



*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 29th / 30th April 2023

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**BSB: 066 789; A/c No: 10000 5574; Ref No:**  
Please contact Office for a number.

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

### Mass Times

**SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm**

**SUNDAY: 9.30 am**

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

**WEEKDAYMASSES: This Week:**

**Tuesday 2 May—Mass of Anointing—Mercy Place 2.00pm (Please not change of time)**

**Negative RAT test required on entry Wednesday & Friday 9.30am**

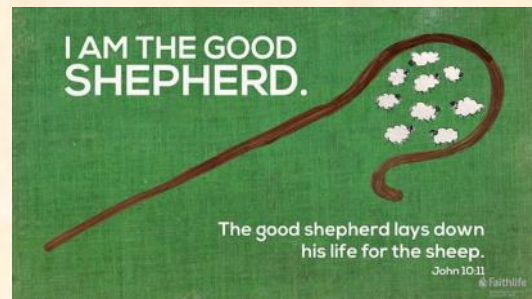
### RECONCILIATION

**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.



On this Good Shepherd Sunday, the Gospel for each yearly cycle is always taken from St John, chapter 10, where Jesus speaks of himself as a Good Shepherd. In today's Gospel, Jesus is comparing and contrasting himself with those religious leaders who lack any real commitment or sense of responsibility to the ones in their care. The sheep do not recognise such leaders, but they do know, and are ready to follow, the Good Shepherd who alone enters by the gate. Jesus is warning his listeners to be discerning about those they listen to and those they follow.

The Psalm, 'The Lord is my Shepherd', tells us that God is always caring for us, as a shepherd cares for the sheep. In the First Reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, we hear Peter calling all to conversion, while the Second Reading is a reminder that when we do stray, we can always return to the Lord.

Today is also known as Vocations Sunday. So perhaps this week, I could ponder the following questions: On what am I spending my energies? Who do I listen to and follow? How am I giving witness to my faith? What contribution am I making to the building up of truth, love, justice and tolerance? How, and from where, do I hear the Good Shepherd in my daily life? Let's pray for the grace to trust the gift of the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us, that we might have faith in the One who has called and is calling us. Amen.



# Parish Community



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Terry O'Brien, Cyril Przibella, Bill Mitchell, Wal McVicar, Jim Hickey, Pam Harding, Joseph Ratcliffe.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Klarrie Paizis, Kelvin Gibson, Ronald Clayton, Gerard Sullivan, Joan McLaurin, Shirley Wessen, Merle McCabe, Therese Doherty, Edmund Miles, Bernadette Stevens, Helen Scully, Jessica Lawrence, John Thompson, Hazel Joss, Jim Purcell, Peter Falvey, Nell Norman, John Piltz, Joyce Lyons, Zetta Mitchelhill, Barney Zerbst, Claude Zallocco, Mary Doyle, Margaret Roach, Michael Clark, Petro Tymczuk, Lillian Magrath, Frank Naughton, Roy Lonergan, Mollie & Roy Jones.

*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: 29th/ 30th April

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Sr Carina Morton	Gavin Dykes
<b>Lector 1</b>	Michael Byrnes	John Dowling
<b>Lector 2</b>	Colleen Day	Lorraine Willis
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Michael Regan Volunteer	Emonn Buckley Trish Parkinson Pamela McIntosh
<b>Cantor Musicians</b>	Catherine Cutler/Judy Lindsay	Simon Goss
<b>Counters:</b>		

Sat / Sun: 6th / 7th May

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Colleen Day	Volunteer
<b>Lector 1</b>	Justin Clancy	Bede Hart
<b>Lector 2</b>	Catherine Cutler	Brigita Serbinek
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Pauline Mulquiney Adrian Mitchelhill	Sue Betts Noelene Cruise Mercedes Goss
<b>Cantor Musicians</b>	Brian Waters Judy Foley	David Hicks Val Hayes
<b>Counters:</b>		

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

"Being a shepherd is not merely a job, but a "true and proper way of life: 24 hours a day. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, does not just do something for us, but he gives his life for us."

## Prayer to Follow Jesus,

### the Good Shepherd

Gentle Jesus, compassionate and caring Good Shepherd, help me to follow You faithfully. Strengthen me daily with Your love, and guide me along life's paths. Keep me free from every evil, protect me from sickness and danger, and lead me to serve You with all my mind and heart and soul. Hear my needs and grant me petitions, especially these intentions important to me at this time: Bless me each day with peace of mind and heart. May I experience Your saving power in my daily life, as I await the fullness of life and joy with You forever. Amen.



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

**Flynn Robert & Tully Anne Dempsey**  
children of Mitchell & Demara  
**Myles Colin Andrew** son of Jack & Natalie

# Parish News

## TO PONDER:

Underlying our readings is the call to ongoing *metanoia*, the transformation of heart, mind and actions. In Acts, God's promise of redemption is for all people who are "cut to the heart" and willing to be changed. Although the author of 1 Peter primarily speaks to those who are suffering unjustly, behind his message is a second audience and a call to reform for those who abuse others within corrupt systems of power and greed. Finally, John's Gospel is an open invitation into the sheepfold through the gate (Jesus) so one does not have to try to break in through selfishness, laziness, manipulations of authority, or distorted visions of truth. Ongoing *metanoia* is the natural result of listening and following the true shepherd. It happens through God's grace, and it leads to the still waters of Psalm 23. How are you listening and following today?

Sometimes the Gospels describe the path to abundant life as "narrow" and "constricted" (Matt 7:14), yet in today's Gospel, the gate swings easily and widely for all sheep to flow in and out. The gate is an apt metaphor for the spiritual life, in which we first come "in" to Christ for rest, nourishment, and protection, and then follow Christ out with strength, confidence, and purpose to be prophetic witnesses. All of our readings depict this movement in and out, from Peter moving out as a public witness in Acts to the call for inward rest in 1 Peter. Explore your own sheepfold this week, the quiet space of prayer and renewal.

How does Jesus, who calls himself the Gate, beckon you in and out? By following this beckoning, the ultimate promise is that we will not only enter the gate but *become* the gate through which others enter into abundant life.

## 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.

## 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.

## HEARTBEAT—EASTER EDITION

The Easter edition of the Sacred Heart Journal 'Heartbeat' is available for collection at the church entrances.

Thanks to Karen Purtle and all those involved in submitting articles and arranging for its publication.

## ALPHA LAUNCH AND MORNING TEA WEEKEND

During both masses next weekend a representative of our Alpha programme will speak briefly on how the process will operate in our parish and school communities this year.

Being the first Sunday in May you are invited to join us for morning tea at the conclusion of our celebration.

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Our Parish Pastoral Council meets this Thursday 4 May at 6.00pm in the parish hall. Please send any agenda items to the Secretary, Karen Purtle:

**bevispurtle@internode.on.net**

## PALMS AUSTRALIA—Mission: Transform Lives

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## MEN'S BREAKFAST—Saturday 13 May 2023

Good Food, Good Fellowship at St James Hall, Lavington. Time: 7.45am for tea/coffee. Grace at 8.00am followed by cereals etc and hot food. Speaker: Jill Aplin "Remembering Mother". Ladies welcome for this breakfast.

## 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.

## DONATIONS TO ST ANNE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

St Anne's is asking for donations of Matchbox or toy cars/trucks for the children to use. If you have any spare and are not using please leave in the basket provided at the back of the church or they could be dropped off at St Anne's school front office.

## 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

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesu Christ for the forgiveness of your sins and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments and he urged them 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm 22

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

**Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
Where he gives me rest.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. **R**

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. **R**

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **R**

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 10: 1–10

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: they will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full. The Gospel of the Lord.

## A reading from the of First Letter of St Peter.

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you are called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. 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, alleluia!