



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.

Easter Vigil / Easter Sunday

Sacred Heart Parish is a Child Safe Community. We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all and a zero tolerance to child abuse.

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BSB: 066 789; **A/c No:** 10000 5574;

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Presbytery A/c **BSB:** 066 789; **A/c No:** 10000 5575

Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable People:

<https://wagga.catholic.org.au/safeguarding-children-adults-at-risk/>

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

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

WEEKDAY MASSES: This Week:

Tuesday 2 April—Mass of Anointing—Mercy Place 2.00pm (Negative RAT test required before 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 at 9.30am mass during school terms.

Reflection On Easter

Our journey through Lent is over, we have removed our purple cloths, we have decorated our churches and altars with flowers and we can now sing our Gloria and Alleluia with joy and celebration. The Lord is risen!

The Easter gospel names three people: Mary Magdalene, Peter and the 'disciple who Jesus loved.' By not being named, this disciple is in fact all of us, each of us are the 'disciple whom Jesus loves.' Mary, faithful to the end goes to the tomb and although it is dark, sees the stone has been removed. She quickly runs and tells the others what she has seen and experienced; an empty tomb, burial cloths, and a head covering in another place. Having told the others, they too go to them tomb. They also see, but they more than just see. They see and believe. They see and believe with their hearts. The mystery of the resurrection is able to be seen because God gives us the eyes of faith.

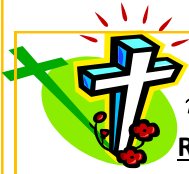
Today with Christians all over the world, let us follow Mary's example, let us too stand at the empty tomb and believe and then have the courage to proclaim the good news of the resurrection. This Easter, may what we believe in our hearts, profess with our lips, be seen in the work of our hands and the quality of our daily lives. Alleluia. Let us pray that the Spirit inspires us. May our hearts help us know and proclaim the truth of Easter.

*The Risen Christ is the all-embracing, loving incarnation of the Divine,
extended without limit, totally inclusive, unconditionally welcoming.*

Christ is risen, the light has dawned, and hope is born anew.

*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.
Alleluia!*

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Archbishop Francis Carroll, Julie Morgan, Tom Quinn, Malcolm McKenzie-McHarg, Katherine Crowe, Liane Link, Tony Crimmins, Ruth Shanahan, Robin Kosmak, Wilma Friedlieb.

ANNIVERSARIES: Billie Walsh, Charles Borg, John Gale, Sue Thompson, Michael Bereza, Anne Whitfield Bep Van Kerk Oerle, Jack Dempsey, Penny Johnson, Mary Cromerty, Kathrina Schieber, Delma Mullavey, Shirley Foster, Pamela Quin, Patti Crozier, Geraldine Grimson, Mary Benefield, Mary Curley, Evelyn Esler, Kevin Lester, Bob Gray, John Smith, Patricia, Darbyshire, Robert Newberry, Joyce Lawson, David Paull.

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: 30th / 31st March

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	No Commentator needed	Narelle Naughton
Lector 1	Kaye Deanshaw (1)	Samuel Serbinek
Lector 2	Genn Hamam (2) Sr Carina Morton (3) Brigita Serbinek (4) N.T. Reading	Brigita Serbinek
Eucharistic Ministers	Anna Farrell Trish Parkinson Sr Patricia Weekes	Pamela McIntosh Sue Betts Volunteer needed
Cantor Musicians	CHOIR	Margy & Ed Brown
Counters:		

Sat / Sun: 6th / 7th April

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Damian Carroll	Ed Brown
Lector 1	Catherine Cutler	Margy Brown
Lector 2	Kaye Deanshaw	John Dowling
Eucharistic Ministers	Anna Farrell Michael Regan	Mercedes Goss Marisa Hart Sr Patricia Weekes
Cantor Musicians	Judy Lindsay Val Hayes	Bernadette, Helen and Wendy
Counters: Lachlan McIntyre & Wendy McFerran		

An Easter Prayer

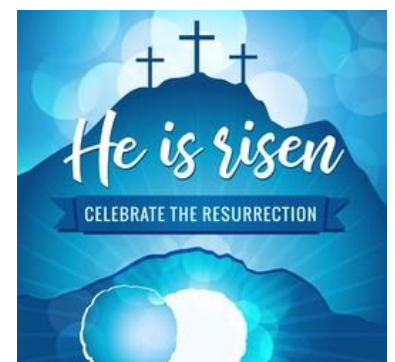
Good and gracious God, We give you praise for an even greater sign of new life: the resurrection of your Son, that we especially celebrate at this time.

For the Resurrection is our guarantee that justice will triumph over treason, Light will overcome darkness, and love will conquer death.

As we celebrate, we also dare to ask for your grace that we may live the promise given to us, by imitating the life of Jesus in reaching out to the poor, the marginalized, the least among us, as we strive to be neighbor to all those we meet,

We praise you in this Easter season. Change our lives, change our hearts to be messengers of Easter joy and hope.

We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord forever!



Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

“Today the power of Easter calls you to roll away every stone of disappointment and mistrust. The Lord is an expert in rolling back the stones of sin and fear. He wants to illuminate your sacred memory, your most beautiful memory, to make you relive your first encounter with him.”

Parish News

In leading us through the last days of Jesus life, the Liturgy of Holy Week moves us through the brutality of Good Friday to the lightness of Easter Sunday. We see the depths of human pain, rejection and death experienced as failure give way to joy of life, surprise and hope.

If we look more closely at the stories of Jesus' death and those of his rising from the dead, we can see differences in the way they are told. The stories of Jesus' death focus on Jesus – on what he says and on what is done to him in all its savage detail. We see his determination, his terror, his betrayal and capture, his mocking by soldiers, his scourging, his unjust trial, his carrying of his cross, and his death on the cross. The stories focus on his response to these things he suffers. The feelings and actions of others, such as the disciples' abandoning him, the crowd's rage, Pontius Pilate's handwringing, the soldier's brutality and the women's faithfulness, are described only to focus on Jesus' own experience. In Mark's account the focus that experience is of Jesus the victim, in Luke's Gospel that of Jesus in his relationships, and in John's Gospel, that of Jesus the Lord.

The stories of Jesus' rising, on the other hand, focus on the experience of the disciples as they are awakened to Jesus' presence among them. Jesus is as ethereal and above suffering and the constraints of humanity in these stories as he is subject to them in the stories of his Passion. The stories explain what the disciples make of the signs that Jesus has risen. They are puzzled and devastated to see the tomb open and empty, and paralysed at being told that Jesus has risen and that they must give instructions to the disciples. They fail to do so. In the stories of the appearances, they are initially fearful as Jesus passes through walls and locked doors to appear to them. Mary Magdalene is overcome with grief and fails to recognise him. So do the disciples on the way to Emmaus. As Jesus keeps appearing to them, however, the disciples are gradually brought together as they come to believe, are overjoyed, and are given new life by their acceptance that he has risen. The disciples who run away from the brutal finality of the death recognise Jesus and return to Jerusalem to join the others. Thomas, who is sceptical and isolated, meets Jesus with the others and joins them in fishing and their eating together on the beach. The whole world in its ordinary relationships gradually becomes sacred.

All these details emphasise that the Resurrection is about faith and meeting Jesus in the community. We are led to think less about what Jesus does and how he does it, and more about our meeting and how to respond to him. The world of Herod, Pilate and the Roman soldiers is still with us and threatens to overpower us. But faith in the risen Jesus has given us a perspective from which it looks totally changed. The brutal reality of Jesus' execution is no longer a locked door that has excluded goodness and hope but an open door through which God's love and calling are visible.

FOOTBALL TIPPING

We are off and racing with 31 participants!
Early leader board: 17 Coyle Family; 16 Bede Hart; 15 Matty Boyd, Eamonn Buckley, Carmel Butts, Judy Lindsay, Kay Locke, Brian Millgate, John O'Keeffe, Richard Power.

MORNING TEA

Our monthly morning tea will be held next Sunday at the conclusion of our celebration of 9.30am Eucharist. All welcome to join us in parish hall.

APLHA 2024 PROGRAM—Launch Weekend

The Parish Alpha program is commencing on 30 April in the parish hall. This year it will be held on Tuesday mornings at 10.30am during term 2. We are inviting anyone who wishes to participate or help in any way. Please meet our team members who will be available to answer any questions after mass next Saturday/Sunday 6/7 April.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place this Thursday 4 April at 6.00pm in the Parish Hall. If you have agenda items to be discussed at the upcoming meeting these need to be sent to the Minutes Secretary Marjorie Serbinek: m4serbinek@gmail.com the Monday before the scheduled meeting.

EASTER WATER / BLESSING CARDS

A small container of Easter Water is available for you near the Paschal Candle and Easter Blessing cards at 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.

We welcome members of the Trebilcock / Walsh family and all families who join us to celebrate the light that our faith in the risen Christ brings to our lives.

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.

Happy Easter, everyone!

CONFIRMATION 2024

Friday 14 June at 6.00pm in Sacred Heart Church.
Parent / Student Reflection / Information evening this **Wednesday 3 April** in St Anne's School Hall at 6.00pm.

PROJECT COMPASSION—Easter Sunday 2024

Thank you for your continued support to Project Compassion. Together we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *for all future generations*. Please bring your project compassion boxes or envelopes back as soon as possible so we can send off to Caritas.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself; and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses—we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead—and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness; that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.' 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: *This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.*

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
For his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' **R**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. **R**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **R**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed—and he is your life—you too will be revealed in all your glory with him. The word of the Lord.



A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20: 1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb,' she said, 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead. The Gospel of the Lord.