



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.

Second Sunday of Easter 15th / 16th April 2023

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

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

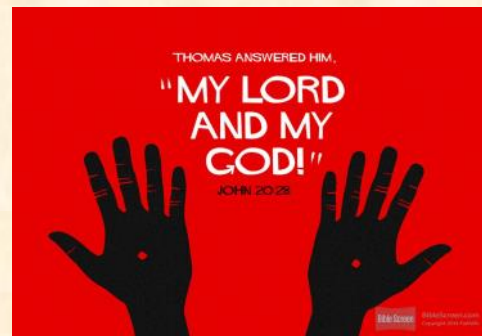
WEEKDAY MASSES: This Week:

NO weekday masses are scheduled this week.

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.



Today, with Thomas, we hail Christ as our Lord and God. We, too, ask to be filled with the joy and peace of the disciples in seeing the risen Lord.

The First Reading tells how effectively the lives of the first Christians are encouraged and transformed by their Spirit-filled faith. Their devout, generous sense of community is an inspiration to all who meet them.

Today's Psalm is considered 'the' Easter psalm above all others. All Christians are invited to give thanks and praise to the Lord. Peter, who was an eye-witness to the events of Easter (Second Reading), praises and encourages the faith of the new converts, even though they have never seen Jesus. Although they are persecuted and plagued by trials because of their new-found faith in Christ, they still love him deeply and are filled with a glorious joy.

The Gospel recounts the events of the first Sunday after Easter Day. Thomas is absent when the risen Lord appears to the other frightened disciples, offering them the resurrection gift of the Spirit of peace. But a week later, Jesus seeks out the doubting Thomas personally: an encounter that enables Thomas to proclaim Jesus as 'My Lord and my God!'.

This week, we pray for a deepening personal relationship with the risen Lord that can change our lives ... and for an openness that inspires us to take our active, living faith into our suffering world.

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."
— John 20:19-31 (NRSV)



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Wal McVicar, Jim Hickey, Pam Harding, Joseph Ratcliffe, Felix Janowski, Margaret Mary Brown (Melb)

ANNIVERSARIES: Jenny Hawkins, Lucas McCaw, Mary Shaddock, Leonie Blomeley, Yvonne Rosewarne, Brian Murphy, Geoff Milton, Heidi Yonson, Ted Goodgar, Annie Goodgar, Carmen Dosenko, Jean Thompson, Betty Grealy, Sylvia King, Malda Hawkins, Leonard George, Ronald Mitsch, Kath Doyle, Johnny Coyle, Danniell Pearson-Wainwright, Wattie Grant, Neville Kliese, Vilem Dosek, Rose Weaver, Erin Weaver, Jessie Whelton.

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: 15th/ 16th April

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Sr Carina Morton	Roy Thompson
Lector 1	Kaye Deanshaw	Sr Patricia Weekes
Lector 2	Catherine Cutler	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 (Monday)

Sat/Sun: 22nd / 23rd April

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Adrian Mitchelhill	Ed Brown
Lector 1	Paula Waters	Margy Brown
Lector 2	Michael Byrnes	Liz Phegan
Eucharistic Ministers	Justin Clancy Kaye Deanshaw	Fran Kernaghan Marisa Hart Moira Porta
Cantor Musicians	John Van Lint Judy Foley	Bernadette & Wendy

Counters: Jane Togher (Monday)

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):

"Thomas, who was not present the first time the resurrected Jesus appeared to the apostles, represents all of us. We too struggle at times like that disciple: How can we believe that Jesus is risen, that he accompanies us and is the Lord of our life without having seen him, without having touched him? ."



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

Nate Stephen Reilly

son of Mitchell & Aleisha

Thomas James Gatt

son of Andrew & Rebecca

Banjo Bede Singe

Son of Dereck & Brigetta

Parish News

TO PONDER:

“Although you have not seen him you love him,” writes the author of 1 Peter. Like his early Christian audience, we were not present at the crucifixion. We have not seen Jesus’s wounds or touched his resurrected body. But we have experienced him in some capacity because there is no such thing as “secondhand faith.” For many of us, faith comes through the witness of others, by seeing Jesus enfleshed among those brave enough to be expressions of love, reconciliation, and justice in the midst of a broken world. Faith also comes through the records of communal memories shared in our sacred Scriptures. As Jesus says, we are the truly blessed ones for believing without seeing. And yet we do see. Where and through whom do you see the crucified and resurrected Jesus?

In the Gospel, Jesus offers his disciples both his peace and his very real wounds to see and touch. This double offering reminds us that peace is not an easy or trite choice, but it comes through the experience of crucifixion and dares to believe in an alternative path to violence and sin. Peace is a manifestation of divine mercy, connecting us with the Body of Christ and with suffering as a shared universal experience. Jesus entrusts his followers to be this path of peace, as does the author of 1 Peter.

Imagine Jesus offering you his wounds, calling you to touch the places of suffering and brokenness in and around you. Imagine him simultaneously breathing his peace upon you, calling you forward on the path of healing and reconciliation. How do you respond to his double call?

BIBLE & BETA GROUPS

These Parish ministries continue in our Parish hall at 7.00pm on Wednesday nights. Our next Bible group is next week on Wednesday 26th April and Beta is this week Wednesday 19th April. You are very welcome to join us and for more information phone Fran 0408 268 518 and Michael 0419 982 574.

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.

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.

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.

To John Van Lint for creating on our sanctuary a peaceful and contemplative scene with his selective use of living plants.

To Lyn Hamilton for the many hours of painstaking work in enabling technology to communicate the written word and so enhance our celebration of the Easter message.

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.

On **8 May 2023** (10-11:30am AEST) the ACU Centre for Liturgy will host Dr Lizette Larson-Miller who will give an online public lecture (via Zoom) entitled “***I am what I ritualise: identity, theology, and liturgy in a secular context***”. The lecture will explore the misalignment of the domestic church (the household or family) and the official church, resulting in a lack of reinforcement and continuity, and a disregard for the notion that rituals shape us. It will ask – Who are we? What does theology have to do with it? And do our liturgies and rituals need to adapt or resist these changes? For more information and to register, please go to www.acu.edu.au/News_CentreforLiturgy.

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

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching and fellowship of the apostles, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved. 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: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let the sons of Aaron say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let those who fear the Lord say:

‘His love has no end’ **R**

I was thrust, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just. **R**

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

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **R**

A reading from the of First Letter of St Peter.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God’s power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.
The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia, alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20: 19-31 (Shortened Form)

In the evening of that same day of the week, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you,’ and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, ‘Peace be with you.

As the Father send me, so am I sending you.’

After saying this he breathed on them and said: ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.’

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, ‘We have seen the Lord,’ he answered, ‘Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and put my fingers into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.’

Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. ‘Peace be with you,’ he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put in into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.’ Thomas replied, ‘My Lord and my God!’

The Gospel of the Lord.