



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.

Third Sunday of Easter 22nd / 23rd 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:

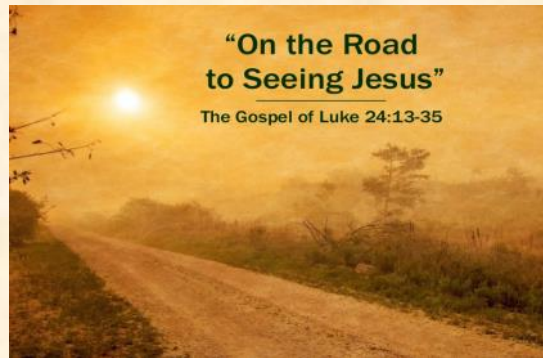
Tuesday 25 April ANZAC DAY 8.00am

Wednesday & Friday 9.30am

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.



The readings for this week are full of reminders of what Jesus's resurrection has brought for us. Joy, Glory, Praise, Hope and Faith are all woven through each reading, inviting us to share again in the Eastertide celebration.

In the First Reading, Peter reminds the crowd that, in spite of the terrible injustice done to Jesus, God has shown victory over death and raised Jesus to glory. With this comes the power of the Holy Spirit, now outpoured for us all.

The Psalmist rejoices in the God who stands by and protects us from all dangers, and will show us the path to everlasting happiness. In the Second Reading we hear Peter again, speaking of how Jesus gave his life as a 'ransom' for our sins. Because of this, all who believe can have faith and hope in God.

We join two of Jesus's disciples in the Gospel on their journey to Emmaus, blind to the identity of the risen Lord as he walks with them. When Jesus reveals himself to them in the breaking of bread, they finally recognise him, just as he disappears from their sight.

Unlike the disciples, we have never seen Jesus himself – but because of the faith we have been given, we can see and recognise him in the people and situations around us. This week, let's pray for the wisdom and courage to respond wherever we see Jesus in the needs of others.



Parish Community



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

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Noel Balsarini, Mary Galvin, Kerree Pearsons, Mabel Foley, Bob Hamblin, Isobel Gibbs, Edward Unger, Harold Robinson, Madge Trebley, Kathleen Anker, Mary Driscoll, Richard Davis, Willem Lautenbacher, Edith Adams, Harold Dexter, Richard Conway, Brian Martin, Lorna Keighran, May Cowell, Edward Trim, Raymond Buttel, John Browne, Colin McNamee, Jenny Hawkins, Leslie Trezise, Mary Everston, Mary Prince, John Hertzog, Ronald Murray.

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: 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 Maira Porta
Cantor	John Van Lint	Bernadette & Wendy
Musicians	Judy Foley	
Counters: Jane Togher		

Sat /Sun: 29th / 30th April

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

Prayer for ANZAC Day

Gracious and loving God, the cross of Christ is the sign of your desire for justice and peace for all. Open our minds to your vision as we remember all who suffered through Australia and New Zealand's involvement in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. Grant all servicepersons who sacrificed health and life for the good of all, the gift of your deep peace. May we who inherit the freedom for which they fought become instruments of your peace in our homes, workplaces and world. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen



We will remember them.

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"Like the disciples joined by the risen Lord on the road to Emmaus, people can hear beautiful things, but deep down, they continue to be afraid. But the Gospel story shows how very patient Jesus is with the disciples, first listening to them and then explaining things step by step, until they see him."



This weekend we welcome into the community of the Christian church

through the sacrament of Baptism:

Harry John Cant son of Brendon & Lillian

Parish News

TO PONDER:

“Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?” The power and mystery of the Scriptures burn through our readings today. Just as the disciples’ hearts “burn” within them when Jesus breaks open the Scriptures for them, so too can we imagine the people in Acts experiencing an inward flame as they hear Peter preach. Peter also has this flame deep within, ignited by faith and fueled by the Scriptures and the Spirit that set him on fire to proclaim Christ. All of us have this fire of faith in us. Sometimes it burns intensely, while at other times it feels like fragile embers. But it is there. As you pray with our readings, can you feel this inward fire, whether it is a flickering flame or a roaring blaze?

What helps to fuel the fire?

We are all, at times, on the road to Emmaus. Emmaus symbolizes a place of escape when life is painful, confusing, or overwhelming. While Emmaus is not a place to remain for long, the road itself is a necessary space. In the Gospel, it is a space of nourishment and healing, of prayer and honest searching, and of conversion when the risen Jesus reveals himself to the downcast. He draws the disciples away from Emmaus, back to himself and to their task of proclaiming the resurrection from Jerusalem. Ultimately, it is resurrection that makes this transformation possible and gives the disciples “faith and hope” in God, as we read in 1 Peter. Wherever you are on your faith journey this week, spend time meditating on the resurrection, the great linchpin of our faith. Allow our readings to draw you ever deeper into its mystery and beauty.

BIBLE & BETA GROUPS (April dates)

These Parish ministries continue in our Parish hall at 7.00pm on Wednesday nights. Our next Bible group is this week Wednesday 26th 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

TOGETHER

Our diocesan newspaper April edition has arrived. Please take and share. Available at entrances to the church.

Liturgy of the Word

First reading Acts of the Apostles (Shortened Form)

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption....God raised Jesus to life and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 15

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

Response: Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.' **R**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
Even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. **R**

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. **R**

A reading from the of First Letter of St Peter.

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us;
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia, alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 24: 13–35 (abridged)

Two of the disciples were on their way to Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem. As they talked, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, "What matters are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped short; their faces downcast. Cleopas answered, "You must be the only person in Jerusalem who does not know these things." "What things?" he asked. "All about Jesus of Nazareth, who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: some women from our group went to the tomb in the early morning, and they did not find the body, they saw a vision of angels who declared he was alive." He said, "You foolish ones! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?" Then starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near the village they pressed him to stay with them. While they were at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?" They returned to Jerusalem where they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread. The Gospel of the Lord.