



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.

Feast of the Ascension 11 / 12 May 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-vulnerable-people/>

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: Please be aware that no weekday masses will be celebrated at Sacred Heart this week

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

No Bible study for the remainder of this his month.

Reflection for the Feast of the Ascension



I come to pray the texts for the feast of the Ascension and ask the Lord for a deeper understanding of this mystery of Christ. Throughout the Eastertide readings, we have watched the disciples grow and mature in faith – I wish to do the same.

The First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles marks the end of Jesus's earthly ministry as he returns to the Father and promises to send the Holy Spirit.

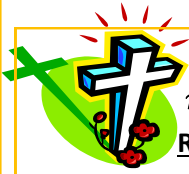
The Psalm is a joyful prayer of praise and an acclamation of Christ's victory. He is Lord of all people, of the universe.

In the Gospel, Jesus ascends to heaven and continues to work with his disciples as they preach the Good News. The signs he works confirm their message.

This week, we might want to pray for the opportunity to thank those who proclaim the Good News especially those in the role of motherhood.



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Bishop Peter Ingham, Dudley Foley, Leon Wighton, Joan Beecher, Bob Endres, Marie St George, Carol Harrington, Peter Dower, Anthony John Bradford, Joan Travers, Maree O'Brien, & Julie Morgan.

ANNIVERSARIES: Jenny Howe, Michael & Hilda Ryan, Shirley Blomeley, Dorothy Bonser, Joan Skidmore, Trevor Newcombe, Kerry Dowling, Geoffrey Jervios, Margaret Maynard, Joe Vuga, Lorraine Vogel, David Purvey, Leanne Patterson, Peter Maher, Norman Clear, Dominik Vildovas, Rita Murray, Robert Millea, Wally Larkin, Matthew Blomeley, Joan Althmeier, Betty Russell & Frederick Serbinek.

Gather our loved ones into your arms. Quiet our doubt and



This week we welcome into the community of the Christian church through the sacrament of Baptism:

Daisy Brooke Grove

Daughter of Jonathon & Maddison

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 11th / 12th May

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Colleen Day Damian Carroll Kaye Deanshaw	Richard Parkinson Tammy Robertson Brigita Serbinek
Eucharistic Ministers	Jeneice Harding Pat Hopkins	Shinead Kilroy Narelle Naughton Trish Parkinson
Cantor Musicians	John van Lint/Brian Waters Val Hayes	Heath Neville Ashleigh Donaldson
Counters: Greg & Di Bartsch		

Sat / Sun: 18th / 19th

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	St Anne's Primary School Confirmation Commitment Mass	St Anne's Primary School Confirmation Commitment Mass
Eucharistic Ministers	Kaye Deanshaw Adrian Mitchelhill	Pamela McIntosh Carey Menz-Dowling Sr Patricia Weekes
Cantor Musicians	Judy Lindsay Val Hayes	Bernadette, Wendy & Helen
Counters: Margaret Brown & Moira Porter		

Quote Pope Francis:

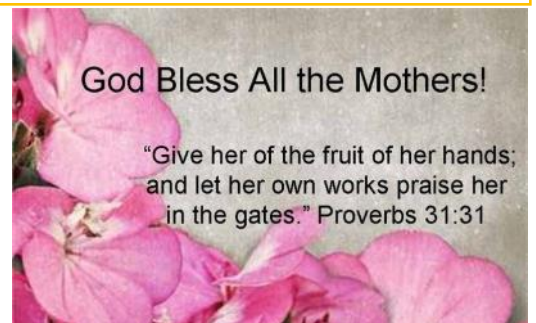
"A society without mothers would be a dehumanized society, for mothers are always, even in the worst moments, witnesses of tenderness, dedication and moral strength."

Prayer for Mothers / Carers

Good and Gentle God,
we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women of theory who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings.
Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly.
Give them the faithful support of husband, family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children.
Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

God Bless All the Mothers!

"Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates." Proverbs 31:31



Parish News

Mothers Day Reflection

Mothers are indeed a wonderful embodiment of strength, wisdom, kindness, and unwavering love. They are the nurturing bonds that hold our families together, the enduring light that guides us through life's darkest hours. Therefore, it is only fitting that we honour them, not just today on Mother's Day, but every day, for their boundless sacrifices and ceaseless love.

Let us pray for our mothers, for their well-being, and for the grace of God to continue strengthening them in their incredible journey of motherhood. Let us ask for God's blessings on them, that their days may be filled with joy and peace.

Remember, to respect our mothers is to respect the very essence of love and life itself. They are the first teachers of compassion of faith, and of the truth that in giving, we receive. Their selfless love mirrors God's love for us, reminding us of our call to love and serve others in the same unconditional manner.

Mothers are indeed worthy of our deepest affection and highest regard. Let us cherish them, love them, honour them, and above all, let us express our heartfelt gratitude to them. For in doing so, we are not only strengthening our familial bonds but also building our faith in God and in each other.

As we celebrate Mother's Day, let us remember that every day is a day to honour, respect, and cherish our mothers. Let us pray for them, express our love for them, and thank them for being the beautiful, loving, and nurturing souls that they are.

MELODIES IN MOTION

Murray Concert Choir will present a concert of songs from the movies ranging from Casablanca to Barbie: St Matthew's on Saturday 25 May at 7.30pm and St John's Wodonga on Sunday 26 May at 2.30pm. Tickets \$25 (\$20 concession) available at Regent Cinema, choir members at the door. On line: trybooking.com/eventlist/murrayconcertchoir

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—Riverwood Pick Up

We need volunteers to add to our list for picking up parishioners from Riverwood Village (West Albury) to attend Sunday morning 9.30am mass. Only once a month or longer depending on the response to this request. Expressions of willingness to participate in the current roster will be gratefully received by contacting the parish office by phone or email.

Caritas/Project Compassion

A total of \$3418.40 was raised from the Sacred Heart Parish. We wish to thank you for your generous donations so that Caritas can continue their much needed charitable work.

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.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION—Confirmation 2024

Bishop Mark Edwards will confer the sacrament of confirmation on Friday 14 June at 6.00pm in Sacred Heart Church. Over the next few weekends the candidates and their parents will make a commitment to enter a period of spiritual formation and preparation at one of our parish Eucharistic celebrations. Please remember in your prayers the children and their parents and their families in their commitment to continue to open their lives to the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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.

Mother's Day Blessings Cards

These are available at each of the Church's entrances for you to take for yourself or any parishioners who are unable to attend Mass now.

ALPHA INVITATION



Every day we ask so many questions. What should I wear? What's the weather going to be like? How am I going to fit everything in? But then there are those bigger questions like Why am I here? Where am I heading? Is there more to life than this? ALPHA brings people together to explore, connect, share and enhance our faith. Join us on a fun filled adventure to explore the big questions of life, faith and meaning. You're invited to attend our next session on **Tuesday 14 May at 10.30am** in the parish hall. All welcome.

Save the date—Farewell Mass and Morning Tea on retirement of Mr. Bede Hart

Sunday 30 Jun 2024 9.30am

As mentioned in previous newsletters Mr. Bede Hart will retire as Principal of our parish primary school, St Anne's at the conclusion of Term 2.

As part of the celebrations to honour and give thanks for Bed's incredible commitment of service to Catholic Education in our diocese for forty years a special mass of thanksgiving followed by morning tea will be held on Sunday 30 June at 9.30am in Sacred Heart church. All welcome and encouraged to attend.

Footy Tipping Competition

Just a reminder to those who have not paid as yet. Please place your \$24 clearly marked with your name and Footy Tipping in an envelope on any of the collection plates.

Ladder as of end of Round 8:

51: Brian Butts, Carmel Butts & John Dowling

50: Coyle Family, Bede Hart, Val Hayes, Liz Phegan

49: Liz Jones, Judy Lindsay, Kaye Locke

48: Fr Martin, Richard Power, Ray Trebilcock

47: Matty Boyd, Genny Green, Cathy Nyhan, Judy Warren

46: Wendy Glazebrook, Brian Millgate, Carey Family

45: Eamonn Buckley, Clancy Family, Richard Hickey, Kansas Michael

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised, 'It is what you have heard me speak about: John baptized with water but you not many days from now, will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied. 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judea and Samaria and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 46

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

Response: *God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **R**

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R**

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **R**

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all thing under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 16:15-20

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world, proclaim the Good News to all creation. The one who believes and is baptised will be saved; the one who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover'.

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

The Gospel of the Lord.