



*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 Easter 7th / 8th May 2022

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### 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.



On this 'Good Shepherd Sunday', the Gospel verses are taken from the tenth chapter of St John. Here Jesus speaks of himself as the Good Shepherd, who brings life, love and protection to those within his flock.

In the First Reading we follow Paul and Barnabas to Antioch, where their message is rejected by the Jewish leaders. Undeterred, they turn their preaching to those termed pagans. To the joy of the disciples, these people readily hear and receive the message of eternal life offered by the Lord, fulfilling the commission given by Jesus himself.

The Psalm celebrates the joy, gladness and mercy that this eternal life promises to those who delight in being the Lord's people, the sheep of his flock. The Second Reading recounts John's vision of heaven. Amid countless souls robed in the whitest of garments, we see Jesus as the Lamb, standing at the throne of God. We hear of the gifts of protection from hunger, thirst and sorrow which come to those who stand before God's throne.

Jesus, the shepherd himself, speaks in the Gospel, reminding us of the blessings of care and protection his sheep are promised – both now, and in eternal life, with Jesus and the Father.

This week, perhaps we can pray especially for those who, for whatever reason, may feel lost and without the protection of the shepherd they once knew. We also remember those who are searching for a flock in which to make their home. We continue to pray for peace across the world, and especially 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:** Shirley Blomeley, Brian Gibson, Noel Balsarini, Sue Barsby, Val Smith Leonie Blomeley, Mary Shaddock, Shane McGrath, Reg Plunkett, Les Stankiewicz, Jeff Jones, Gavin Feltwell.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Joan Skidmore, Geoffrey Jervois, Paul Griffin, Lorriane Vogel, Joe Vuga, Leo Butler, David Purvey, Peter Maher, Noreen Roach, John Gardiner, Norman Clear, Dominik Vildovas, Therese Chandler, Paul Ofak, Peter Fodor, Frederick Maher, John Barber, Molly Davis, Nicholas Heaton-Harris, Frederick Serbinek, Connie Waters, Ern Gaudry, Kath Toner, John Lopez, Alan Carter, Michael King, Josephine Keogh, Robert Garland, Jack Hanrahan, Edward O'Keefe, Dave Hulm, Joseph Connors. *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:

**Harper Daisy & Cain Phillip Maddocks** children of Sean & Pippa  
**Halle Rebecca Spargo** daughter of Jake & Emily  
**Jovie Nola Moreland** daughter of Andrew & Rochelle

## ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 7th / 8th May

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Adrian Mitchelhill	Gavin Dykes
<b>Lector 1</b>	Michael Byrnes	Sue McLaurin
<b>Lector 2</b>	Justin Clancy	Cathy Nyhan
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Volunteer	Di Treacy
<b>Cantor</b>	Brian Waters	Bernadette & Wendy
<b>Musicians</b>	Judy Foley	
<b>Counters: Michael Byrnes (Group 10)</b>		

Sat / Sun: 14th / 15th May

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Colleen Day	Roy Thompson
<b>Lector 1</b>	Volunteers	John Dowling
<b>Lector 2</b>		Liz Phegan
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Pauline Mulquiney	Sue Hayhoe
<b>Cantor</b>	Brian Waters	Bernadette & Wendy
<b>Musicians</b>	Judy Foley	
<b>Counters: Gavin Dykes &amp; Damien Parkinson (Group 11)</b>		

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

“ A society without mothers would be a dehumanized society, for mothers are always, even in the worst moments, witnesses of tenderness, dedication and moral strength....Dearest mothers, thank you, thank you for what you are in your family and for what you give to the Church and the world.”

### **Prayer for Mother's Day**

Lord Jesus Christ, You chose to put yourself—tiny, needy and helpless—into the nurturing and watchful hands of a human mother. Since then, every act of mothering, both physical and spiritual, in every time and every corner of the world recollects Mary's. Inspired by this example, we, too, honour our mothers and mother figures today. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers and nurturers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, honour them always with a spirit of profound respect. We ask this in your holy name. Amen.



# Parish News

## Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Members of the Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council will meet next 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*

## 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.

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/)

## Mother's Day Blessing Cards

At the entrances to the Church are Blessing cards for Mother's Day. Please take one for yourself or give to someone in your family, parish or neighbourhood on this special day.



## 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. For more information phone: Michael 0419 982 574 or Fran 0408 268 518.

## SPIRITUALITY DAY FOR WOMEN OF THE WAGGA 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 contact Anne Brown, email: [spiritweaverswagga@gmail.com](mailto:spiritweaverswagga@gmail.com) or phone: 0499 425 970.

## PARISH MORNING TEA

Morning tea will be today in the hall after our celebration of Eucharist. All welcome.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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 carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to the synagogue on the Sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas and in their talks with them, Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them. The next Sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit. The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm 99

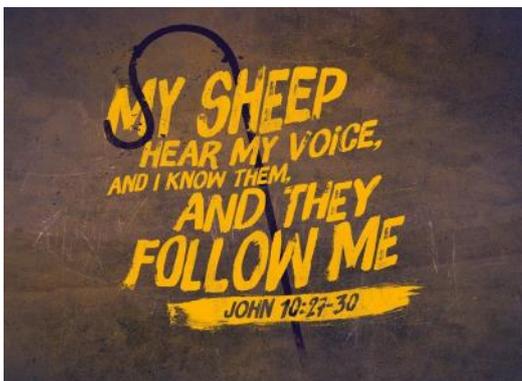
(When the Psalm is sung, the words will vary slightly but the meaning remains the same.)

*Response: We are your people, the sheep of his flock.*

**Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
Come before him, singing for joy. R**

**Know that he, the Lord, is God.  
He made us, we belong to him,  
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. R**

**Indeed, how good is the Lord,  
eternal his merciful love.  
He is faithful from age to age. R**



## A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord,  
I know my sheep and mine know me.  
Alleluia!

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 10:27-30

Jesus said: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice  
I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.' The Gospel of the Lord.