



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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter 13th / 14th May 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

WEEKDAY MASSES: As Fr Martin will be away with Yr 11 students on Retreat there will be **NO MASS** on Wednesday & Friday this week.

CHILDRENS LITURGY

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



Easter tide is nearly at an end. There is a sense that an important event is about to happen. As the readings this week seek to reassure us, we will not be left without comforting support.

In the First Reading, we see how active the Apostles are in spreading the Good News. They are welcomed even in Samaria and the people receive the Holy Spirit. The Psalm expresses the joy they must have felt. We can imagine the grateful disciples praying: 'Before you all the earth shall bow, shall sing to you, sing to your name!' But all was not plain sailing for these new communities. They often encountered persecution (Second Reading). Peter tries to encourage them, reminding them of the sufferings of the innocent Jesus. They are to answer their accusers with courtesy and respect.

In the Gospel, Jesus reassures his friends. He will not leave them without support, as 'orphans', but will ask his Father to send them help after he has left. The Spirit of truth will be with them.

In my prayer this week, I may want to reflect on Jesus' promises and draw strength from them, so that I can speak to others about my beliefs with greater confidence. I continue to ask Father, Son and Spirit to inspire all peoples to work for peace.



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Terry Ryan, Ron Gale, Theo Smit, Terry O'Brien, Cyril Przibella, Bill Mitchell, Wal McVicar.

ANNIVERSARIES: Kath Fitzpatrick, Patricia Colpo, Jessie Morrell, Shirley Blomeley, Trevor Newcombe, Kerry Dowling, Keith Melbourne, Maria Bresovnik, George Kennedy, Margaret Maynard Joe Vuga, Lorraine Vogel, James O'Connor, Leanne Patterson, Peter Maher, Brian Cooper, Robert Millea, Rita Murray, Wally Larkin, Matthew Blomeley, Joan Althmeier, Betty Russell, Pierce Kelleher, Des Cornford, Alan Carter, John Lewis, Bill Stewart, Michael King, Robert McInnes, Arthur Stout, George Davern, Maurice Slattery, Edward O'Keefe, Wyn McSweeney, *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: 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		Bob Matthews
Musicians	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
Counters: Margaret Brown & Moira Porta		

Sat/Sun: 20th / 21st May

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Sr Carina Morton	Margy Brown
Lector 1	Paula Waters	Lorraine Willis
Lector 2	Michael Byrnes	Ed Brown
Eucharistic Ministers	Anna Farrell Volunteer please	Marisa Hart Fran Kernaghan Carey Menz-Dowling
Cantor	John van Lint	Lachlan McIntyre
Musicians	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
Counters: Anne Gordes & Lorraine Willis		

Prayer for Mothers Day

Lord Jesus, You chose to put yourself – tiny and helpless into the nurturing and watchful hands of a human mother.

Since then, every act of mothering both physical and spiritual in every time and every corner of the world reflects Mary's.

Inspired by this example, we, too, honour our mothers and mother figures today. Bless these women that they may be strengthened as mothers and nurturers.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, will honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.

We ask this in your name. Amen



Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

“A society without mothers would be a dehumanized society, for mothers are always, even in the worst moments, witnesses of tenderness, dedication and moral strength.... Dearest mothers, thank you, thank you for what you are in your family and for what you give to the Church and the world.”



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

Edwina Grace Ryan
daughter of Peter and Amy
Hope Elizabeth Penny
Daughter of Corey and Kristie
Hamish Andrew Warren
Son of Thomas and Clare

Parish News

TO PONDER:

“Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts,” writes the author of 1 Peter. This is a beautiful and mysterious statement. It is both a promise and a challenge. Directed specifically to people who are marginalized and suffering, this call to sanctify Christ inwardly in all contexts challenges them—and us—to respond to the world not by mirroring its brokenness and sinfulness but by living from the reality and possibility of faith. We walk this path through a continual process of inward sanctification and renewal. The promise is that we are born into God, belong to God, and contain God’s Spirit in us. This week, meditate on the call to sanctify Christ in your heart. How does this call invite you to live day by day, moment by moment? St Augustine wrote, “See that your praise of God comes from your whole being; . . . Praise God not with your lips and voices alone, but with your minds, your lives and all your actions.” To grow into this full-bodied praise of God is part of the journey of faith. Acts describes the starting point of this journey through conversion stories and through the disciples’ journey to become witnesses to the whole world. First Peter reveals the journey of suffering people who learn to praise God in the midst of adverse circumstances. Such full-bodied praise is not about fleeting happiness. It is not dependent on external circumstances. It comes from a deep, inward communion with Christ through the Spirit. Christ is in all of us, and we are in Christ. Once we know this, joy and praise become a limitless well from which we drink and live.

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 from 12 noon concluding by 1.30pm. Please RSVP by 31 May 2023 to Jane Plum on **0400 445 605** or **email jplum@catholicmission.org.au**

ALPHA PARISH & SCHOOLS PROGRAM 2023

The Parish Alpha program begins at St Francis Xavier High School Centre on Wednesday 31 May at 6.00pm. If you wish to be a participant please register by filling in the form located on the table near the Sacred Heart window. Those wishing to volunteer their services as welcomers, kitchen hands or cooks are asked to add their names to the list located on the same table. Any additional enquiries contact Michael 0419 982 574 or Fran 0408 268 518.

SACRED HEART FOOTY TIPPING LADDER

Listed are the top ten participants and their scores as of the end of Round 7—Fr Martin, Bede Hart 45; Kay Locke 44; Gen Green, Naughton Family 42; Ray Trebilcock, Joseph Kipper, Val Hayes, Carmel Butts 41; Liz Phegan 40. But I did get **9** last week! Thanks to Cathy Nyhan for her collaboration in retrieving the scores.

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.

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.

This week we commemorated International Nurses Day.

Below is a prayer written by the Sisters of St Joseph for those entrusted with the vocation and ministry of nursing.

Nurses Prayer

May the wellspring of compassion
be open to you.
May soothing words find a home in you.
May tenderness bless you
as you reach out to comfort
in body, mind and spirit.
In the midst of fear or frustration
may courage be given to you.
May patience keep vigil with you and
peace of mind calm you.
May your heart find a song to sing
even when you are weary.
May abundant love lift you and
gratitude bless you as you
Live the mission of care entrusted to you.

EASTER WATER

Small bottles of water blessed at the Easter Vigil are still available in the baskets on the sanctuary and on the table near the confessional.

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.

PARISH BIBLE & BETA GROUPS

For the month of May our Bible group continues on Wednesday 24 May and Beta this Wednesday 17 May. You are very welcome to join us. Phone Fran 0408 268 518 or Michael 0419 982 574.

Liturgy of the Word

First reading Acts of the Apostles

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them and they went down there and prayer for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 65

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

Response: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!' **R**

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among all. **R**

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;;
He rules for ever by his might. **R**

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. **R**

A reading from the of First Letter of St Peter.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
And my Father will love them
and we will come to them.
Alleluia, alleluia!



A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 14:14-21

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.' The Gospel of the Lord.