



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 28th/29th March 2026

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

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Palm Sunday
28–29 March 2026

As Project Compassion 2026 comes to a close, we thank you for your generous support throughout Lent. This year, we shared the stories of four inspiring people whose lives are being uplifted through your compassion.

Your support is helping them overcome challenges and build stronger futures. There is still time to donate! Together, we can continue nurturing hope and empowering communities facing poverty and injustice.

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.



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Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

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Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Kathryn Withers, Irene Carr, Fr Dermot Clinton, Glenys Royal, Marie Nichols, Imelda Bourke, Sally Hart, Lloyd Graham, Joan Harrold, Judith Hyland, James White, Brian Munk, Stephen Neville, Pater Baker, Margaret Gawen, Anne Maginnity.

ANNIVERSARIES: John Haynes, Joan Travers, John Gale, Michael Bereza, Anne Whitfield, Charles Borg, Jack Dempsey, Bep Van Kerk Oerle, Penny ohnson, Mary Cromerty, Robert Grealy, Robert Killelea, Delma Mullavey, Shirley Foster, Patti Crozier, Geraldine Grimson, Darryn Graeber, Mary Benefield, Kathleen Johnson, Mary Curley, Evelyn Esler, John Smith.

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: 28th / 29th March

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Adrian Mitchelhill	Sr Carina Morton
Lector 1	Mary-Jayne Boyd	Samuel Serbinek
Lector 2	Paula Waters	Liz Phegan
Eucharistic Ministers	Colleen Day Shinead Kilroy	Sr Patricia Weekes Moira Porta Sue McLaurin
Cantor	Ann McIntyre	Bernadette, Wendy and
Musicians	Judy Foley	Helen
Counters: Anne Gordes & Lorraine Willis		

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.

Thought for the week Pope Leo XIV

In his address leading into the Holy Week, Pope Leo XIV warned against the temptation to create a personalized, comfortable version of Jesus, encouraging the faithful to embrace the "real Gospel". He emphasized that the week is meant to be "unsettling," urging believers to move beyond superficial celebration and confront the deeper, often uncomfortable, aspects of Christ's passion and ultimate sacrifice.



This weekend we welcome into the community of the Christian church

through the sacrament of Baptism:

Gus Anthony McNamara
son of Andrew and Claire



Parish News

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES 2025

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

Holy Thursday (2nd April)

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

Good Friday (3rd 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 (4th April) 6.00pm

Easter Sunday (5th April) 9.30am

EASTER LITURGY ROSTER

Holy Thursday (2 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: Trish Parkinson, Sue Betts

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

Commentator: Narelle Naughton

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

Passion Narrative: Narrator—**Jan Skinner**

Other—**Sr Patricia Weekes**

Crowd—**Kaye Deanshaw**

Pilate—??

Euch Ministers: **Cathy Nyhan, Pamela McIntosh**

Saturday Vigil (4 April) - 6pm

Lectors: First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:2—**Jan Skinner**

Second Reading: Exodus 14-15:1—**Colleen Day**

Third Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11—**Sr Patricia Weekes**

Romans 6:3-11—??

Eucharistic Ministers: **Anna Farrell, Trish Parkinson**
1 Volunteers

Easter Sunday (5 April) - 9.30am

Commentator: Narelle Naughton

Lectors: Reader 1—**Ben Clancy**

Reader 2—**Cathy Nyhan**

Eucharistic Ministers: **Pamela McIntosh, Sue Betts,**
Belinda Shelton

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—St Anne's Primary School

You are invited to journey through the Stations of the Cross the children have prepared this Wednesday 1 April from 5.30—6.30pm. Entrance via staff car park, Curlew Crescent.

FOOTY TIPPING MONEY

For those who have not yet paid for the footy tipping competition, please place the \$25 cash in an envelope marked 'Footy Tipping' and your name and place in one of the collection bags at mass. Thank you.

TO PONDER:

The long Gospel readings today, from the entry into Jerusalem (read at the procession) and the passion, reveal human fickleness as well as loyalty. Throngs of people who initially proclaim Jesus soon deny him, turn their backs on him, even abuse him. But not everyone. For example, we hear of the many women standing by Jesus as he dies and who remain by his side even as he is entombed. They are the quiet and steadfast followers, the ones who suffer with Jesus throughout his passion. These true disciples are easy to miss in all the noise. The beginning of Holy Week is a time to examine honestly our own tendencies toward fickleness and our loyalty as followers of Christ.

What are our failures and successes in Christian discipleship? When we examine our hearts and actions, to what—or to whom—are we most deeply committed?

JOIN THE CHOIR FOR OUR EASTER SERVICES

We'd love to welcome anyone who enjoys singing to join the choir for this year's services. Whether you're a regular singer or someone who simply loves the joy of Easter music you are very welcome.

The choir will be singing Thursday night 6.00pm, Friday afternoon 3.00pm and Saturday night 6.00pm. Just come 30 minutes prior to the service for a quick run through of the hymns. Any questions please contact Judy Foley 0419 420 278.

PALM CROSSES

Thanks is extended to Janice Barton from St Matthew's Anglican community for making the palm crosses which are available for collection at masses this weekend. The olive branches come from our memorial garden.

We are grateful for the provision of the Palm branches that adorn the sanctuary which come from the garden of John and Marie Van Lint.

MORNING TEA

As the first Sunday of April falls on Easter Sunday, our monthly morning tea will be held this Sunday 29 March (Palm Sunday) at the conclusion of our celebration of Eucharist. All welcome.

PLANNED GIVING

We have 4 direct depositors who have a description of 'Sacred Heart 2nd', 'Sacred Heart 2', and two are not supplied. These are weekly deposits. If these are yours please phone Parish Office Monday or Wednesday to obtain a number for your deposit so we can be sure they come to our account. Thank you.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION—Confirmation 2026

Bishop Mark Edwards will confer the sacrament of confirmation (usually yr 6 children & beyond) on Friday 19 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.

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion will be celebrated in the parish of Sacred Heart North Albury at both masses over the weekend of 22-23 August 2026.

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 Matthew 21:1—11

When they were near Jerusalem and had come in sight of Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples saying to them, 'Go to the village facing you and you will immediately find a tethered donkey and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, 'The Master needs them and will send them back directly.' This took place to fulfil the prophecy: Say to the daughter of Zion: Look your king comes to you: he is humble, he rides on a donkey and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden. So the disciples went out and did as Jesus had told them. They brought the donkey and the colt, then they laid their cloaks on their backs and he sat on them. Great crowds of people spread their cloaks on the road, while others were cutting branches from trees and spreading them in his path. The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed were all shouting: 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heavens!' And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil. 'Who is this?' people asked and the crowds answered, 'This the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

The Gospel of the Lord.