



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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 3rd / 4th May 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: This Week:

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



THANK YOU!

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!



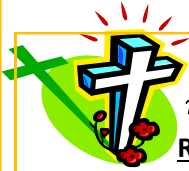
It's not too late to donate.

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

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: Theo Smit, Brian Gibson, Ronald Clayton, Gerard Sullivan, Joan McLaurin, May smith, Paul Griffin, Leo Butler, Noreen Roach, Tony Phelps, John Gardiner, Helen Scully, Therese Chandler, Paul Ofak, Jessica Lawrence, John Thompson, Peter Fodor, Joyce Lyons, Zetta Mitchelhill, Susan Davis, Nicholas Heaton-Harris, Barney Zerbst, Connie Waters, Kath Toner, Michael Clark, John Lopez, Edward Ilsley, Josephine Keogh, Jack Hanrahan, Dave Hulm, Val Lewis.

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

Baptism

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

Ray Thomas Webb
son of Guy and Chloe

Goldie Grace Clarke
daughter of Martin and Sally

Darci Willow Bradsworth
daughter of Ryan and Kristy

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 3rd / 4th May

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
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	Brian Waters/John van Lint	Bob Mathews
Musicians	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
Counters: Anne Gordes & Lorraine Willis		

Sat / Sun: 10th / 11th

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Colleen Day	Bede Hart
Lector 1	Justin Clancy	Bethany Carey
Lector 2	Paula Waters	Mercedes Goss
Eucharistic Ministers	Jan Skinner Michael Byrnes	Pamela McIntosh Marisa Hart Sue Betts
Cantor	Judy Lindsay	Damien Parkinson
Musicians	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
Counters: Judy Warren & Michael Byrnes		

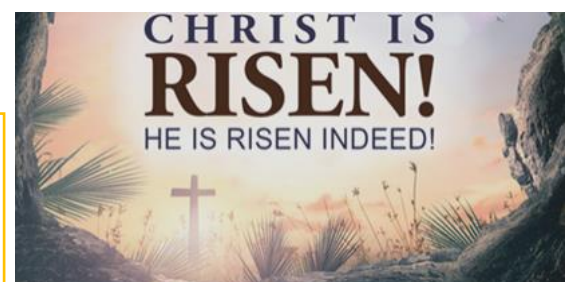
Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"Easter is the event that brought radical news for every human being, for history and for the world: the triumph of life over death; it is the feast of reawakening and of rebirth. Let us allow our lives to be conquered and transformed by the Resurrection!"

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!



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.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

Colder weather is coming and St Vincent de Paul is appealing for donations of quality blankets, doonas and sleeping bags. These will make a big difference to the lives of those suffering financial insecurity and inadequate housing. Donations can be left at the Vinnies shop in Urana Road.

Easter Water / Blessing Cards

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

Morning Tea

Morning Tea today Sunday 4 May at the conclusion of our celebration of 9.30am Eucharist in the Parish Hall. All welcome.

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.

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. Details are below:

Saturday 6 September Sacred Heart Hall—1.00pm History Through The Ages—Exhibition and Rotational Activities.

Sacred Heart Church—5.00pm—Mass of Celebration.

Xavier Catholic College—6.00pm—Dinner and Entertainment

Sunday 7 September Sacred Heart Church—9.30am Mass and Morning Tea. 11.00am—Concluding celebrations with the unveiling of the St Anne’s mural.

Please note that Saturday evening mass on that day will be celebrated at 5.00pm in Sacred Heart Church not at the usual time.

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

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 6 May at 10.00am** in the parish hall. There is still time to register.

Prayer for the Conclave—7 May

Heavenly Father, you guide your church with wisdom and love. As the cardinals gather in conclave, send forth your Holy Spirit upon them. Grant them discernment, unity, and a heart open to your will. Raise up for us a shepherd after your own heart, who will lead your people in truth, compassion, and courage. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, may your church be renewed in faith, hope and charity.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: From Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40-41

The high priests demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning not to preach in this name and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and seem determined to fix guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.
The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 29

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

Response: I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord you have rescued me
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,
restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **R**

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him
Give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life.
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **R**

The Lord listened and had pity.
The Lord came to my help.
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing;
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **R**



A reading from the book of the Apocalypse 5:11-14

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation—everything that lives in the air and on the ground and under the ground and in the sea, crying. 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.
The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;
he has shown pity on all people..

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 21:1-19 **(Shortened form)**

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night. It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' 'And when they answered, 'No' he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple, Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words Simon Peter who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only a hundred yards from the land. As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead. The Gospel of the Lord.