



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 Lent 16/17 March 2024

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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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: 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.



Project Compassion 's Impact Fifth Sunday of Lent

As we approach the climax of our Lenten journey, this week's readings ask questions about our hearts. The psalm begs 'a pure heart create for me, O God.' Those words invite the Lord to come right inside us, into the very core of our being. The prophet Jeremiah quotes the Lord as saying, 'deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts.' In other words, we won't find God's most intimate whisperings to us just in books or lectures. We will find it when we are genuinely in touch with our core, our most intimate space. God's love is inscribed on our hearts.

The word 'caritas' means love. The work of Caritas Australia is a heartfelt response to the needs of the world, one that gives expression to our shared hope. Caritas always works in partnership with others. During Lent, as we have listened to the experience of people we have helped through our support of Project Compassion, we will have noticed that life-giving partnerships with groups on the ground in many countries make this possible.

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the grain of wheat that must die to create a rich harvest. Of course, he is referring to his own passion. But there is a message here for us all. 'Anyone who loves their life will lose it.' We are called to wear our hearts on our sleeves. To reach beyond the safe and familiar.

We pray for all who go out of their way to bring God's love to others, especially to those most in need. We pray in gratitude for the many partners of Caritas Australia who ensure our contributions to Project Compassion reach the places they are needed.



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, Liane Link, Tony Crimmins, Ruth Shanahan, Robin Kosmak, Patrea Turton, Francis McFarland, Wilma Friedlieb.

ANNIVERSARIES: Remy Hackett, Cletus Ball, Allan Scholz, Sr Carmel Clancy, Bill McNamee, Susan Dawson, Katerina Serbinek, Helen Faulkner, Dario Zanardo, Domenica Malez, Richard Ratajczyk and Joyce Corrigan.

Gather our loved ones into your arms. Quiet our doubt and anger and send us your healing grace. Through Christ our Lord.

This week we welcome into the



community of the Christian church through the sacrament of Baptism:

Spencer Adrian Irons

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 16th / 17th March

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Justin Clancy	Cathy Nyhan
	Catherine Cutler	Lorraine Willis
	Michael Byrnes	Roy Thompson
Eucharistic Ministers	Pauline Mulquiney	Mercedes Goss
	Anna Farrell	Carey Menz-Dowling Moiria Porta
Cantor Musicians	Brian Waters/John van Lint	Lachlan McIntyre Val Hayes
	Judy Foley	

Counters: Judy Warren & Michael Byrnes

Sat / Sun: 23rd / 24th March

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Colleen Day	Bede Hart
	Paula Waters	Mary Hunt
	Justin Clancy	John Dowling
Eucharistic Ministers	Michael Regan	Trish Parkinson
	Adrian Mitchelhill	Eamonn Buckley Marisa Hart
Cantor Musicians	Brian Waters/John van Lint	Heath Neville Ashleigh Donaldson
	Judy Foley	

Counters: Gemma

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death."

LENTEN PRAYER

Loving God,

We come before you as a community grateful for the gift of the Holy Spirit bestowed upon us at our Baptism, as a manifestation of your love dwelling within our hearts.

Help us to grow in our awareness of the Spirit's guidance and promptings, that we may listen attentively and respond with love and compassion.

Grant us the grace to choose, again and again, the path of suffering love, just as Jesus did.

As we reflect on our day, may we humbly recognise the moments where we fell short of your love.

We ask for the help of the Holy Spirit to guide us in making amends and choosing the way of love and life.

May the Spirit's presence within us inspire us to grow in virtue and to become instruments of your love in the world.

We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Parish News

ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS CARROLL

9 September 1930 - 14 March 2024

Arch Bishop Francis Carroll died peacefully at Calvary Hospital, Wagga Wagga on 14th March 2024. Arrangements for his funeral services are as follows:

Vigil Gathering

St Brendan's Church, Ganmain, to be held on Tuesday 19th March 2024 at 5:30pm

Solemn Mass

A Solemn Pontifical Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Archbishop Carroll will be held at St Michael's Cathedral, Wagga Wagga on Wednesday 20th March 2024 at 11am

Burial

Burial will take place in the crypt of St Christopher's Cathedral, Canberra, following the Funeral Mass to be held there on Thursday 21st March 2024 at 11am

EASTER CEREMONIES / MASS TIMES 2024

Holy Thursday (28 March)

Mass of the Lord's Supper 6.00pm

Good Friday (29 March)

Stations of the Cross in Sacred Heart Church 10.30am

Hot cross buns afterwards in the Parish Hall

The Lord's Passion 3.00pm

Easter Saturday Vigil (30 March) 6.00pm

Easter Sunday (31 March) 9.30am

HOLY WEEK ROSTER We need readers, commentators and Eucharistic Ministers for holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. Please add your name to the list located at the Swan Street entrance.

CHOIR FOR EASTER CEREMONIES

Calling all choir members and other singers who may like to join our choir. Next practice is on Wednesday 20 March @ 7pm. Contact Val Hayes on 0422 953 771. A third practice could be organised if needed.

CATHOLIC DEB BALL 2024

An invitation to anyone interested in information on this year's Catholic Deb, a really fun night for any Year 11 or Year 12 student (past and present). Debutantes, partners please bring a parent each.

Information Night—Monday 18 March @ 6.15pm in the Sacred Heart Church hall (will take about 1/2 hour).

Dates For Deb—Friday 28 June & Saturday 29 June 2024. We are looking at running 2 nights depending on numbers.

For further info please contact Tierre 0428 432 732 or Suzi 0418 607 350.

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUP

Our final gathering takes place this Tuesday 19 March in the Parish Hall at 7.00pm. All welcome.

PROJECT COMPASSION—Fifth Sunday of Lent

This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women: Ronita from the Philippines, Leaia from Samoa and Memory from Malawi. While from three different corners of the world and facing vastly different challenges, they are all united by one dream: to create a better world *for all future generations*.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or call 1800 024

BONSAI UNDER LIGHTS

Fundraising Event for Murray Concert Choir

Come and join us for a beautiful, unique display of Albury's largest collection of bonsai, accompanied by the soothing sound of the Murray Concert Choir and a display of botanic artwork.

Friday 22 March with choir performance. \$20 entry includes wine and cheese.

Saturday 23 March bonsai and art display only \$10 entry. Valibo Nursery, 534 Urana Road Lavington entry via Barney's Rubble. Daytime viewing 10.0am-3.00pm. Gold coin donation.

Dr Andrew Watson Diocesan Director of Catholic Education APPOINTMENT—INTERIM PRINCIPAL 2024 ST ANNE'S SCHOOL NORTH ALBURY

As advised last week, Mr Bede Hart, after 15 years as Principal of St Anne's Primary School will be retiring at the end of Term 2. I thank Bede for his leadership and dedicated commitment to the St Anne's community and Catholic Education and wish him all the very best in retirement.

We will shortly be commencing the recruitment process for the next Principal of St Anne's Primary School to commence at the beginning of 2025. CEDWW will work in partnership with ANZUK Executive, a recruitment company specialising in the appointment of senior and executive school leadership positions.

In the interim Bishop Mark Edwards has approved the appointment of Mr Michael Gallagher as Interim Principal from July 8 2024.

Michael is an experienced educator with over 30 years experience in Catholic schools across a number of Dioceses in New South Wales. His most recent appointment was Safeguarding Officer for Edmund Rice Education Australia and prior to that had been Principal for 11 years at St Joseph's Primary School Narrabeen and St Kieran's Primary School Manly Vale, both within the Broken Bay Diocese. Prior to this Michael was also an Assistant Principal and Religious Education Coordinator. Michael holds a Bachelor of Education, a Master of Religious Education and a Master of Educational Leadership, all from the Australian Catholic University.

As a recent experienced and well qualified principal Michael has the wisdom, experience and expertise to provide support, assistance and advice at St Anne's Primary School while CEDWW undertakes a thorough and comprehensive recruitment process.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Prophet Jeremiah

See the days are coming—it is the Lord who speaks— when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when these days arrive—it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest—it is the Lord who speaks— since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 50

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

Response: *Create a clean heart in me, O God.*

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **R**

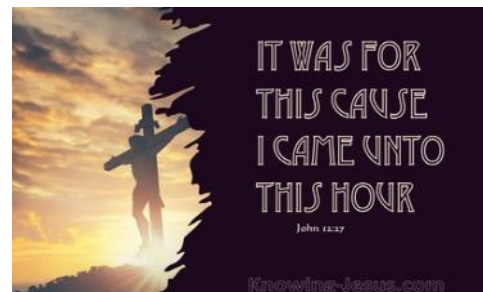
A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R**

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. **R**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation. The word of the Lord.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be..
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!



A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 12: 20-30

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

' Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say; Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by who heard this said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, ' It was not for my sake that this voice came but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die. The Gospel of the Lord.