



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.

PALM SUNDAY 12th/13th 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

For Holy Week Ceremonies see page 3.

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.



Palm Sunday

12-13th of April 2025

This Lent, we shared the powerful stories of three remarkable individuals who have overcome immense challenges. Thanks to the kindness of supporters like you, their lives - and the lives of those around them - have been transformed.

In Samoa, **Toefuata'iga's** life was changed with access to clean water through Caritas Australia's partnership with Caritas Samoa. Her school now has a water tank, improving health and allowing the school to focus on education.

Lam, from rural Vietnam, overcame the challenges of living with a disability by joining the I-SHINE program. He now runs a successful freelance graphic design business and inspires others to pursue their dreams.

In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, **Irene**, found hope through Caritas Australia's partnership with Caritas Kongolo. By learning sewing and farming skills, she now provides for her extended family and mentors other women in her community.

Thanks to the support of your parish community, your generosity will create waves of change around the world. *But the work isn't done yet.* There is still time to donate! Together, we can *Unite Against Poverty* and help transform lives this Lent.



UNITE AGAINST POVERTY
this Lent

Please donate today.

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

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: John O'Keefe (Norris Park), Stephen Paull, John Haynes, Maria Katschmarsky, Michael Brady, Joseph Patrick Ryan.

ANNIVERSARIES: Carol Harrington, Mary Shaddock, Sue Barsby, Dot Taylor, Debbie Yensch, Brian Murphy, Ted Goodgar, Jean Thompson, Bob Hamblin, Betty Grealy, Sylvia King, Larry Foley, Ellen Phibbs, Ronald Mitsch, Kath Doyle, Anna Yea, Les Stewart, Elio Corte, Fr Mel Roach, Harry Hore, Steven Campbell, Rose Dynan, Catherine Campbell, Patricia Fisher, Rose Weaver, Erin Corboy, Leo Doolan, James Doolan, James Leo Doolan, Jessie Whelton. *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: 12th / 13th April

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Michael Byrnes	Richard Parkinson
Lector 1	Jan Skinner	Kay Morrell
Lector 2	Catherine Cutler	Mary Hunt
Eucharistic Ministers	Colleen Day Jeniece Harding	Cathy Nyhan Trish Parkinson Moira Porta
Cantor	Judy Lindsay	David Hicks
Musicians	Judy foley	Val Hayes
Counters: Diane & Greg Bartsch		

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

Let us walk together with faith in this Holy Week in which Jesus suffered, died and rose again."



Christian church through the sacrament of Baptism:

*Grace Maree Lane
daughter of Jarred and Jessica*

This weekend we welcome into the community of the

Prayer for Holy Week

May I seek you evermore as I walk with you through this Holy Week and beyond.

Give me grace and mercy, give me guidance when I am not sure which way to go, and give me wisdom to trust you in all things.

For your love brings light and life to all who seek it.

Lord, look at me, accept my prayer as you accepted Peter's prayer, and let me not run away from you in the night.

Bless me, Lord, in this Holy Week, and give me the grace to know your loving presence more intimately.

Amen.



Parish News

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES 2025

The dates may change but times and venue remain the same.

Holy Thursday (17 April)

Mass of the Lord's Supper **6.00pm**

Good Friday (18 April)

Ecumenical Stations of the Cross in Sacred Heart Church **10.30am**

Hot cross buns shared afterwards in the Parish Hall.

Commemoration of The Lord's Passion **3.00pm**

Easter Saturday Vigil (19 April) 6.00pm

Easter Sunday (20 April) 9.30am

EASTER LITURGY ROSTER

Holy Thursday (17 April) Mass of the Lord's Supper— 6pm

Commentator: Colleen Day

Lectors: First Reading: Exodus 12:1-8,11-14

Kaye Deanshaw

Second Reading: 1Corinthians 11:23-26

Jan Skinner

Eucharistic Ministers: Jeneice Harding, Trish Parkinson

Good Friday (18 April) Commem. Lord's Passion— 3pm

Commentator: Justin Clancy

Lectors: Isaiah 52:13—53:12 **Paula Waters**

Passion Narrative: Narrator—Sr Patricia Weekes

Other—Xavier Clancy

Crowd—Colleen Day

Euch Ministers: Narelle Naughton, Pamela McIntosh

Saturday Vigil (19 April) - 6pm

Lectors: First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:2 **Justin Clancy**

Second Reading: Exodus 14-15:1 **Jan Skinner**

Third Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11 **Xavier Clancy**

Romans 6:3-11 **Kaye Deanshaw**

Eucharistic Ministers: Trish Parkinson

2 Volunteers

Easter Sunday (20 April) - 9.30am

Commentator: Narelle Naughton

Lectors: Reader 1 **Brigita Serbinek**

Reader 2 **Sr Carina Morton**

Eucharistic Ministers: Pamela McIntosh

2 Volunteers

Maintenance Update

Thanks is extended to Les & Judy Murray for coming out of retirement to refresh the line-marking in the car park area. A new floor in the reading room has been constructed to replace the old one which had disintegrated due to dry rot and the broken wooden poles renewed in the parking bay area. Total cost \$4,776.14.

Our most recent water rates bill amounted to \$2,684.74. We received parishioner donations of ^\$600 to help offset this expenditure.

Thank you for continuing to support our parish community liturgically, pastorally and financially. If you are not already contributing to our second collection through envelopes, tap n go, or direct debit, you are encouraged to do so, as this is the only means we have of servicing our financial commitments.

TO PONDER: The anonymity of Isaiah's servant gives him a universal application and allows each of us to name the servant from our own experiences. It also prompts us to see aspects of ourselves reflected in each character: we are the suffering and the weary, we are the persecutors, and we are the servant standing up for the least among us. The long account of Christ's passion similarly invites us to see ourselves mirrored in the cast of characters. As you meditate with these texts, with whom do you identify today?

Children's Liturgy

A special Children's Liturgy will be held during our celebration of 9.30am mass this Sunday concentrating on the events of Palm Sunday and Holy Week. A great opportunity for pre-school age children to enter Holy Week with prayer and activities focused at their level of understanding.

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.

Parish Alpha Program

Alpha begins Tuesday 29 April at 10.00am in the parish hall. Thank you to those parishioners who have taken flyers to hand out to someone you know, a family member, friend or colleague. There are more flyers at back of church and a volunteer roster to put your name/phone if you can help in any way. Registration forms also available to fill out and place in box provided. For more info contact Fran on 0408 268 518 or visit: alpha.org.au

Choir for Easter Ceremonies

Includes Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Singers needed and gratefully welcomed for our choir due to some members not being available this year.

Practice times continue this Wednesday 16th April. 7.00pm—8.00pm. Please contact Val Hayes on 0422 953 771 or the Presbytery for more information.

Sacred Heart Parish 70th Jubilee Celebrations

Our 70th Anniversary Committee invite all past and present parishioners, students and staff to celebrate our faith through the generations on the weekend of September 6th/7th, 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.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: From the prophet Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, nether did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 21

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

Response: My God, my god, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.

They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' R

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.

They tear holes in my hands and my feet.

I can count every one of my bones. R

They divide my clothing among them.

They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone,

My strength, make haste to help me! R

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled..

'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.

Revere him, Israel's sons.' R

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

His state was divine; yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God, but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as we are; and being as all people are, he was humbler yet even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death,
dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name
above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 19:28-40

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. Now when he was near Bethphage and Bethany, close by the Mount of Olives as it is called, he sent two of the disciples, telling them, 'Go off to the village opposite and as you enter it you will find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" you are to say this, "The Master needs it."' The messengers went off and found everything just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owner said, 'Why are you untying that colt?' and they answered, 'The Master needs it.'

So they took the colt to Jesus and throwing their garments over its back they helped Jesus on to it. As he moved off, people spread their cloaks in the road, and now, as he was approaching the downward slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole group of disciples joyfully began to praise God at the top of their voices for the miracles they had seen. They cried out: 'Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!'

Some Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Master, check your disciples,' but he answered, 'I tell you, if these keep silence the stones will cry out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.