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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.

Third Sunday of Lent 2/3 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.

Parish Clergy:

Fr Martin Cruickshank—Parish Priest

Parish Office 9am-2pm

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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 & Friday 9.30am

Tuesday: Mass of Anointing of the sick

Mercy Place Chapel—2.00pm

(Negative RAT required before entry)

Commissioning Mass for teachers and staff of Catholic schools in our deanery—5.30pm—Sacred Heart Church. All welcome.

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 Story—Third Sunday of Lent

Leaia's Story



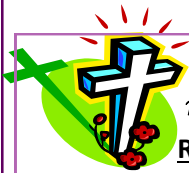
Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result. Leaia lives with her five children, husband, brother, and sister-in-law on the island of Upolu in Samoa. Not having access to clean water for their daily lives has caused Leaia a lot of worry.

Their home is not connected to a piped water system, so they used to rely solely on rainwater collected in old fridges. When their water ran out, she had to walk with her young children to collect water in buckets and containers from a neighbour down the street

With the support of Caritas Australia's local partner, Caritas Samoa, a water tank was installed at their home. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water at home. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions. "We are very thankful and grateful for the water tank. It has helped us so much and made our daily life easier," Leaia said.

We pray that we will deepen our faith over the whole of our lives. May we be open to the many lessons God wants to teach us. Through Project Compassion, may we support the journey of all to fullness of life. .

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Ruth Shanahan, Robin Kosmak, Patrea Turton, Francis McFarland, Wilma Friedlieb, Angela Poole.

ANNIVERSARIES: Robert McIntosh, Philip Rolfe, Timothy Landy, Peter Gill, Billy Clarke, Juanita Jervois, Ken Ovington, Geoff Frauenfelder, Pat Hagan, Albert Finnister, Graham Ledwidge, Fr Tony Fitzgerald, Jessie Klippel, Philippa Hailey, George Devcich, Denis Maloney, Henry Carter, Milton Mulholand, Thelma Conroy, Colin & Dianne Surridge, Esther Smith, Kevin Gordon, Vic Dolenc, George McArdle, Tim Robb, Fred Brooner, Dave Murray, Ned McSweeney, Terry Conway, Wilfred Fallet, Mary Jory.

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:

Olivia Georgia Baird

Daughter of David & Bernette

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 2nd / 3rd March

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Justin Clancy	Richard Parkinson
Lector 1	Catherine Cutler	Brigita Serbinek
Lector 2	Volunteer	Roy Thompson
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Hopkins Kaye Deanshaw	Eamonn Buckley Trish Parkinson Sue Betts
Cantor Musicians	John van Lint/Brian Waters Judy Foley	Margie, Ed and Heath
Counters: Margaret Brown & Moira Porta		

Sat / Sun: 9th / 10th March

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Volunteer	Sr Carina Morton
Lector 1	Colleen Day	Liz Phegan
Lector 2	Paula Waters	Sr Patricia Weekes
Eucharistic Ministers	Michael Regan Kaye Deanshaw	Sue Betts Narelle Naughton Cathy Nyhan
Cantor Musicians	Judy Lindsay Judy Foley	David Hicks
Counters: Anne Gordes & Lorraine Willis		

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"The commandments are the path to freedom because they are the word of the father who sets us free. The world does not need legalism, but care. It needs Christians with the heart of children . "

Project Compassion Prayer

God of all hope
we pray for our world with all its beauty
and need.

We thank you for the love in our lives that
is a mirror of your unending love.

May all creation know your compassion
this Lent and may we take courage to
share it, especially with those who don't
have what they need.

In our time, we hear the same words you
spoke to Moses: 'I will be with you,' when
you ask us to do courageous things.

Through our prayer, fasting and
almsgiving, move us to act in the
company of your Spirit, showing
compassion and acting for justice to
renew the face of the Earth now and for
all future generations.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen



Parish News

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. Meeting Dates: **Thursday 7 March; 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.

Commissioning Mass for Teachers and Staff of Catholic Schools

Our Albury (Murray) deanery commissioning mass for staff of catholic schools will be celebrated by Bishop Mark Edwards at Sacred Heart this Tuesday 5 March at 5.30pm.

All welcome to join us as we pray for the staff of our local catholic schools and the children and young people under their care.

AUTUMN EDITION—AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

The autumn edition of 'Australian Catholics' has arrived. This edition explores how Christian communities live out what we call the Stations of the Cross either by showing resilience or by helping people carry their crosses. Please take and distribute your free copies.

We Need Your HELP!

An invitation to participate in the ministries of Reader / Commentator, Eucharistic Minister, Counter.

With the movement of people over the summer break we need to revise and update our liturgical ministries.

If you are able to offer your gifts as a reader / commentator, eucharistic minister or counter please add your name and contact to one or more of the lists provided.

If you are already on the list and are willing to continue in this roll you don't have to do anything. If for whatever reason you want your name removed please contact the parish office.

Reader / Commentator: Involved in setting the scene / prayers and proclaiming the liturgy of the word at both weekend masses (6.00pm & 9.30am). You can indicate your preference for time and ministry (reader/commentator).

Extra-ordinary Ministers of Eucharist: Involved at both masses for distribution of Eucharist. New ministers can be commissioned.

Counters: We are in urgent need of new counters for 1st & 2nd collections. Either Sunday morning after mass or Monday morning 9.00am in our parish office. 1/2 hour max.

If you are not currently on the roster for one of the above ministries and are able to contribute in this way please add your name to the lists at the Swan Street entrance. Remember if it is to be it is up to me!

SACRED HEART FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

Who needs games in Las Vegas! Our footy tipping competition springs into action this coming **Thursday** with four games in the opening round.

Sydney Swans v Melbourne; Brisbane Lions v Carlton; Gold Coast v Richmond; GWS Giants v Collingwood.

Cost \$1 per round = \$24 all up.

Please send all tips for opening round to **sacredheart-na@gmail.com** or leave tips in presbytery letter box. Footy fixtures and tipping sheets available at Swan Street entrance.

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.

MORNING TEA

Please join us for morning tea this Sunday after mass. A special invitation is extended to any new parishioners and those returning to our region. All welcome!

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUP

Please note change of gathering for **this week only**. Now—Monday 4 March at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.

FAREWELL. RUTH SHANAHAN. REST IN PEACE

Our thanksgiving mass in celebration of the life of Ruth Shanahan will take place at Sacred Heart on Thursday 7 March at 11.00am. Ruth made a huge contribution to the education of young people in our diocese. She taught at Holy Spirit Lavington, St Anne's North Albury and St Patrick's Albury. She was assistant and acting Principal at St Anne's and served as Principal at St Patrick's Albury for ten years until her retirement in 1998. Let us continue to support her husband Pat and their children in prayer.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Great Food—Great Fellowship—All men welcome On Saturday 9 March in the Sacred Heart Hall, Mate Street North Albury at 7.45am. Speaker: Heath Neville from Xavier High School. Funds raised go towards SRE.

Enquiries: Kip **0417 669 717** or asleeper@bigpond.com

PROJECT COMPASSION—Third Sunday of Lent

Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for **Leaia** and her family. But with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

Please donate to Project Compassion

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *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 024 413.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Book of Exodus (Shortened Form)

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no gods except me. You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it. Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey or anything that is his.' The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 18

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

Response: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **R**

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. **R**

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **R**

They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb. **R**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Romans

While Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord.



**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
That all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Praise to your, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 2: 13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up'. The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about anyone; he could tell what a person had in them. The Gospel of the Lord.