



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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

6th / 7th May 2023

Parish Clergy

Fr Martin Cruickshank Parish Priest

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Bank A/c Details for Parishioners wishing to Direct Deposit into our Church A/c (2nd Collect)

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

WEEKDAY MASSES: This Week:

Wednesday & Friday 9.30am

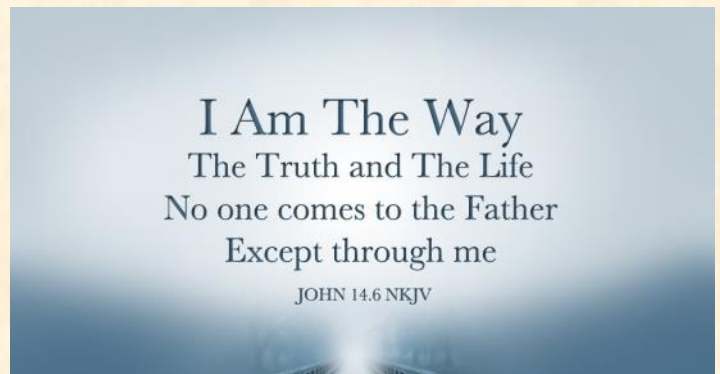
RECONCILIATION

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.



In our readings this week, we continue to follow the infant church, and with them ponder the words Jesus gave us at the Last Supper.

The First Reading shows how the disciples faced the growing tension between the Greek and Hebrew traditions. After discernment and prayer, they delegate tasks. The Psalm is one of praise for God's word and his work. It is also a prayer of trust. For St Peter, it is clear that Christ is the foundation; the living cornerstone for all believers. We are to set ourselves close to him. (Second Reading)

The Gospel is from Jesus's discourse to his friends before he suffered and died. They are words of encouragement. In the light of the Resurrection, the disciples must have drawn strength from them. Jesus is with them: the Way, the Truth and the Life.

As we face this week, let us, too, keep our eyes on Jesus, even when we are concerned by all that is happening around us. May we strive to follow the Lord as the Way, in joy and hope.

Jesus said to him,
"I am the way,
the truth,
and the life"

John 14:6

Parish Community



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

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Michael & Hilda Ryan, Jenny Howe, Dorothy Bonser, Joan Skidmore, Geoffrey Jervios, May Smith, Paul Griffin, Leo Butler, David Purvey, Noreen Roach, Tony Phelps, John Gardiner, Norman Clear, Dominik Vidovas, Therese Chandler, Paul Ofak, Peter Fodor, Frederick Maher and John Barber.

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: 6th /7th May

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Colleen Day	Volunteer
Lector 1	Justin Clancy	Bede Hart
Lector 2	Catherine Cutler	Brigita Serbinek
Eucharistic Ministers	Pauline Mulquiney Adrian Mitchelhill	Sue Betts Noelene Cruise
Cantor	Brian Waters	Lachlan McIntyre
Musicians	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
Counters: Gemma		

Sat /Sun: 13th / 14th May

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Adrian Mitchelhill	Roy Thompson
Lector 1	Kaye Deanshaw	Volunteer please
Lector 2	Volunteer please	Liz Phegan
Eucharistic Ministers	Jeneice Harding Patricia Hopkins	Gemma Whitehead Sue McLaurin Narelle Naughton
Cantor	Judy Lindsay	Bob Matthews
Musicians	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
Counters: Margaret Brown & Moira Porter		

Parish Prayer

*God of Love,
Source of all hope and good things;
You call us in love, to share in the
work and ongoing life of our Sacred
Heart Parish.
Bless this parish of ours and lead us
to be confident and joyful in serving
those around us, so that through us,
the world may catch a glimpse of the
love you have for each one of us.
Make us instruments of your love to
everyone that we encounter in our
parish community, at home, at work
and in our neighbourhood.
Help us to grow in gratitude so that
we can recognise and thank you for
all the good things you have given us.
Each day may we come to know you
more clearly,
love you more dearly and follow you
more nearly.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you". The Lord, "gives them peace", and then told them: "Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid because I give you my peace".



This weekend we welcome into the community of the

Christian church through the sacrament of Baptism:

Qunn Robert & Poppy Dean Miles children of Shannon & Tegan

Parish News

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.

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 this 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 of Eucharist

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.

Catholic Mission's 2023 Projects

As a valued supporter we warmly invite you to hear updates on the work of Catholic Mission over the past 12 months, and the countries and projects of focus for 2023. A light lunch will be served. Please advise of any allergies or dietary requirements when you RSVP.

This event will be held in the Sacred Heart Hall on Tuesday 6 June 2023 12 noon concluding 1.30pm. Please RSVP by 31 May 2023 to Jane Plum on 0400 445 605 or email jplum@catholicmission.org.au

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.

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.

Garratt Publishing, together with WATAC Inc., Catholic Religious Australia, and Catholic Women Speak invite you to:

International Survey of Catholic Women (ISCW) WEBINAR

EVENT DETAILS

WHEN: Wednesday 10 May 2023

TIME: 7.00pm AEST*

WHERE: Via Zoom

COST: Free

To register please follow this link: [https://garratt1.wufoo.com/forms/r1gedutm1425r6p/?ct=t\(allcats-REM-ISCW-WEB-3-May2023\)&mc_cid=f53ce76467&mc_eid=d1f424c491](https://garratt1.wufoo.com/forms/r1gedutm1425r6p/?ct=t(allcats-REM-ISCW-WEB-3-May2023)&mc_cid=f53ce76467&mc_eid=d1f424c491)

Online registration is essential. Webinar meeting details will be forwarded on TUESDAY 9 MAY 2023.

Parish Bible & Beta Groups

For the month of May our Bible group continues every 2nd & 4th Wednesday (10 & 24 May) and Beta every 3rd Wednesday (17 May). You are very welcome to join us. Phone Fran 0408 268 518 or Mi-

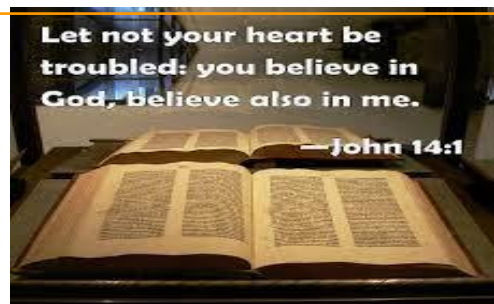
HALLELUAH

A concert of gospel and Spiritual Songs WILL BE PRESENTED BY Murray Concert Choir on Saturday May 13 at 7.30pm at St Matthew's and Sunday May 14 at 2.30pm at St John's Wodonga.

Tickets \$25 (\$20 concession) See notices at Church doors.

Let not your heart be troubled: you believe in God, believe also in me.

— John 14:1



Liturgy of the Word

First reading Acts of the Apostles

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostle, who prayer and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread; the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 32

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

Response: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R**

For the word of the Lord if faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **R**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R**

A reading from the of First Letter of St Peter.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by all but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the one who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders, has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring all down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.
The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia, alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples; 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said, 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No-one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself; will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.