



***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.***

## ***Second Sunday of Easter 6/7 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**

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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:**

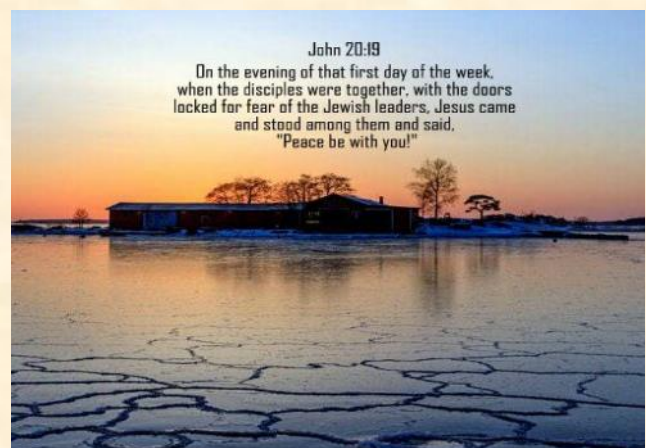
**Children's liturgy is offered in Sacred Heart parish community each second and fourth Sunday at 9.30am mass during school terms.**

## ***Reflection Second Sunday of Easter***

On this Second Sunday of Easter, the readings invite us to believe and trust God's mercy. According to the ways of the world, mercy does not really make sense, but this is the very faith Paul speaks of as that which 'conquers the world': forgiveness begets forgiveness, mercy begets mercy, love begets love (Second Reading). Our need for, and joy in, such graces is echoed in the Psalm, where we can join with the psalmist in saying: 'Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endures forever!'

The Acts of the Apostles (First Reading) shows that the mercy of the risen Lord continues to be poured out through the ministry of his apostles, while in the Gospel we see Jesus himself being the model for mercy for his fearful and doubtful friends.

***This coming week, let's pray that, though completely underserving of such a gift of grace, God's divine mercy will have its effect in us, freeing and opening us to love ever more deeply.***



# Parish Community



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Maree O'Brien, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Julie Morgan, Tom Quinn, Malcolm McKenzie-McHarg, Katherine Crowe, Liane Link, Tony Crimmins, Ruth Shanahan, Wilma Friedlieb.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Wallace McVicar, Sue Barsby, Dot Taylor, Norm Jessop, Elizabeth Simon, Philip Liston, Meg McNamee, Mark Pennay, Sister Baptista, Kevin Corrigan, Joe Everett, Allan Roach, Ellen Phibbs, Otto Sproule, Colleen O'Reilly, David Miller, Pam O'Brian, Les Stewart, Phillip Percy, Steven Campbell, Rose Dynan, Rusty Stewart, Angel Taravillo, Kerry Faul, Frank Percy, Wal Tozer, Joan Godde, John Norman, Catherine Thompson, Patricia Fisher, Patrick Scammell, Sandra Gillett, Alice Frauenfelder, Mary Egan, Norm Frauenfelder, Albert Maguire.

*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:*

**Hope Rose McLaurin**  
daughter of Joel and Danielle

**Mia Emily Parsons**  
daughter of Joel and Rosemary

## ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 6th / 7th April

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Damian Carroll	Narelle Naughton
<b>Lector 1</b>	Catherine Cutler	Margy Brown
<b>Lector 2</b>	Kaye Deanshaw	John Dowling
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Anna Farrell Michael Regan	Mercedes Goss Marisa Hart Sr Patricia Weekes
<b>Cantor Musicians</b>	Judy Lindsay Val Hayes	Bernadette, Helen and Wendy

**Counters:** Lachlan McIntyre & Wendy McFerran

Sat / Sun: 13th / 14 April

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Adrian Mitchelhill	Sr Carina Morton
<b>Lector 1</b>	Xavier Clancy	Bethany Carey
<b>Lector 2</b>	Justin Clancy	Mary Hunt
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Jeneice Harding Colleen Day	Fran Kernaghan Pamela McIntosh Sue McLaurin
<b>Cantor Musicians</b>	Brian Waters/John van Lint	Bob Mathews Val Hayes

**Counters:** Carey Menz-Dowling & John Dowling

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

“Peace is never made with arms but with outstretched hands and open hearts, May the light of the Resurrection illuminate our minds and convert our hearts, and make us aware of the value of every human life, which must be welcomed, protected, and loved. “

## An Easter Prayer

Good and gracious God, We give you praise for an even greater sign of new life: the resurrection of your Son, that we especially celebrate at this time. For the Resurrection is our guarantee that justice will triumph over treason, Light will overcome darkness, and love will conquer death.

As we celebrate, we also dare to ask for your grace that we may live the promise given to us, by imitating the life of Jesus in reaching out to the poor, the marginalized, the least among us, as we strive to be neighbor to all those we meet.

We praise you in this Easter season. Change our lives, change our hearts to be messengers of Easter joy and hope.

We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord forever!

Amen



# Parish News

## THANK YOU

Gratitude is extended to all involved in the organisation and preparation for the celebration of our Holy Week and Easter Liturgies. To our wonderful choir and musicians for the generous sharing of their gifts and talents. To those who volunteered to proclaim the liturgy of the word and carried out other ministries of service with such generosity of spirit.

To those who helped cater for morning tea following our Stations of the Cross.

To all for your prayerful and active participation, your contribution is much appreciated.

To John Van Lint for creating on our sanctuary a peaceful and contemplative scene with his selection of living plants.

***May the hope and joy of the Easter season remind each of us of God's guiding presence in our world and in our lives. May the Risen Christ renew our faith and give us the courage and strength to be his disciples in our world.***

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

As a parish community we offer our congratulations to Ray and Ethel Allan on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married on 4th April, 1964. May the risen Christ continue to be for them a source of blessing, comfort, hope and strength.

## MORNING TEA

Our monthly morning tea is this Sunday at the conclusion of our celebration of 9.30am Eucharist. All welcome to join us in parish hall.

## APLHA 2024 PROGRAM—Launch Weekend

The Parish Alpha program will be a little different this year because we are running it on Tuesday mornings commencing 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. You may be a parent with small children, a grandparent or someone looking to connect with others. We are inviting anyone who wishes to participate or help in any way. There are forms down back of church to register or volunteer. Our team members will be available to answer any questions after masses this weekend. Phone Fran 0408 268 518.

## 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.

## SACRED HEART FOOTBALL TIPPING

Leaderboard as of the end of Round 3:

**22**—John Dowling; **21**—Coyle Family; **20**—Bede Hart, Joan Moylan, John O'Keeffe; **19**—Matty Boyd, Eamonn Buckley, Carmel Butts, Liz Jones, Judy Lindsay, Kay Locke, Brian Millgate, Liz Phegan, Richard Power.

## TO PONDER:

Easter draws us into different resurrection accounts that reveal how resurrection brings transformation. In John's account, Thomas is the icon of transformation, shifting rapidly from a stance of doubt to one of total abandonment to Jesus as the God of Israel. We too are the disciples. We too are Thomas. We may also live behind "locked doors" such as fears, doubts, and preoccupations. Yet the promise is that Christ comes to us, despite our weaknesses and limitations, to breathe on us and open us to the reality of resurrection. What does the tangible, transformative power of resurrection look like today, in our lives and in our own communities?

The reading from Acts describes the early Christian community as united in a generous spirit and "of one heart and mind." We know the challenges of community life, from small communities (like our families) to large (such as our church and nation). How might this generosity of the early Christians—who "had everything in common" and provided for the need of each person (a generosity grounded in the total self-giving of Christ) - serve as a model for our communities, small and large?

## 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.

## DIOCESAN NEWSPAPER—Together

The April edition of 'Together' has arrived. Relevant articles include 'The Bishop's Voice' p2—Bishop Mark explaining the arrival and ministry in our diocese of four priests from overseas religious orders.

'The Bishop from Ganmain' p4-5—reflecting on the life of Archbishop Francis Carroll.

Please take and distribute your free copies.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST—Lavington & North Albury

Saturday 13 April from 7.45am at Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Speaker: Howard Sands. Monetary proceeds support SRE in State Schools. All men welcome.

## PROJECT COMPASSION 2024

Caritas Australia would like to **Thank You** for supporting Project Compassion 2024. If you still have your PC boxes or set of envelopes at home, please bring them in as soon as possible. Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty.



# Liturgy of the Word

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

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need. 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: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.***

Let the sons of Israel say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let the sons of Aaron say:

‘ His love has no end.’

Let those who fear the Lord say:

‘His love has no end.’ **R**

The Lord’s right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,  
but not doomed to die. **R**

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad. **R**

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

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot us, loves the child whom God begets. We can be sure that we love God’s children if we love God himself, and do what he has commanded us. This is what loving God is – keeping his commandments. And his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world. This is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is truth.

The word of the Lord.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me  
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!  
Alleluia!**

## **A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20: 19-31 (Abbreviated)**

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood amongst them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you,’ and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father send me, so I am sending you.’

After saying this he breathed on them and said: ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. For whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.’

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, ‘We have seen the Lord,’ he answered, ‘Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.’ Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. ‘Peace be with you,’ he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.’ Thomas replied, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him: ‘You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’

The Gospel of the Lord.