



*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.*

## **Fourth Sunday of Easter 20/21 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**

**Thursday 25—Anzac Day 8.00am**

**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 7.30pm in the parish hall.

### **Reflection - Fourth Sunday of Easter.**

We continue our journey through Eastertide, experiencing the joy of the Risen Lord. This fourth Sunday of Easter traditionally features Jesus as the Good Shepherd, and is also kept annually as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

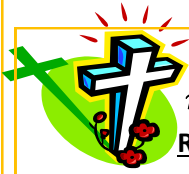
In the First Reading, Peter explains that the miracle he has been able to perform came not from him, but from the name of Jesus Christ, the keystone rejected by the builders. The Psalm, normally sung by pilgrims on their way to Jerusalem, is a thanksgiving prayer from someone who has been rescued from an ordeal. It uses the same cornerstone image as the First Reading. Like Peter, the psalmist acknowledges the Lord as his Saviour.

The writer of the Second Reading stresses that we are God's children. Although we might find the path difficult, and feel unsure of what the future holds, we will be transformed into God's likeness when we meet him. In the Gospel, Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd, who is prepared to lay down his life for us; he knows us intimately and wants to bring everyone into his fold.

***On this Day of Prayer for Vocations, we might pray that everyone should be willing and able to fulfil their own vocation. We continue to pray for war-torn countries, that they will find a Good Shepherd to guide them out of conflict.***



# Parish Community



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Marie St George, Carol Harrington, Peter Dower, Anthony John Bradford (AJ), Joan Travers, Drago Valic, Maree O'Brien, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Julie Morgan, Tony Crimmins.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Noel Balsarini, James Hickey, Yvonne Rosewarne, Geoff Milton, Kerree Pearsons, Mabel Foley, Annie Goodgar, Carmen Dosenko, Isobel Gibbs, Harold Robinson, Madge Trebley, Kathleen Anker, Mary Driscoll, Richard Davis, Edith Adams, Richard Conway, Johnny Coyle, Brian Martin, John Hodda, Jack Donnelly, Lorna Keighran, Wattie Grant, May Cowell, Edward Trim, Raymond Buttell, Neville Kliese, Vilem Dosek, Colin McNamee, Erin Corboy, Jenny Hawkins, Mary Prince, Ronald Murray.

*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:*

**Sidney Vern John McNeill**  
son of Joshua and Meg

**Elsie Helen Skinner**  
daughter of Michael and Alicia

## ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 20th / 21st April

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Jan Skinner	Narelle Naughton
<b>Lector 1</b>	Kaye Deanshaw	Cathy Nyhan
<b>Lector 2</b>	Paula Waters	Roy Thompson
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Pauline Mulquiney Anna Farrell	Carey Menz-Dowling Trish Parkinson Moira Porta
<b>Cantor</b>	John van Lint/Brian Waters	David Hicks
<b>Musicians</b>		Val Hayes

Counters: Gordon Bryant & Laurie Moylan

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</b>	Judy Lindsay	David Hicks
<b>Musicians</b>		Val Hayes

Counters: Jane Togher

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

"To be pilgrims of hope and builders of peace, then, means to base our lives on the rock of Christ's resurrection, knowing that every effort made in the vocation that we have embraced and seek to live out, will never be in vain."

### Prayer to Follow Jesus,

#### the Good Shepherd

Gentle Jesus, compassionate and caring Good Shepherd, help me to follow You faithfully. Strengthen me daily with Your love, and guide me along life's paths.

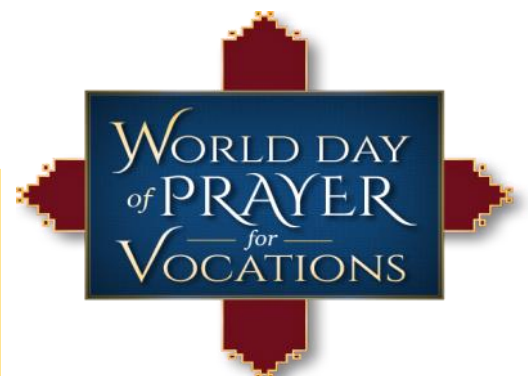
Keep me free from every evil, protect me from sickness and danger, and lead me to serve You with all my mind and heart and soul.

Hear my needs and grant my petitions, especially those intentions important to me at this time:

Bless me each day with peace of mind and heart.

May I experience Your saving power in my daily life,

as I await the fullness of life and joy with You forever. Amen.



# Parish News

## TO PONDER:

The scene of healing in Acts witnesses to the resurrection Christ's great act of love that heals or redeems us all. Like the early disciples, we are also called to participate in this vision of redemptive love. To do so is to know God and be "children of God," as 1 John states. The Gospel further describes what it means to act according to Jesus's example of the good shepherd. To pray and act as the good shepherd brings us to a greater level of compassion and generosity toward all people, particularly the "lost sheep" whom nobody loves. During this season of resurrection, may we continue to pray for the grace to follow Christ's example of redemptive love, and to see that love flowing through those around us.

According to Acts, Jesus was rejected yet became the "cornerstone" or foundation of our faith. To follow Christ's example is hard work. It means being similarly misunderstood or rejected. It involves a radical reorientation away from a concern to fit in, to be part of the mainstream. It involves loving others in a way that might seem illogical, irrational, or beyond the call of duty. It necessitates prayer and grace. Yet 1 John gives us the ultimate reward: one day, these actions will lead us to "see God" face-to-face, to become like God in one continual act of overflowing love.

In what ways have you embraced the radical example of Christ? How are you being called even more deeply into this radical way of love of Jesus the Good Shepherd?

## APLHA 2024

Alpha begins on Tuesday morning 30 April in the parish hall at 10.30am. We want to make Alpha accessible to people who may not be able to come out at night, either a parent with small children, a grandparent or someone looking to connect with others. Alpha is for everyone! You are invited to 'come and try' on 30 April.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with cooking, setting up hall, table hosts, inviting people and pray-ers. Flyers and forms are available at the back of church for you to register or volunteer. Our team members will be available to answer any questions after weekend masses. Phone Fran 0408 268 518.

## 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.

## SACRED HEART FOOTBALL TIPPING

Leaderboard as of end of Round 5:

**36**—John Dowling; **35**—Coyle Family; Bede Hart; **33**—Liz Jones, Judy Lindsay, Kay Locke, Richard Power; Carmel Butts, Brian Butts; **32**—Wendy Glazebrook, Val Hayes, Joan Moylan, Ray Trebilcock, Liz Phegan; Fr Martin; **31**—Eamonn Buckley, Clancy Family, Genny Green, Kansas Michael, Brian Milgate, Weston Carey.

## 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.

## GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

We welcome to our parish community this weekend Gerard Letchford who is a fourth year seminarian at Vianney College. Hopefully, Gerard will offer a short reflection at both weekend masses about his vocational journey and life at our diocesan seminary.

## 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**

See flyer on noticeboard.

## EFTPOS MACHINE

The new EFTPOS machine at back of Sacred Heart Church has had a few teething issues with the deposits being recorded from your account as: **DPF Wagga; Catholic Parish of Sacred Heart Mt Druitt South; or Sacred Heart North Albury.**

As of Sunday 7 April, this should now be rectified. This does not affect Commonwealth Bank customers but other banks eg: NAB; ANZ etc.

DPF have confirmed today that we have received all the money related to our machine. Thank you again for your continued contributions to our Sacred Heart Parish.

## 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**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people and elders! If you re questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved. 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: The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.***

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in men;  
It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in princes. **R**

I will thank you for you have given answer  
and you are my saviour.  
The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. **R**

Blessed in the name of the Lord.  
is he who comes.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
I will thank you for you have given answer  
and you are my saviour.  
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good  
for his love has no end. **R**

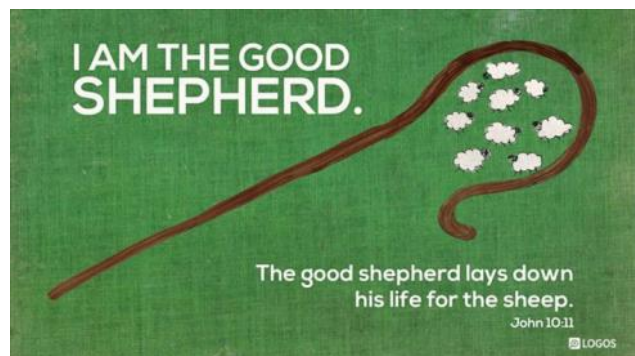
## **A reading from the first letter of St John**

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I am the good shepherd, says the Lord:  
I know my sheep and mine know me.  
Alleluia!**



## **A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 10: 11-18**

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.