



***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 Easter 27/28 April 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**

**Gemma Whitehead—Monday**

**Fran Kernaghan—Wednesday & Friday**

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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**

**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.**

### **BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

**Our parish bible study group continues every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 7.00pm in the parish hall.**

### **ANZAC Day - Reflection and Prayer**

Martin Flanagan, the Australian writer and historian says that when he is asked to talk to young Australians about World War I he gets one third of them to stand in a group. To them he says 'You're the ones who came back with your lives and bodies intact'.

To the other two thirds he says 'You're the ones who were either killed or maimed or wounded'.

Australia's first battalion landed on the shores of Gallipoli in the dark of the early morning 25 April 1915. From that original 1st battalion of 800, casualties by 1918 would total 715 - almost the whole unit.

Our commemoration of ANZAC Day always falls during the Christian feast of Easter. It was early morning and still dark when those first disciples saddened and grieving reached the tomb - but what they expected to find - the dead, lifeless body of Jesus was not there.

May the crucified yet risen Christ point to a way of living which alleviates suffering, promotes healing and forgiveness and rejects the madness of war.

May the Christian and ANZAC principles of integrity, compassion, courage and committed self giving love continue to shape the direction of our personal and communal lives.

***God of love and liberty, we thank you for the peace and security we enjoy.***

***It was won for us through the courage and devotion of those who gave their lives in time of war.***

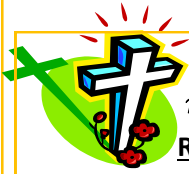
***We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain, but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come.***

***We ask this prayer in the name of Jesus and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.***

### **Recitation of 'The Ode'**

All: They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them. Lest we forget!

# Parish Community



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Bob Endres, Marie St George, Carol Harrington, Peter Dower, Anthony John Bradford, Joan Travers, Drago Valic, Maree O'Brien, Julie Morgan.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Paul Chadwick, Theo Smit, Gerard Sullivan, Mary Galvin, Klarrie Paizis, Shirley Wessen, Merle McCabe, Therese Doherty, Edmund Miles, Hazel Joss, Bernadette Stevens, Jim Purcell, Peter Falvey, Willem Lautenbacher, Harold Dexter, Jessica Lawrence, Zetta Mitchelhill, Barney Zerst, Nell Norman, John Piltz, Claude Zallocco, Mary Doyle, Margaret Roach, Leslie Trezise, Mary Everston, Myra Whitehead.  
*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:*

**Luca Michael Strauss**

*Son of Jamie and Aliesha*

## ROSTERS

**Sat / Sun: 27th / 28th April**

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Justin Clancy	Bede Hart
<b>Lector 1</b>	Adrian Mitchelhill	Kay Morrell
<b>Lector 2</b>	Damian Carroll	Hugh Pinter
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Pat Hopkins Shinead Kilroy	Sandra Temple Dianne Treacy Sue Betts
<b>Cantor Musicians</b>	Judy Lindsay	Lachlan McIntyre Val Hayes
<b>Counters:</b> Jane Togher		

**Sat / Sun: 4th / 5th May**

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Nicole Morton	Margy Brown
<b>Lector 1</b>	Catherine Cutler	Sr Patricia Weekes
<b>Lector 2</b>	Paula Waters	Lorraine Willis
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Michael Regan Justin Clancy	Eamonn Buckley Mercedes Goss Sr Siony
<b>Cantor Musicians</b>	Brian Waters/John van Lint	Lachlan McIntyre Val Hayes
<b>Counters:</b> Richard & Trish Parkinson		

### **Thought for the Week ( Pope Francis):**

"We without Jesus cannot do anything, like the branches without the vine. And He – let me say it – without us it seems that He can do nothing, because the fruit comes from the branches, not the tree, the vine. ."

## Prayer Remembering ANZAC Day

Gracious and loving God, the cross of Christ is the sign of your desire for justice and peace for all. Open our minds to your vision as we remember all who suffered through Australia and New Zealand's involvement in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. Grant all servicepersons who sacrificed health and life for the good of all, the gift of your deep peace. May we who inherit the freedom for which they fought become instruments of your peace in our homes, workplaces and world. Loving God, we pray for all who demonstrate love and peace in our world. May we learn from the past and strive to spread the message of Jesus' love throughout our earth. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen



**ANZAC DAY**  
*Let's Not Forget*

# Parish News

## TO PONDER:

1 John and the Gospel reiterate the need to “remain” in Christ. The Gospel employs familiar imagery from the Hebrew Bible of the vine grower (God and the vineyard (Israel) to describe God’s persistence and love for Israel (see Isa 5:1-7; Jer 2:21). In the Gospel, Jesus calls himself the “true” vine in relation to God the vine-grower, while his followers are the branches. To participate in this dynamic, three-part union, we are to “remain” in Christ by obeying the commandments, at the heart of which are faith and love in action. By remaining in Christ, we will be pruned, we will produce fruit, and ultimately, we will glorify God. What does “remaining” in Christ mean tangibly, in our daily lives?

Saul’s conversion involves a dramatic, bold response to Christ. The disciples are initially wary of this transformation. Their hesitance is an invitation to consider our own reactions to the “Sauls” in our world, and whether we believe transformation is possible in our lives, our families, and our societies. This promise—and the challenge—is that with God’s help and our participation, anything is possible, for anyone.

## APLHA 2024

Alpha begins this Tuesday 30 April in the parish hall at 10.30am. Thank you to those who have registered to attend Alpha and those who have volunteered to help with food, kitchen etc. There is still time to register. Flyers and forms are available at the back of church. Our team members will be available to answer any questions after weekend masses. Phone Fran 0408 268 518.

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Thursday 9 May 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](mailto:m4serbinek@gmail.com) the Monday before the scheduled meeting.

## SACRED HEART FOOTBALL TIPPING

### Leaderboard as of end of Round 6:

A welcome change at the top! **39**—Bede Hart (who knows nothing about AFL), Carmel Butts (who knows more than her husband); **38**—John Dowling, Coyle Family, Val Hayes, Judy Lindsay, Liz Phegan, Richard Power; **37**—Brian Butts, Fr Martin, Liz Jones, Kay Locke; **36**—Genny Green, Brian Millgate, Ray Trebilcock; **35**—Wendy Glazebrook, Kansas Michael, Carey Family; **34**—Eamonn Buckley, Joan Moylan, Cathy Nyhan, Judy Warren; **33**—Matty Boyd, Clancy Family.



## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION—Confirmation 2024

Bishop Mark Edwards will confer the sacrament of confirmation on candidates (usually Yr 6 children and beyond) on Friday 14 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.

### **Parent/Student Reflection and Information Evening:**

Tuesday 7 May 6.00pm in St Anne’s School Hall.

### **Confirmation Commitment Masses (Feast of Pentecost):**

Saturday 18 May 6.00pm and Sunday 19 May 9.30am.

**Confirmation Student Preparation Day:** Thursday 30 May during school hours at St Anne’s Primary School.

## SACRAMENTAL DATES—First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

**The Second Rite of Reconciliation for students (Yr 4 and beyond)** receiving the sacrament of penance for the first time will be held on Tuesday 28 May at 6.00pm in the Sacred Heart Church.

**The Sacrament of First Eucharist** will be held over the weekend of Sept 7/8 at both 6.00pm & 9.30am masses.

## MERCY NIGHT—St Patrick’s Church—7.30pm, 3rd May

Join the Emmanuel Community for a special opportunity to encounter God’s Mercy through Adoration, Confession testimonies and prayer. This event is open to all people wanting to grow closer to the Lord—or even those who want to encounter the Lord for the first time. See flyer in the foyer.

Enquiries: Annie 0427 371 122.

## MORNING TEA

Our monthly morning tea will be held next Sunday 5 May at the conclusion of our celebration of 9.30am Eucharist. Please bring a plate to share. All welcome to join us in parish hall.

## PRIESTLY VOCATIONS DAY

“Is God Calling You” - Vocations Day at Vianney College Wagga Wagga on Saturday 11 May, 2024.

To register: Call Fr Sean Byrnes **02 6921 2164** or email: [byrness2@wagga.catholic.org.au](mailto:byrness2@wagga.catholic.org.au)

See flyer on noticeboard.

## MEN’S BREAKFAST

Great Food—Great Fellowship—All men welcome  
On Saturday 11 May in the Sacred Heart Hall, Mate Street North Albury at 7.45am. Speaker: Leanne Michael  
Funds raised go towards SRE.

Enquiries: Kip **0417 669 717** or [asleeper@bigpond.com](mailto:asleeper@bigpond.com)

## SMART LOVING—A Marriage Enrichment Course

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.



# Liturgy of the Word

## **First Reading: Acts of the Apostles**

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him; they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit. The word of the Lord.

## **Responsorial Psalm 21**

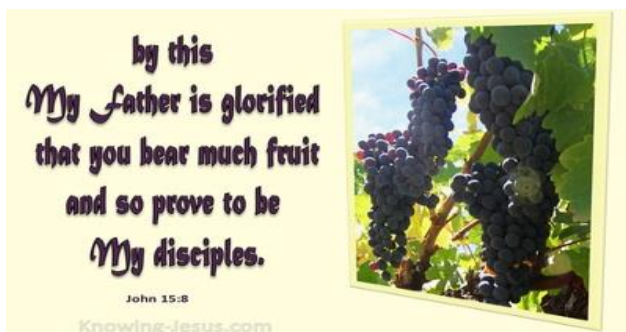
**(When the Psalm is sung, the words will vary slightly but the meaning remains the same. )**

**Response: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.  
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.  
May their hearts live for ever and ever. **R**

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,  
All families of the nations worship before him.  
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;  
Before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **R**

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.  
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,  
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:  
'These things the Lord has done.' **R**



## **A reading from the first letter of St John**

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in them. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.  
The word of the Lord.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord: my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!**

## **A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 15:1-8**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – they wither; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.' The Gospel of the Lord.