



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.

Palm Sunday

1st/ 2nd April 2023

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Mass Times this week

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

Live-streaming of Sunday 9.30 Mass by accessing the website

Wednesday 5 April Mass Sacred Heart Church 9.30am

Easter Ceremonies/Mass Times 2023

Holy Thursday (6 April) - 6.00pm

(Please note change of time) Live Streaming

Good Friday (7 April) Ecumenical Stations of the Cross in Sacred Heart Church

10.30am . Hot cross buns in hall afterwards. Live Streaming

The Lords Passion 3.00pm

Easter Saturday Vigil (8 April) 6:00pm

Easter Sunday (9 April) 9.30am *Live Stream*



This weekend, we begin the holiest week of the Church's liturgical year. We read two passages from the Gospels, relating how the joyful entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, accompanied by crowds who acclaim him as Saviour and King, gave way to his betrayal and death, alone and abandoned by all. The other readings help us understand the meaning of these events of the Passion.

The First Reading is one of the passages about the suffering servant of God from the book of Isaiah. As Christians, we read this as showing how Jesus lived out his patient trust in God. It can help and enable us to bear our trials and difficulties.

In Psalm 21 (22) we hear familiar echoes of the crucifixion narratives. You may like to find the whole of the psalm in your bible or online; its words of hope in the midst of great suffering, and profound trust in God, are the prayer of Jesus from the cross.

St Paul's text is a hymn to Jesus's life and death (Second Reading). Christ's humility in becoming a human being was even more profound when he accepted to die a shameful death on a cross. But, as Paul writes, God raised him from death and gave him the highest name of all, so that all beings should bend the knee to Jesus and 'acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.'

RECONCILIATION

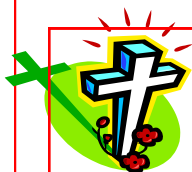
SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.

CHILDRENS LITURGY

Children's liturgy is offered in Sacred Heart parish community each second and fourth Sunday during school terms.

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Joseph Ratcliffe, Felix Janowski, Margaret Mary Brown (Melbourne), Kevin Freeman

ANNIVERSARIES: Sue Thompson, Inge Husz, Gavin Feltwell, Charles Borg, Jack Dempsey, Meg McNamee, Kathrina Schieber, Allan Roach, Pamela Quin, May Evans, John Norman, Lawrence Hennessey, Anne Whitfield, Penny Johnson, Mary Cromerty, Shirley Foster, Frank Brown, Annie Brown, Sandra Gillet, Alice Frauenfelder, Mary Egan and Norm Frauenfelder.

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

Prayer for the Sick

We pray for all those who are sick. May they draw strength and healing from God's presence with them and from our prayers and thoughts for them. May they have peace in their hearts and know they are greatly loved by all.

We offer our prayers believing that God's presence and power can do more than we can ever know. Amen

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 1st / 2nd April

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Colleen Day Michael Byrnes Sr Carina Morton	Cathy Nyhan Brigita Serbinek Gavin Dykes
Eucharistic Ministers	Michael Regan Pat Hopkins	Narelle Naughton Volunteer Please Gemma Whitehead
Cantor Musicians	Catherine Cutler/Judy Lindsay Judy Foley	Ann & Lachlan McIntyre Val Hayes

Counters John Dowling & Carey Menz-Dowling

Sat/Sun: 8th / 9th April

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Volunteer Roster Available	Volunteer Roster Available
Eucharistic Ministers	Volunteer Roster Available	Volunteer Roster Available
Cantor Musicians	Choir	Volunteers Please

Counters: Gemma

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

“Let us walk together with faith in this Holy Week in which Jesus suffered, died and rose again.”

Prayer at the Commencement of Holy Week

Lord God,

I give you thanks, for you are good, and your mercy is endless.

Here I stand, at the start of this Holy Week, this week in which your church remembers Jesus' passion and death.

Turn my eyes now to the One who comes in your name, the one who opens the gates of righteousness, the one who answers when we call.

I bless you, Lord, for shining your light upon me,

and for sending your son to us, in human frailty, to walk the road we walk.

Open my eyes that I may see him and may praise him with all my heart.

May I walk in the way of His suffering, and share also in His Resurrection.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Amen.



This weekend we welcome into the community of the Christian church through the sacrament of Baptism:

Joseph & Samuel sons of James & Sally Brisolin.

Parish News

Easter Services Roster

Please add your name to the list at the Swan Street entrance if you are available to help at our Easter Ceremonies as Eucharistic ministers or readers/commentators..

Stations of the Cross

Parishioners are invited to attend St Anne's School **Stations of the Cross** evening on **Wednesday 5th April**. The Stations will be open from 6pm until 7:30pm. This is a **self-guided, reflective** evening that begins through the gate near the St Anne's School Library. The courtyard "Garden of Gethsemane" will begin our stations which will be an opportunity to settle and reflect on the booklet that will be given to you upon entry. A map will be displayed with the path to take for viewing the stations.

Thursday 6 April: Combined Stations of the Cross prepared by Xavier & St Anne's school community 12.30pm-1.30pm Xavier School Oval.

Parish Morning Tea Sunday 2 April 2023

Please bring a plate to share if you are able.

To Ponder

The long Gospel readings today, form the entry into Jerusalem (read at the procession and the passion, reveal human fickleness as well as loyalty. Throngs of people who initially proclaim Jesus soon deny him, turn their backs on him, even abuse him. But not everyone. For example, we hear of the many women standing by Jesus as he dies and who remain by his side even as he is entombed. They are the quiet and steadfast followers, the ones who suffer with Jesus throughout his passion. These true disciples are easy to miss in all the noise. The beginning of Holy Week is a time to examine honestly our own tendencies toward fickleness and our loyalty as followers of Christ. What are our failures and successes in Christian discipleship? When we examine our hearts and actions, to what—or to whom—are we most deeply committed?

Personal Reflection for the Week Ahead

As we walk with Jesus through Holy Week and the Easter Triduum, consider praying, "What is it you are asking of me?" Is it to give unearned forgiveness? More time in prayer? Care for those on the margins? And then, "What do you want to give me?" A deeper experience of his love? Grace to get through difficulties? Healing of mind or body? A triumph, by definition, is a visible victory; something worth celebrating. What would Jesus' triumphing in your life look like this Easter?

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION—Confirmation 2023

As Bishop Mark will be overseas attending World Youth Day our usual date for Confirmation has been brought forward. Confirmation for Catholic candidates usually in Yr 6 and beyond will take place on **Friday 23 June at 6.00pm** in Sacred Heart Church.

Parents of possible candidates not attending St Anne's Primary School are asked to contact our parish office by email or phone so that you can be informed of the process for preparation.

Parent/Student Reflection and Information Evening

Thursday 11 May 6.00pm in St Anne's School Library.

Please note change of date!

Confirmation Commitment Masses—Feast of Pentecost—Saturday 27 May 6.00pm; Sunday 28 May 9.30am.

Confirmation Preparation Day—Thursday 15 June — School Hours—St Anne's Primary School.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION—First Holy Communion

(Yr 4 & beyond)

Weekend of Saturday/Sunday 26th & 27th August at 6.00pm and 9.30am

Parent/Student Information and Reflection Evening

Thursday 27th July at 6.00pm St Anne's School Library.

Commitment Mass—Weekend of 5th & 6th August 6.00pm and 9.30am.

MEN'S BREAKFAST Saturday 8th April 2023

All men welcome.

Good Food - Good Fellowship

Where: St James Hall, Cnr. Schneider & Heriot Streets, Lavington.

Time: open from approx., 7.45 a.m. for tea/coffee.

Grace at 8. a.m.

Cereals etc., followed by hot food.

Programme: EASTER SPECIAL

Cost: Donation (\$5.00 + recommended) Surplus funds go to local S.R.E. **Enquiries: 0427 706 756 or email**

bandjames@yahoo.com.au

Divine Mercy Pilgrimage: Bishop Mark Edwards will be the main Celebrant at the Marian Hills Shrine on Divine Mercy Sunday - 16th of April. Includes: 11am Confessions - 12.30pm Mass - 1.30 BYO lunch - 2.30 Eucharistic Procession/Adoration/Divine Mercy Chaplet. See poster in the church: 6503 Hume Hwy, Kyeamba: Manuela Tetley 0420933829 or Fr. Bradley Rafter 0449129270

Live Streaming Sunday Mass

We wish to thank all those involved in the live streaming of our Sunday Mass, especially Nick Manning, Ed Brown, Marjorie Serbinek. This weekend is the third anniversary of live streaming.

Liturgy of the Word

First reading Isaiah 50: 4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, nether did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 21

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

Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' **R**

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. **R**

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
My strength, make haste to help me! **R**

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled..
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R**

A reading from the of Letter to the Philippians 2: 6-11

His state was divine; yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God, but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as we are; and being as all people are, he was humbler yet even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death,
dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name
above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 21: 1-11

When they were near Jerusalem and had come in sight of Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples saying to them, 'Go to the village facing you and you will immediately find a tethered donkey and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, 'The Master needs them and will send them back directly.' This took place to fulfil the prophecy: Say to the daughter of Zion: Look your king comes to you: he is humble, he rides on a donkey and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden. So the disciples went out and did as Jesus had told them. They brought the donkey and the colt, then they laid their cloaks on their backs and he sat on them. Great crowds of people spread their cloaks on the road, while others were cutting branches from trees and spreading them in his path. The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed were all shouting: 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heavens!' And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil. 'Who is this?' people asked and the crowds answered, 'This the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.' The Gospel of the Lord.