



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.

Palm Sunday 23 /24 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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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: Name # Please contact Office for a number

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:

Wednesday 27 March 9.30am

Thursday 28 March Mass of the Lord's Supper **6.00pm**

Friday 29 March Ecumenical Stations of the Cross in Sacred Heart Church **10.30am**

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion **3.00pm**

Saturday 30 March Easter Vigil **6.00pm**

Sunday 31 March Easter Morning Mass **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 Holy Week Project Compassion

We see images of the cross everywhere from school uniforms to hospital buildings. Perhaps it is so commonplace that it doesn't stop us in our tracks the way it should. The cross of Jesus is the best key we have for understanding the mystery of God's love. God's compassion for the human family took Jesus to a lonely and brutal execution. Jesus was the victim of appalling injustice and degradation. His experience asks us to try to make the world more just and to revere the dignity of every person. 'Whatsoever you do to the least of my sisters and brothers, you do to me.' This is part of the reason why Project Compassion has, for 60 years, been part of our Lenten observance.

This year, Holy Week begins with the reading of the passion story from Mark's Gospel. Even in busy lives, we should try to set time aside to spend with this extraordinary story, not to rush it. Gently take a little at a time and ask for the grace to be close to Jesus. In the Spiritual Exercises, St Ignatius asks us 'to consider how the divinity hides itself.' In other words, this is humanity stripped bare. One way to spend time with the passion story is to take a different character each day and quietly ponder what it looked like to them and what they may have felt.

Here is a suggestion:

Sunday: Judas Iscariot

Monday: Simon Peter

Tuesday: The high priest

Wednesday: Pontius Pilate

Thursday: Simon of Cyrene

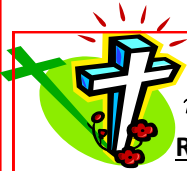
Friday: The centurion

Saturday: Mary of Magdala



Let us remember a beautiful prayer of just seven words that was taught to Pope Francis by his grandmother:
Jesus, make my heart more like yours.

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: Joe Ratcliffe, Inge Husz, Robert Nichols, Garry Rake, Charles Borg, Robert Killelea, Mary Cudmore, Connie Barber, Billie Walsh, Robert Greal, Jack Livsey, Mary Scott, Catherine Caton, George O'Neill, Michael Mitchell, Harry Flood, Margaret O'Dwyer, Ethel Shipard, Lindsay Anderson, Darryn Graeber, Glenn McPherson, Kathleen Johnson, Robert Salzke, Leonard Vogel, William Grant, Catherine Condon, Penny Murphy, Wayne Johnson, Bill McGrath, Catherine Brogan, Jack Livermore.

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: 23rd / 24th March

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

Easter Vigil 30th March/ Easter Sunday 31st March

| Ministry | Vigil | 9.30am |
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| Commentator | No Commentator needed | Volunteer please |
| 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 please |
| Cantor | Choir | |
| Musicians | | |
| Counters: | | |

Prayer for Holy Week

May I seek you evermore as I walk with you through this Holy Week and beyond.

Give me grace and mercy, give me guidance when I am not sure which way to go, and give me wisdom to trust you in all things. For your love brings light and life to all who seek it.

Lord, look at me, accept my prayer as you accepted Peter's prayer, and let me not run away from you in the night. Bless me, Lord, in this Holy Week, and give me the grace to know your loving presence more intimately.

Amen.



Choir Practice

Final practice will be on Wednesday 27 March at 7.00pm. Not too late to join us. Contact Val 0422 953 771



Parish News

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

Holy Thursday (28 March)

Mass of the Lord's Supper **6.00pm**

Good Friday (29 March)

Ecumenical Stations of the Cross in Sacred Heart Church
10.30am

Hot cross buns shared afterwards in the Parish Hall.

Commemoration of The Lord's Passion **3.00pm**

Easter Saturday Vigil (30 March) 6.00pm

Easter Sunday (31 March) 9.30am

Thanks to all those who have already volunteered to exercise the ministries of reader / commentator / Eucharistic Minister during Holy Week.

We are still seeking a Commentator for Easter Sunday morning. Please add your name to the list at the Swan Street entrance.

SACRED HEART PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Membership 2024:

Fr Martin Cruickshank, Ed Brown (Chair), Marjorie Serbinek (Secretary), Lyn Hamilton (Secretary), Louise Fifield, Bede Hart (Principal, St Anne's), Sr Anne Hagan, Brian Waters, Narelle Naughton, Michael Regan, Joseph Kipper Gush Kipper, Cathy Nyhan, Susan McLaurin, Chris Wenke, Lorraine Willis, Adrian Mitchelhill, Carey Menz-Dowling.

Next Meeting: **Thursday 4 April** in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 6.00pm.

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 by the Monday before the scheduled meeting.

SMART LOVING—A Marriage Enrichment Course

The SmartLoving trial was successfully held on 11 & 12 November, 2023 at the Hume Weir Resort.

The course designed by Francine and Bryon Pirola aimed to strengthen relationships through an enrichment experience that certainly refreshed and renewed marriages. The course consisted of 5 modules (Mission Marriage; Love Deconstructed; Let's Talk about Sex and From Me to We) which focused at providing tools for communication and transformation. The feedback from the weekend was very positive, with couples utilizing the suggested communication tool kit and relationship hints.

A huge thanks to Fran and Bryon, who provided advice and direction on leading the weekend. To Anne and John Keogh, for their personal advice and encouragement. Also to Shannon who arranged the conference room.

Our team is now seeking interest in couples attending the course (over two weekends), during the month of June. If you and your partner are interested in being involved in this exciting program, could you please add your name to the list located on the tables at either the Mate Street or Swan Street entrances.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Bible study group continues this Wednesday 27 March in the parish hall at 7.00pm. All welcome.

NEW ROSTER FOR E.M. AND LECTORS—Now available on side table at Swan Street entrance to church.

theLight Albury Wodonga, your favourite radio station, has recently moved to a new home, our new frequency is **98.3 FM**. This move had been awaiting approval from the ACMA for almost a decade but is finally here. The signal is now stronger, reaching over 120,000 people every day. theLight remains committed to supporting the local Church and spreading God's truth through stories that transform lives. We continue to witness God's work through this local ministry. Recently, a young girl shared with our team that "theLight saved her life". This is why we exist to broadcast 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, broadcasting hope and truth, to work with the Church and save lives. Tune in today to 98.3theLight—Music with Meaning!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—St Anne's & Xavier

Stations of the Cross will be held in the classrooms of St Anne's Primary School next Wednesday 27 March 6.00pm to 7.30pm. You are free to move from station to station at your convenience. All welcome.

Combined Stations of the Cross conducted by St Anne's School and Xavier High School next Thursday 28 March in Xavier High School Centre at 10.00am. All welcome.

MILESTONES

We offer our congratulations to Marie and John Van Lint who celebrated 50 years of marriage last weekend.

And Alanah & Kevin Wesley who celebrated 40 years of marriage last weekend.

May the Lord in his goodness deepen their commitment to one another and bless them with God's abundant love.

We also recognise Leanne Allibon (30 years) and Gemma Burke (40 years) service to teaching in our diocese. What a great source of blessing they are.

CONFIRMATION 2024

Bishop Mark Edwards will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation in our parish community on Friday 14 June at 6.00pm in Sacred Heart Church.

Parents of catholic candidates not attending St Anne's Primary School (**Yr 6 & beyond**) 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 / Information evening Wednesday 3 April in St Anne's School Hall at 6.00pm.

SAVE THE DATE—Spirit Weavers Retreat

An upcoming retreat is planned for 10 August 2024 at Xavier High School inviting all men and women. More information to come. Brochures are available at the back of the Church.

Website: spiritweaverswagga.com.au

PROJECT COMPASSION—PALM SUNDAY 2024

With the support of compassionate people like you, many are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities to create a better world *for all future generations*.

There is still time to donate through Project Compassion boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or phone 1800 024 413.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Prophet Isaiah

The Lord God has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied, he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple.

The Lord God has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord God comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be ashamed.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 21

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

Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.

They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;

let him release him if this is his friend.' **R**

Many dogs have surrounded me,

a band of the wicked beset me.

They tear holes in my hands and my feet.

I can count every one of my bones. **R**

They divide my clothing among them.

They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone,

my strength, make haste to help me! **R**

I will tell of your name to my brothers

and praise you where they are assembled.

'You who fear the Lord give him praise;

all sons of Jacob, give him glory.

Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.



**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death,
dying on the cross.**

**Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark11: 1-10

When they were approaching Jerusalem, in sight of Bethphage and Bethany, close to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go off to the village facing you and as soon as you enter it you will find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone says to you, 'What are you doing?' say, 'The Master needs it and will send it back here directly.' They went off and found a colt tethered near a door in the open street. As they untied it some men standing there said, 'What are you doing, untying that colt?' They gave the answer Jesus had told them and the men let them go. Then they took the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on its back and he sat on it.

Many people spread their cloaks on the road, others greenery which they had cut in the fields. And those who were in front and those who followed were all shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father, David! Hosanna in the highest heavens!' The Gospel of the Lord.