



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 26th / 27th 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.

Parish Clergy:

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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:

NO WEEKDAY MASSES SCHEDULED 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:

Our parish bible study group is held every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 7.00pm in the parish hall.

Prayer on the death of Pope Francis



Father in heaven, we praise your name for all who have finished this life loving and trusting you, for the example of their lives, the life and grace you gave them and the peace in which they rest.

We praise you today for your servant Francis and for all that you did through him.

Meet us in our sadness and fill our hearts with praise and thanksgiving, for the sake of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend your servant Francis.

Acknowledge, we pray, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming.

Enfold him in the arms of your mercy, in the blessed rest of everlasting peace and in the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen

Parish Community



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

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Bill Rourke, Mary Galvin, Klarrie Paizis, Shirley Wessen, Merle McCabe, Therese Doherty, Isobel Gibbs, Edmund Miles, Bernadette Stevens, Edward Unger, Hazel Joss, Jim Purcell, Peter Falvey, Willem Lautenbacher, Harold Dexter, Nell Norman, John Piltz, Claude Zallocco, Mary Doyle, Margaret Roach, Raymond Buttell, Petro Tymczuk, John Browne, Colin McNamee, Lillian Magrath, Frank Naughton, Leslie Trezise, Mary Everston, John Hertzog, Myra Whitehead.

Gather our loved ones into your arms. Quiet our doubt and anger and send us your healing grace. Through Christ our Lord.

Project Compassion 2025

Caritas Australia would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support of Project Compassion this Lent.

If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return them next week at Mass.

Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty.

Together, we are creating a better tomorrow, helping vulnerable communities build stronger futures for themselves and empowering them to break free from the cycle of poverty. Thank you for standing with us!

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 26th / 27th April

| Ministry | Vigil | 9.30am |
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| 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 Musicians | John van Lint/Brian Waters Judy Foley | Ed, Margie and Heath |
| Counters: Margaret Brown & Moira Porta | | |

Sat / Sun: 3rd / 4th May

| Ministry | Vigil | 9.30am |
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| Commentator | Adrian Mitchelhill | Natalie Osborne |
| Lector 1 | Kaye Deanshaw | Sue McLaurin |
| Lector 2 | Xavier Clancy | Cathy Nyhan |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Pat Hopkins Anna Farrell | Sr Siony Trish Parkinson Narelle Naughton |
| Cantor Musicians | Brian Waters/John van Lint Judy Foley | Bob Mathews Val Hayes |
| Counters: Anne Gordes & Lorraine Willis | | |

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!



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

Betty Rose Munday
Daughter of John and Ruby



Parish News

Returned home to the Father—Jorge Mario Bergoglio (Pope Francis)

Pope Francis, born Jorge Mario Bergoglio, passed away on April 21, 2025—Easter Monday—at 88 from a cerebral stroke. The Vatican confirmed his death which followed recent hospitalization due to a respiratory infection. As the first Latin American pope and a powerful voice for compassion, inclusion and reform, Pope Francis leaves a legacy of hope and transformation. Some Pope Francis quotes for your prayerful reflection.

- “I believe in God, not in a Catholic God; there is no Catholic God. There is God, and I believe in Jesus Christ, his incarnation. Jesus is my teacher and my pastor, but God, the Father, Abba, is the light and the Creator. This is my Being.”
- “I prefer a church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security.”
- “The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven, and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel.”
- “Whenever we encounter another person in love, we learn something new about God.”
- “The Lord never tires of forgiving. It is we who tire of asking for forgiveness.”

Eternal rest give to Francis, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Copies of a reflection ‘Remembering Pope Francis’ written by Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane are available for collection at the Swan Street entrance.

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.

Parish Alpha Program We look forward to our 4th parish Alpha program beginning this Tuesday at 10.00am in the parish hall. Questions like ‘Is there more to life than this’ will be explored and discussed over a cuppa/slice.

Please register your name on the forms provided if you wish to attend Alpha and place in the box. Many thanks to those who have offered to help with food and to pray for the success of Alpha.

For more info contact Fran on 0408 268 518 or visit: alpha.org.au

Welcome Fr Bernie Thomas

Fr Bernie Thomas will once again celebrate Eucharist with us this weekend, while Fr Martin is away.

We thank Bernie for his continuing connection to our parish community through prayer, worship and active pastoral ministry.

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.

REIMAGINED—Songs with a Twist! Murray Concert Choir

Featuring some wonderful and unexpected arrangements from The Beatles, Beach Boys, Guns’n’Roses and more.

Saturday 10 May 7.30pm at St Matthews Albury; Sunday 11 May 2.30pm at Galvin Hall Wodonga.

Tickets—\$25 (\$20 conc.), under 18 free. Available online at Try Booking, Cinema Centre, choir members or at door.

ANZAC Day Reflection

Our commemoration of ANZAC Day always falls during the Christian feast of Easter. It was early morning and still dark when those first disciples saddened and grieving reached the tomb - but what they expected to find - the dead, lifeless body of Jesus was not there.

May the crucified yet risen Christ point to a way of living which alleviates suffering, promotes healing and forgiveness and rejects the madness of war.

May the Christian and ANZAC principles of integrity, compassion, courage and committed self giving love continue to shape the direction of our personal and communal lives.

Easter Water / Blessing Cards A small container of Easter water is available for you near the Paschal Candle and Blessing cards at the church entrances. Containers that are empty can be refilled from the pottery jars.

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: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits and all of them were cured. 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 not end.’ **R**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

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**

O Lord grant us salvation;

O Lord grant success.

Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the Lord God is our light. **R**

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19

My name is John and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings your kingdom and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God’s word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord’s day and Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, ‘Write down all that you see in a book.’ I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and surrounded by the a figure like a Son of Man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said. ‘Do not be afraid it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.’

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

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

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 among 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 sent me, so am I sending you.’ After saying this he breathed on them and said: ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. For those 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.’ These things are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name. The Gospel of the Lord.