



*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 Easter* *14th / 15th May 2022*

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### **Mass Times**

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

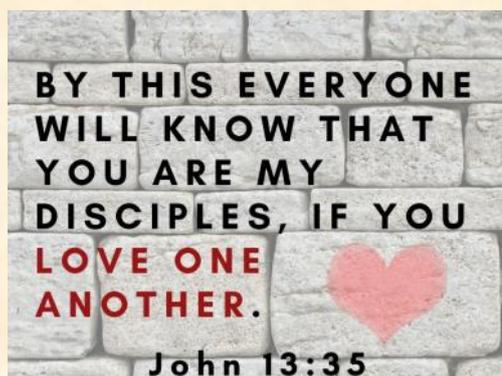
SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAYS: This week Monday 10am (Mercy Celebration Mass) Wednesday & Friday 9.30 am

### **RECONCILIATION**

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

**BAPTISMS**—By appointment.



As Eastertide continues, we are invited to live as part of God's glorious plan to bring about a new creation. Jesus' new commandment to 'love one another just as I have loved you' is the key to transforming our world. (Gospel)

The First Reading continues the story of the mission of Paul and Barnabas. Just as they encouraged the new Christian disciples to persevere in faith, we too can be encouraged to see what can be achieved when we allow God to work within and among us.

The Psalm calls us to sing of God's goodness with the whole of creation, proclaiming God's compassion, love and glory to all. The vision of the heavenly Jerusalem in the Second Reading promises a new heaven and a new earth – a new creation where God lives among God's people, becoming God-with-us.

This week I might pray to love others more and more as Jesus loves us, so that I can help play my own part in making all things new. I remember those parts of the world where hatred and destruction are evident, asking that love and mercy may prevail. In particular, I continue to join with others in praying for peace for the people of Ukraine and eastern Europe.

# Parish Community



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Dorothy Bonser, Shirley Blomeley, John Blomeley, Brian Gibson, Noel Balsarini, Sue Barsby, Val Smith Leonie Blomeley, Mary Shaddock, Shane McGrath, Reg Plunkett, Les Stankiewicz, Jeff Jones, Gavin Feltwell.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Veronica Croft, Violet Kennedy, Ella Pallot, Trevor Newcombe, Kerry Dowling, Keith Melbourne, Maria Bresovnik, Gorge Kennedy, Mary Toon, Margaret Maynard, Vic O’Haire, James O’Connor, Dawn McLennan, Brian Twomey, Alan Mildren, Matthew Blomeley,

*Gather our loved ones into your arms. Quiet our doubt and anger and send us your healing grace. Through Christ our Lord.*

## ROSTERS

**Sat / Sun: 14th / 15h May**

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b> <b>Lector 1</b> <b>Lector 2</b>	Colleen Day Volunteers	Roy Thompson John Dowling Liz Phegan
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Pauline Mulquiney	Sue Hayhoe Susan McLaurin
<b>Cantor</b>	Brian Waters  Judy Foley	Bob Matthew Mary Buckley Val Hayes

**Counters:** Gavin Dykes & Damien Parkinson (Group 11) Sunday

**Sat/Sun: 21st / 22nd May**

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b> <b>Lector 1</b> <b>Lector 2</b>	Sr Carina Morton Kellie Gordes Jasmine Gordes	Bede Hart Mercedes Goss Lorraine Willis
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Pat Hopkins	Fran Kernaghan Gemma Whitehead
<b>Cantor</b>	Catherine Cutler Judy Lindsay Judy Foley	David Hicks  Val Hayes

**Counters:** Wendy McFerran & Lachlan McIntyre (Group 1) Sunday



*This weekend we welcome into the community of the Christian church through the sacrament of Baptism: Jerome Mahoni son of Rachel & Sevelino, Cody son of Natalie & Ben, William son of Rebecca & Selwyn, Fletcher son of Natalie & Ben, Sonny son of Emily & Jacob.*

## Prayer for the Alpha Program

Dear Lord, we ask you for your guidance and wisdom as we the Sacred Heart Parish take part in the Alpha program. Give us the confidence to invite people to ‘come and try’ Alpha. Lord, prepare the hearts and minds of those invited and may every guest feel welcome. We ask your blessings on them, the team and all who are volunteering to make this program possible. Lord, may each and every Alpha session begin with your inspiration, continue with your help and produce the fruit of discipleship under your guidance. We ask through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen



## Thought for the Week ( Pope Francis):

**“ How marvellous it would be if, at the end of the day, each of us could say: today I have performed an act of charity towards others! ”**

# Parish News

## Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Members of the Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council met on Thursday 12 May at 6.00pm in the Hall to continue their planning of key initiatives in our Parish this year. They will focus on the three key headings identified at the recent Reflection/Retreat Session:

1. **Inclusion**—which proposed plans to invite and welcome young people, First Nations People and people from a variety of cultural backgrounds to be more actively involved in our Parish community including our celebrations of Eucharist and social events.
2. **Communication**—which highlighted the need to improve and enhance our use of digital media and various platforms to communicate more effectively to our community and beyond.
3. **Faith Formation**—with an emphasis on providing opportunities for high quality faith formation experiences including the highly recommended Alpha Program (which begins 24 May) as well as opportunities to access formal and informal courses on topics including Theology, Pastoral Care, Religious Education, Prayer, and much more, provided by external agencies including the Broken Bay Institute.

We look forward to sharing the fruits of our discussions in the weeks ahead. *Ed Brown*

## Parish Alpha Program

You are invited to our parish Alpha Program beginning Tuesday 24 May 6.30pm in the hall. Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring the Christian faith. Alpha begins with a meal, then a video followed by discussion over dessert and coffee.

Your support for the following roles will be greatly appreciated. First, please pray for the guests and the team throughout the Alpha program. Second, invite someone such as a family member, friend or work colleague and even bring them along. Volunteers are also needed to cook (casseroles, salads or desserts etc), food roster co-ordinator, kitchen helpers, setting up tables in hall each week before guests arrive, decorating the hall and tables. We will also use the Alpha process for those wishing to journey the R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) for full sacramental participation in the life of the Catholic Church. If you know someone who might be interested in this journey or have questions about belonging to the Catholic Church please invite them or better still accompany them to our first gathering. For more information phone: Michael 0419 982 574 or Fran 0408 268 518.

## Upcoming Wedding: Luke Buckmaster & Emma Robinson

Let us pray for Luke Buckmaster and Emma Robinson who will exchange the vows of marriage with one another in our parish church next Saturday 21 May. May the Lord's blessing continue to strengthen and deepen their committed love for each other.

## 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.

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 & parish pastoral ministry.

## 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/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit/)

## Children's Liturgy-Volunteers Needed

After a COVID enforced lay off Children's Liturgy return to our parish community this weekend during the celebration of Sunday 9.30am Eucharist.

All children pre-school and primary school age are welcome to participate in the activity which focus on bringing to life the gospel of the day at an age appropriate level.

If you are interested in helping out with the children's liturgy programme in the coming months please contact Genn Hamam at [genwhetton@hotmail.com](mailto:genwhetton@hotmail.com).

## An Unveiling, and a Conversation About Mental Health

The unveiling of the much anticipated Archibald entry portrait of Nigel Gould is happening on May 20th at the Albury Library Museum! A passionate advocate for mental health, Nigel invites you to come along for an evening to catch up, connect and keep the conversation around mental health going. This is a fantastic opportunity to connect, and to cast your vote for the Archibald Prize People's Choice Award! Friday 20 May 5.30pm—7.30pm. Albury Library Museum.

# Liturgy of the Word

## First reading Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships,' they said, 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe. They passed through Pisidia and reach Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans. The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm 144

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

**Response: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
Slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
Compassionate to all his creatures. **R**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God,  
to make known to men your mighty deeds  
and the glorious splendour of your reign. **R**

Yours is an everlasting kingdom  
Your rule lasts from age to age. **R**



## A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the one sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia!

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 13:31-35

When Judas had gone, Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon.

'My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.' The Gospel of the Lord.