



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 Body and Blood of Christ 1/2 June 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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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/>

Reflection for the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

The feast of Corpus Christi is a celebration of the new covenant of Christ with his people: the covenant of his blood, where he offered himself as a perfect sign of his love for us. The First Reading is a description of the ritual that sealed God's covenant with his people. In ancient times, blood was a symbol of life, and its sprinkling signifies the Israelites' desire to participate in a relationship with God, to share his life and to become his people. Centuries later, the symbolism of this act was brought to an entirely different level by the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.

This relationship is taken up in the Psalm, where the covenanted people express their thanksgiving for all that God has done for them, and their readiness to fulfil their responsibilities to him. The Gospel narrative of the Last Supper tells of the new covenant, so much more wonderful and powerful than the old. Jesus's action at the Passover table is a ritual that anticipates his brutal, yet life-giving, death. Christ's deep compassion for humankind inaugurates this new covenant, a new relationship of love between God and his people.

The Second Reading reminds us that the blood of the new covenant is from God's own Son, so we can literally share in Christ's life, becoming the 'blood sisters and brothers' of Jesus, and children of the one Father.

This week, we might pray with the author of this letter for help to purify our inner selves from dead actions, so that we do our service to the living God.

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:

Monday 3 June—Sacrament of Anointing & Eucharist

Mercy Place Chapel 2.00pm

Wednesday 9.30am

Friday (Feast of the Sacred Heart) 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.



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Ellen Haynes, Peter Gleeson.

ANNIVERSARIES: Alan Lehmann, Emma Ronan, Alan Ofak, May Corrigan, Emor Scott, Trevor Thomas, Anne Dempsey, Gordon Rowe, Peter Howard, June Taylor, Louis Kirley, Alice Fogerty, Michelle Kennedy, Ellen Fimister, Connie Hurst, Marilyn Smerdon, Bill Cotter, Gertrude Twomey, Terry French, William Packer, Gabrielle Williams, John Felstead, Kevin Dyball, Ronald Christian, Kathy Whiteway, Harry Hay, Albert Quinlan, Terence Tame, Tom Emerson, Bob McInnes, Les Ryan, Bill Esler, Jack Toner, Daphne Collins, Nell Hogan.

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:

Alaska Rose Barsby

Aria Willow Barsby

Daughters of Jak and Aleasha

Isla Mae Crawshaw

Daughter of Samuel and Georgia

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 1st / 2nd June

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Adrian Mitchelhill	Mercedes Goss
Lector 1	Paula Waters	Sr Corina Morton
Lector 2	Kaye Deanshaw	Hugh Pinter
Eucharistic Ministers	Michael Regan Pauline Mulquiney	Moira Porta Gemma Whitehead Sr Siony
Cantor	John van Lint Brian Waters	Bob Matthews
Musicians	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
Counters: Judy Warren & Michael Byrnes		

Sat / Sun: 8th / 9th June

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Damian Carroll	Bede Hart
Lector 1	Michael Byrnes	Sue McLaurin
Lector 2	Jan Skinner	Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers	Adrian Mitchelhill Justin Clancy	Trish Parkinson Cathy Nyhan Sue Betts
Cantor	Judy Lindsay	David Hicks
Musicians	Brigita Serbinek	Val Hayes
Counters: Gemma Whitehead		

Blessing on our Parish

Almighty God we pray for your blessing on all who share in the life and work of our Sacred Heart Parish: in the ministry of word, liturgy, prayer and sacrament; in teaching, learning together and pastoral care; in reaching out to the community and those in need ; in acknowledgement of our Indigenous peoples, various nationalities and ecumenical fellowship; by our sharing and administering to those who are house bound, aged or sick.

We pray for all members of our parish, that in our lives and work we may advance your kingdom and bear witness to your love as shown in your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen

Quote Pope Francis:

"We certainly need to nourish ourselves, but we also need to be satisfied, to know that the nourishment is given to us out of love. In the Body and Blood of Christ, we find his presence, his life given for each of us."



Parish News

Sacrament of Confirmation

Bishop Mark Edwards will confer the sacrament of Confirmation on candidates on Friday 14 June at 6.00pm in the Sacred Heart Church.

Please remember in your prayers the children and parents in their commitment to continue to open their lives to the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

A very successful preparation and reflection day was held last Thursday for all the children involved at St Anne's and those who attend other schools.

Thanks to Bede Hart for generously providing pizza for lunch and for his continued pastoral and spiritual leadership in our parish primary school.

Gratitude is expressed to the Yr 6 teachers, Nick Goode and Rebecca Taylor for their co-ordination of all the activities and to Lea Allibon and Marg Jessup for their invaluable assistance in helping the students prepare their stoles.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Congratulations is offered to those children from Grade 4 who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time in our communal liturgy last Tuesday evening. Cass Jones, Jason Hollard and Lisa Bauerle have been working with the children to prepare them to receive this important sacrament of healing and forgiveness. I am grateful to Fr Paul Hart, Fr Bernie Thomas, Fr John McGrath and to Fr Andrew Fewings (newly appointed parish priest of Wodonga) for their assistance and ministry in this regard.

Sacramental Dates—First Holy Communion (Yr 4 & beyond)

Student/Parent information and reflection session

Monday 29 July 6.00pm St Anne's School Hall.

Commitment Masses for candidates and their families— Saturday 10 August and Sunday 11 August.

Celebration of the Sacrament of First Eucharist during parish masses weekend of September 7/8.

Footy Tipping Comp Ladder: As of end of Round 11

70: Carmel Butts; **67:** Brian Butts, Val Hayes; **66:** John Dowling, Coyle Family, Liz Jones; **65:** Bede Hart, Judy Lindsay, Liz Phegan, Richard Power; **64:** Kay Locke, Ray Trebilcock, Fr Martin; **63:** Matty Boyd, Eamonn Buckley, Cathy Nyhan, Judy Warren, Carey Family; **62:** Clancy Family, Wendy Glazebrook, Genny Green, Richard Hickey Brian Millgate.

Preparation for 70th Anniversary of our Parish 2025

In preparation for the celebration of the 70th Anniversary of our parish in 2025 we are hoping to see how many parishioners are still around who were in the parish in 1955. If you were part of the parish either as a child, teenager or adult could you record your name and present town location in one of the folders at the back of the Church.

Mega Heartbeat for 70th Anniversary—Volunteers

We are planning to put together a mega Heartbeat edition for the 70th Anniversary and are looking for volunteers to help us with this. Please phone Marjorie 0411 596 567.

MEN'S BREAKFAST—Lavington & North Albury

On Saturday 8 June in the Sacred Heart Hall, North Albury at 7.45am. Speaker: Shane Bihler

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

Save the date—Farewell Mass and Morning Tea on retirement of Mr. Bede Hart Sunday 30 June 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 Bede'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.

Holy Spirit Prayer for Alpha Retreat Day

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created and you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of your Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit, we may be truly wise and ever enjoy his consolations.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Please pray the above prayer during this coming week for the Alpha Retreat Day on Saturday 8 June.

This day is open to all, whether you have attended Alpha or not and includes talks primarily about the Holy Spirit—who, why, how the Spirit helps us stay focused on Jesus and our relationship with Him. There are opportunities also for prayer and reflection. Lunch provided. 9.30am cuppa for 10.00am start to approx. 4.00pm. Phone Fran to register **0408 268 518**. Venue: City Central Church Albury.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of our Parish Pastoral Council takes place this Thursday 6 June at 6.00pm in the Parish Hall.

All agenda items need to be addressed to the Council Secretary Marjorie Serbinek: m4serbinek@gmail.com by Monday 3 June.

Catholic Mission Morning Tea in Parish Hall

Event Details: Wednesday 5 June. **9.30am—Mass optional. 10.00am—12 Noon—**Morning tea and presentation **Please email Jane Plum jplum@catholicmission.org.au or phone 0400 445 605 or the parish office by Monday 3 June.**

So far only three have registered so looking for more attendees.

Australian Catholics Winter Edition 2024

The winter edition of Australian Catholics has arrived.

Theme: How to Live in the World. **Feature Articles:** Science in the Service of God, Nurturing Faith and Inquiry, Two teaching disciplines, one love for Creation. Please take and distribute your free copies.

Happy Birthday, Lucia Fornasiero

Our longest living parishioner, Lucia Fornasiero celebrated her 109th birthday last Sunday 26 May. We continue to thank God for her shared gift of faith, committed love and optimistic resilience. We also give thanks for the faithful and constant care given to her by her family.

Buon compleanno a Te, Lucia! May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine on you and give you the gift of peace.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Book of Exodus

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This,' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 115

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

Response: I will take the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

How can I repay the Lord
for his goodness to me?

The cup of salvation I will raise;

I will call on the Lord's name. **R**

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds. **R**

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:

I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people. **R**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God. He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant. The word of the Lord.



Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?" So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: 'Where is my dining room in which I can eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there." The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover. As they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. "Take it," he said, "this is my body". Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, "This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God." After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives. The Gospel of the Lord.