collect)

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:

Monday 25 April ANZAC Day 8.00am

Wednesday & Friday 9.30am

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.

ANZAC Day - Reflection and Prayer

Martin Flanagan, the Australian writer and historian says that when he is asked to talk to young Australians about World War I he gets one third of them to stand in a group. To them he says 'You're the ones who came back with your lives and bodies in tact'.

To the other two thirds he says 'You're the ones who were either killed or maimed or wounded.'

Australia's first battalion landed on the shores of Gallipoli in the dark of the early morning 25 April 1915. From that original 1st battalion of 800, casualties by 1918 would total 715 - almost the whole unit.

Our commemoration of ANZAC Day always falls during the Christian feast of Easter. It was early morning and still dark when those first disciples saddened and grieving reached the tomb - but what they expected to find - the dead, lifeless body of Jesus was not there.

May the crucified yet risen Christ point to a way of living which alleviates suffering, promotes healing and forgiveness and rejects the madness of war.

May the Christian and ANZAC principles of integrity, compassion, courage and committed self giving love continue to shape the direction of our personal and communal lives.

God of love and liberty, we thank you for the peace and security we enjoy.

It was won for us through the courage and devotion of those who gave their lives in time of war.

We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain, but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come.

We ask this prayer in the name of Jesus and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Recitation of 'The Ode'

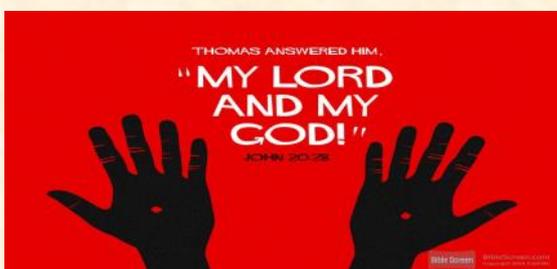
All: They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

Lest we forget!



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Noel Balsarini, Val Smith, Leonie

Blomeley, Mary Shaddock, Shane McGrath, Reg Plunkett, Les Stankiewicz, Jeff Jones, Gavin Feltwell.

ANNIVERSARIES: Yvonne Rosewarne, Mary Galvin, Shirley Wessen, Kerree Pearsons, Mabel Foley, Isobel Gibbs, Bernadette Stevens, Edward Unger, Harold Robinson Madge Trebley, Kathleen Anker, Mary Driscoll, Richard Davis, Willem Lautenbacher, Edith Adams, Harold Dexter, Richard Conway, Jack Donnelly, Lorna Keighran, Edward Trim, Raymond Buttell, John Browne, Colin McNamee, Jenny Hawkins.

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:

Jack William Thomas son of Alexandra & Joshua

Thomas James Adam son of Cameron & Abby

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 23rd / 24th April

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Justin Clancy	Cathy Nyhan
Lector 1	Catherine Cutler	Lorraine Willis
Lector 2	Michael Byrnes	Rom Hayes
Eucharistic Ministers	Judy Lindsay	Mercedes Goss
Cantor	Brian Waters	David Hicks
Musicians		Val Hayes

Counters: Margaret Brown & Moira Porta (Group 8)

Sat / Sun: 30th April / 1st May

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Paula Waters	Bede Hart
Lector 1	Kellie Gordes	Mary Hunt
Lector 2	Jasmine Gordes	John Dowling
Eucharistic Ministers	Sr Loretta Corrigan	Trish Parkinson
Cantor	John Van Lint	Ann & Lachlan McIntyre
Musicians	Judy Foley	Val Hayes

Counters: Anne Gordes & Lorraine Willis (Group 9)

Prayer for ANZAC Day

Gracious and loving God, the cross of Christ is the sign of your desire for justice and peace for all.

Open our minds to your vision as we remember all who suffered through Australia and New Zealand's involvement in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

Grant all servicepersons who sacrificed health and life for the good of all, the gift of your deep peace. May we who inherit the freedom for which they fought become instruments of your peace in our homes, workplaces and world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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.

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

“May all people here find inspiration and strength to build a future of reconciliation, justice and peace for all in our world.”

Parish News

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/walkinginthespirit/

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

ALPHA LAUNCH WEEKEND

30 April/1 May 6pm & 9.30am Masses

Alpha begins in our parish Tuesday 24 May 6.30pm in the hall and our launch is next weekend. Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring the Christian faith. We begin with a meal & glass of wine then a video followed by discussion over dessert & coffee. First, we are asking parishioners to pray for the guests and team throughout the Alpha program. Second invite someone such as a family member, friend or work colleague and even bring them along. We also need volunteers to cook (casseroles, salads or desserts etc), food roster co-ordinator, kitchen helpers, setting up tables in hall each week before guests arrive, decorating tables and hall. For more information ph: Fran 0408 268 518 or Michael 0419 982 574.

SPIRITUALITY DAY FOR WOMEN OF THE WAGGA DIOCESE—Presented by Spirit Weavers

Saturday 14 May, 9.00am—3.30pm. Kildare Catholic College Hall, Coleman St, Wagga Wagga.

Who is My Neighbour? Let Us Dream, Let Us Weave A New Path with Dr Michele Conolly, Dr Cristina Lledo Gomez and the Spirit Weavers Team.

Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/spirituality-day-for-women-tickets-275424812027> or by contacting Anne Brown, email: spiritweaverswagga@gmail.com or phone: 0499 425 970.

Spirit Weavers is a Christ-centred group, promoting women's spirituality, unity, journeying and connection, including inter-faith and cross-cultural exchanges.

CHOIR CONCERT

Murray Concert Choir (formerly Murray Conservatorium Choir) will present a concert of music from the stage on Saturday 7 May at St Matthew's at 7.30pm and Sunday 8 May at St John's Wodonga at 2.30pm. The choir will be joined by a number of artists presenting solo and group items. Tickets: \$25 adult (\$20 concession), U 18 free. Available online, from choir members or at the door.

HEARTBEAT—EASTER EDITION

The Easter edition of the Sacred Heart Parish Journal 'Heartbeat' is available for collection at the church entrances. Thanks to Karen Purtle and all those involved in its publication.

FEDERAL ELECTION

Read the Australian Catholic Bishops' 2022 election statement, *Towards a Better Kind of Politics*, to help you reflect on the good you can do for the community by using your vote for the common good of all. The statement includes a Prayer for the Election and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Download a copy from www.catholic.org.au

FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION UPDATE

The following are the leaders up to Round 4:

Bede Hart 25; Team Vic WA 25; Paula McEachern 24; Val Hayes 23; Cathy Nyhan 23; David Kirley (DM) 23.

Liturgy of the Word

First reading Acts of the Apostles

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits and all of them were cured. 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: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let the sons of Aaron say:

‘His love has no end’

Let those who fear the Lord say:

‘His love has not end.’ **R**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

This is the work of the Lord
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **R**

O Lord grant us salvation;

O Lord grant success.

Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the Lord God is our light. **R**

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

My name is John and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings your kingdom and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God’s word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord’s day and Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, ‘Write down all that you see in a book.’ I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and surrounded by the a figure like a Son of Man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said. ‘Do not be afraid it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.’ The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas because you have seen me;
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe.

Alleluia, alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20: 19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you,’ and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.’ After saying this he breathed on them and said: ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.’

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, ‘We have seen the Lord’, he answered, ‘Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe’.

Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. ‘Peace be with you’, he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand: put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.’ Thomas replied, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him: ‘You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’ These things are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name. The Gospel of the Lord.