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Sacred Heart Parish

NORTH ALBURY

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.

Easter Vigil / Easter Sunday 8th / 9th April 2023

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Presbytery A/c BSB: 066 789; A/c No: 100005575.

Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00pm

SUNDAY: 9.30am

Live-streaming on Sunday 9.30am Mass by accessing our website.

WEEKDAY MASSES: This Week:

Wednesday & Friday 9.30am

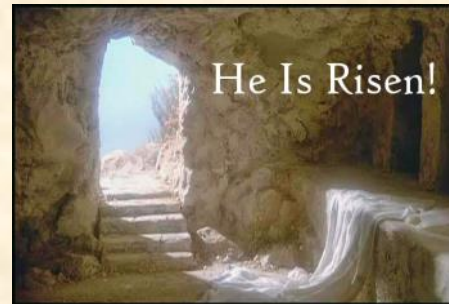
CHILDRENS LITURGY

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

RECONCILIATION:

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.



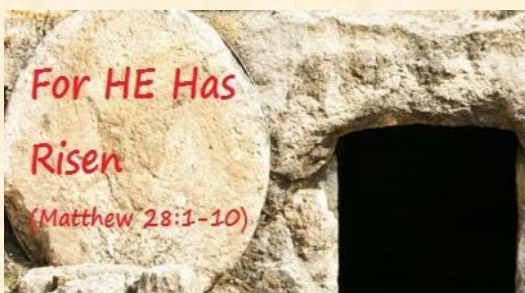
Women go to the tomb as dawn is breaking. The Power of Darkness which had Jesus unjustly sentenced, cruelly tortured and buried in the pitch blackness of the tomb, is conquered by the Son-Rise of all sun rises flooding our world and the whole of human history with Divine Light and Energy.

This is the heart of our faith as Catholic Christians, which we celebrate with bon-fire (good fire) in darkness at the Easter Vigil. From that earthly element we light the Easter candle and the Exsultet is sung: 'Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King.'

The resurrection itself is nowhere described in the gospels, but we do have appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. The first appearance was to a woman, Mary of Magdala. A title given to her by the early church was 'Apostle to the Apostles' because she was the bearer of the message which the male disciples initially did not believe. But eventually they too believed that Death had been done to death because the Son had risen.

Christ's body was transfigured by the energy of Divine Love and we can, by grace, participate in that resurrection life of Our Lord. A glorious destiny awaits us, as indeed it awaits the whole cosmos as it is to be transformed by that resurrection life recreating the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray that we, along with all that matters, are graced with the life-giving energy of the Risen Son and that we may join Mary of Magdala in spreading the Good News of Christ's victory over death. Alleluia!



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jim Hickey, Joseph Ratcliffe, Felix Janowski, Margaret Mary Brown (Melbourne).

ANNIVERSARIES: Dot Taylor, Sue Barsby, Norm Jessop, Debbie Yensch, Elizabeth Simon, Philip Liston, Mark Pennay, Sr. Baptista, Kevin Corrigan, Joe Everett, Larry Foley, Ellen Phibbs, Otto Sproule, Kath Doyle, Anna Yea, Colleen O'Reilly & David Miller.

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: 8th/ 9th April

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2 Lector 3 Lector 4	Volunteer Please Colleen Day Gen Hamam Sr Patricia Weekes Brigita Serbinek	Sr Carina Morton Lorraine Willis Brigita Serbinbek
Eucharistic Ministers	Anna Farrell Sr Patricia Weekes	Pamela McIntosh Sue Betts Gemma Whitehead
Cantor Musicians	Choir	
Counters: Gemma		

Sat /Sun: 15th / 16th April

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Sr Carina Morton Kaye Deanshaw Catherine Cutler	Roy Thompson Sr Patricia Weekes John Dowling
Eucharistic Ministers	Anna Farrell Jeneice Harding	Carey Menz-Dowling Cathy Nyhan Diane Treacy
Cantor Musicians	Brian Waters Judy Foley	Heath Neville Ashley Donaldson
Counters: Gordon Bryant & Laurie Moylan		

Prayer for Easter

**Lord of life,
we pray for all who bring your
word of life,
as a light to those in darkness.
For those who bring your word of
peace,
to those enslaved by fear.
For those who bring your word of
love,
to those in need of comfort.
Lord of love and Lord of peace
Lord of resurrection life,
be known
through our lives
and through your power.**

**Hear the cries of your people in
many parts of our world.
Christ the Lord is risen to-day!
Alleluia!
Amen.**

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"May Christ, who has already defeated death and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, dispel the darkness of our suffering humanity and lead us into the light of his glorious day, a day that knows no end."

Parish News

EASTER REFLECTION

In many nations with a Christian history the most delicious recipes are those designed for Easter. Particularly the sweets. That is understandable. When Lent was a time of fasting its conclusion at Easter was a time to celebrate with lots of good food. [Just as Eid still is in Muslim communities which celebrate the end of Ramadan.]

The move from fast to feast, however Jesus' sombre last journey to Jerusalem ended with despair at his tortured death on the cross, but this was then upended by the joy and amazement of his disciples when he rose from the dead and appeared to them.

In a secular society the fasting that preceded Easter has disappeared. But Easter remains a time of celebration, marked by a few days free from work. It has also developed its own rituals – the beginning of the football season, races, camping trips and family gatherings, not to mention chocolate easter eggs and bunnies as well as the variety of special foods peculiar to the Jewish Passover and the traditions of so many immigrant communities in Australia.

Celebrations always recognise happy times and happy events, often marking the end of hard times. They also express our hope for the future – that a child baptised or circumcised will live happily and fruitfully, that a family whose matriarch has just died will continue to stay close even after her death, that a peace signed at the end of war will mark the end of all wars. Often these celebrations represent hope against hope. All the evidence may point otherwise.

The celebration of Easter this year may also seem to summon an unlikely hope. Climate change, the beating of the drums of war around the world and in Australia, debt, inflation and the powerlessness of governments to address such large issues point more to a nailed down coffin than to a tomb found empty and tended by angels. And yet we hope that goodness will triumph over evil, that life will prove stronger than death, that our nation and world will see that the security of each of us is bound up in the service of one another.

That is the message of Easter: that hope can spring up and new life can grow in an apparently barren places, and that God is a God of life and love. (Fr Andrew Hamilton S.J.)

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION—Confirmation 2023

Confirmation 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.

TO PONDER:

Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were Easter people. When the angel descended, he told them not to fear but to come and see that the body was missing and then to "go quickly and tell." Yet the women did not even look into the tomb. Instead, they rushed off instantly to proclaim that life had emerged from the grave. On the way, they encountered the living Jesus. They were Easter people. So are we. We, too, are invited away from the tomb to embrace the living Jesus, the life and hope that breaks us out of darkness. Imagine the angel telling you to "go quickly," to be a messenger of hope wherever it is needed. On the journey, you will find Jesus. Where and to whom will you go?

"Alleluia!" - "Praise Yah (YHWH, the Divine Name)!" We will sing this joyful acclamation throughout the Easter season. It encapsulates the mystery of Christ and the human journey of forgiveness and transformation. Today we renew our baptismal promises alongside the newly baptised and affirm with Colossians that we have been and will be raised up with Christ. We have only to remember and live into this reality, day by day, in our lives and communities. Throughout Holy Week and the Triduum, we concentrate on Jesus. But Easter Sunday points back to us.

What will we do with new life we have been given?

THANK YOU

Gratitude is extended to all involved in the organisation and preparation for the celebration of our Holy Week and Easter Liturgies.

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 those who helped cater for morning tea following our Stations of the Cross.

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.

Happy Easter, everyone!

EASTER WATER / EASTER BLESSING CARDS

Small bottles of Easter water are available near the Paschal Candle and Easter Blessing Cards at all the entrances to the Church.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2023

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

Liturgy of the Word

First reading Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after Jhn had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God has chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses—we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead—and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness; that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.' 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: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end' **R**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up..

I shall not die, I shall live.

and recount his deeds. **R**

The stone which the builders rejected.
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes! **R**

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed—and he is your life—you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He is risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples.

And there, coming to meet them was Jesus. 'Greetings' he said. And the women came up to him and falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'

The Gospel of the Lord.