



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.

EASTER VIGIL / EASTER SUNDAY 19th / 20th April 2025

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: This Week:

Wednesday 9.30am

Friday (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 is held every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 7.00pm in the parish hall.



Easter Sunday

20th April 2025

Happy Easter from all of us here at Caritas Australia!

As we celebrate this season of hope and renewal, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your support through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion this Lent.

As we reflect on the Easter message of love, compassion, and new beginnings, we are reminded of the incredible impact your contributions make. Together, we are building a world where no one is left behind.

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2025 Lenten appeal.



It's not too late to donate.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

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Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Pauline Maginnity, John O'Keefe, Stephen Paull, John Haynes, Maria Katschmarsky, Michael Brady, Joseph Patrick Ryan, Lucia Fornasiero.

ANNIVERSARIES: Bob Endres, Marie St George, Noel Balsarini, Leonie Blomeley, Yvonne Rosewarne, Geoff Milton, Keree Pearsons, Mabel Foley, Annie Goodgar, Carmen Dosenko, Malda Hawkins, Leonard George, Harold Robinson, Madge Trebley, Kathleen Anker, Mary Driscoll, Richard Davis, Edith Adams, Richard Conway, Johnny Coyle, Danniell Pearson-Wainwright, Brian Martin, John Hodda, Lorna Keighran, Wattie Grant, May Cowell, Edward Trim, Neville Kliese, Vilem Dosek, Jenny Hawkins, Mary Prince.
Gather our loved ones into your arms. Quiet our doubt and anger and send us your healing grace. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer for the Sick

We pray for all those who are sick. May they draw strength and healing from God's presence with them and from our prayers and thoughts for them.

May they have peace in their hearts and know they are greatly loved by all.

We offer our prayers believing that God's presence and power can do more than we can ever know. Amen

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 19th / 20th April

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	No commentator needed	Narelle Naughton
Lector 1	Justin Clancy (1st Reader)	Brigita Serbinek
Lector 2	Jan Skinner (2nd Reader) Xavier Clancy (3rd Reader) Kaye Deanshaw (N.T.)	Sr Carina Morton
Eucharistic Ministers	Trish Parkinson 2 volunteers	Pamela McIntosh 2 volunteers
Cantor	CHOIR	Heath Neville
Musicians		Ashleigh Donaldson
Counters: Gemma		

Sat / Sun: 26th / 27th April

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Nicole Morton	Ed Brown
Lector 1	Mary-Jayne Boyd	Liz Phegan
Lector 2	Shinead Kilroy	Samuel Serbinek
Eucharistic Ministers	Adrian Mitchelhill Michael Regan	Sandra Temple Dianne Treacy Sr Patricia Weekes
Cantor	John van Lint/Brian Waters	Ed, Margie and Heath
Musicians	Judy Foley	
Counters: Margaret Brown & Moira Porta		

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!



Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

May Christ, who has already defeated death and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, dispel the darkness of our suffering humanity and lead us into the light of his glorious day, a day that knows no end."

Parish News

In leading us through the last days of Jesus life, the Liturgy of Holy Week moves us through the brutality of Good Friday to the lightness of Easter Sunday. We see the depths of human pain, rejection and death experienced as failure give way to joy of life, surprise and hope.

If we look more closely at the stories of Jesus' death and those of his rising from the dead, we can see differences in the way they are told. The stories of Jesus' death focus on Jesus – on what he says and on what is done to him in all its savage detail. We see his determination, his terror, his betrayal and capture, his mocking by soldiers, his scourging, his unjust trial, his carrying of his cross, and his death on the cross. The stories focus on his response to these things he suffers. The feelings and actions of others, such as the disciples' abandoning him, the crowd's rage, Pontius Pilate's handwringing, the soldier's brutality and the women's faithfulness, are described only to focus on Jesus' own experience. In Mark's account the focus that experience is of Jesus the victim, in Luke's Gospel that of Jesus in his relationships, and in John's Gospel, that of Jesus the Lord.

The stories of Jesus' rising, on the other hand, focus on the experience of the disciples as they are awakened to Jesus' presence among them. Jesus is as ethereal and above suffering and the constraints of humanity in these stories as he is subject to them in the stories of his Passion. The stories explain what the disciples make of the signs that Jesus has risen. They are puzzled and devastated to see the tomb open and empty, and paralysed at being told that Jesus has risen and that they must give instructions to the disciples. They fail to do so. In the stories of the appearances, they are initially fearful as Jesus passes through walls and locked doors to appear to them. Mary Magdalene is overcome with grief and fails to recognise him. So do the disciples on the way to Emmaus. As Jesus keeps appearing to them, however, the disciples are gradually brought together as they come to believe, are overjoyed, and are given new life by their acceptance that he has risen. The disciples who run away from the brutal finality of the death recognise Jesus and return to Jerusalem to join the others. Thomas, who is sceptical and isolated, meets Jesus with the others and joins them in fishing and their eating together on the beach. The whole world in its ordinary relationships gradually becomes sacred.

All these details emphasise that the Resurrection is about faith and meeting Jesus in the community. We are led to think less about what Jesus does and how he does it, and more about our meeting and how to respond to him. The world of Herod, Pilate and the Roman soldiers is still with us and threatens to overpower us. But faith in the risen Jesus has given us a perspective from which it looks totally changed. The brutal reality of Jesus' execution is no longer a locked door that has excluded goodness and hope but an open door through which God's love and calling are visible.

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.

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.

Happy Easter, everyone!

Parish Alpha Program

Alpha begins Tuesday 29 April at 10.00am in the parish hall. Questions like 'Is there more to life than this' will be explored and discussed over a cuppa/cake/slice. There are flyers available at back of church to hand out to someone you know, a family member, friend or colleague. Also if you want to volunteer put your name/phone on roster provided.

Please register your name on the forms provided if you wish to attend Alpha and place in box provided. For more info contact Fran on 0408 268 518 or visit: alpha.org.au

Sacramental Information—Confirmation 2025

Bishop Mark Edwards will confer the sacrament of confirmation on candidates (usually yr 6 children and beyond) on Friday 13 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 & Information Evening—Tuesday 6 May @ 6.00pm in St Anne's School Hall.

Confirmation Commitment Masses—Saturday 17 May 6pm; Sunday 18 May 9.30am.

Confirmation Student Preparation Day—Thursday 5 June during school hours at St Anne's Primary School.

Sacred Heart Parish 70th Jubilee Celebrations

SAVE THE DATE—September 6th/7th 2025

Our 70th Anniversary Committee invite all past and present parishioners, students and staff to celebrate our faith through the generations on the weekend of 6th/7th September 2025. The celebrations include a dinner to be held in the grounds of Xavier Catholic college on Saturday 6 September from 6.00pm **Please note that Saturday evening mass on that day will be celebrated at 5.00pm in Sacred Heart Church not at the usual time.**

Morning Tea will be celebrated at the conclusion of 9.30am mass in Sacred Heart Parish Hall. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

Save the Date brochures are now available for collection and distribution at the usual places in the church.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: From Acts of the Apostles 10:34,37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God has chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses—we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead—and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness; that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.' 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: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel 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. **R**

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

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes! **R**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, the women went to the tomb with the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, but on entering discovered that the body of the Lord Jesus was not there. As they stood there not knowing what to think, two men in brilliant clothes suddenly appeared at their side. Terrified, the women lowered their eyes. But the two men said to them, 'Why look among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here; he has risen. Remember what he told you when he was still in Galilee: that the Son of Man had to be handed over into the power of sinful men and be crucified and rise again on the third day?' And they remembered his words.

When the women returned from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the others. The women were Mary of Magdala, Joanna and Mary, the mother of James. The other women with them also told the apostles but this story of theirs seemed pure nonsense and they did not believe them. Peter, however, went running to the tomb. He bent down and saw the binding cloths, but nothing else; he then went back home, amazed at what had happened. The Gospel of the Lord.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed—and he is your life—you too will be revealed in all your glory with him. The Word of the Lord



Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.