



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 Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

5th April 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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Ref No: Name # Please contact Office for a number

Presbytery A/c BSB: 066 789; A/c No: 10000 5575

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Easter Sunday

4 – 5 April 2026

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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: Tuesday 2.00pm (Mass of Anointing) Mercy Place Chapel.

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.

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Anne Orkney, Jan Braybon, Josie Duggan, Eric Bocquet, 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, Peter Baker, Margaret Gawen, Anne Maginnity.

ANNIVERSARIES: John Bradford (AJ), James Hickey, Sue Thompson, Elizabeth Simon, Heidi Yonson, Philip Liston, Meg McNamee, Sister Baptista, Kevin Corrigan, Norm Jessop, Kathrina Schieber, Allan Roach, Pamela Quin, Pam O'Brian, Phillip Percy, Edna Stephenson, Patricia Darbyshire, Rusty Stewart, Bob Gray, Angel Travillo, Frank Percy, John Norman, Patrick Scammell.

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



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

Charlotte Florence Anne Ning
daughter of Nathan and Sarah

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 4th / 5th April 2026

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Xavier Clancy	Narelle Naughton
Lector 1	Jan Skinner	Ben Clancy
Lector 2	Colleen Day Sr Patricia Weekes Genn Hamam	Cathy Nyhan
Eucharistic Ministers	Anna Farrell Trish Parkinson	Pamela McIntosh Sue Betts Belinda Shelton
Cantor	CHOIR	Bernadette and Helen
Musicians	Judy Foley	
Counters: Gemma		

Sat / Sun: 11th / 12 April

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Colleen Day	Volunteer
Lector 1	Barb McDermott	Roy Thompson
Lector 2	Jan Skinner	Cathy Nyhan
Eucharistic Ministers	Catherine Cutler Adrian Mitchelhill	Trish Parkinson Dianne Treacy Narelle Naughton
Cantor	John van Lint/Brian Waters	Damien Parkinson
Musicians	Catherine Cutler	Brigita Serbinek
Counters: Judy Warren & Michael Byrnes		

Thought for the week Pope Leo XIV

A blessed and holy Easter to you all, for Christ is risen. Alleluia. Alleluia. Once again the Church stands before the empty tomb and hears a voice that has come to us through the centuries with undiminished power: "Why do you seek the living among the dead?"

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

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.

Happy Easter, everyone!

Sacred Heart Football Competition Leaderboard

Leaderboard as it stands end of Round 3. Includes all participants. Those who think they are tech savvy and snail mail/email contributors:

The Navies **22**; Roo Boy **22**; Melissa Daniher **20**; Cathy Nyhan **20**; Fr Martin **20**; Kate Tracy **20**; Mannix **20**; bwGriff **19**; Les **19**; Matt Boyd **19**; Mr Miller **19**; Nanna Lil **19**; Kay **19**; Bomber **19**; Valerius **19**; Chrissie Treblecock **19**; Ray Treblecock **18**; Paul Albury **18**; Liz Jones **18**; Wendy Glazebrook **18**; Finners21 **18**; EJ **18**; Judy **18**; Joan Moylan **18**; Bede Hart **17**; Enbee **18**; Retired Gentleman **17**; Sacred Heart **17**; Carmel Butts **17**; Xavier Clancy **17**; Mitchelhill **17**; Denis Shirley **16**; Adrian **16**; Ironsides **16**; GOKANGAS **16**; Brian Butts **16**; Bucks **16**; Haz-Miller **15**; Coyle Family **15**; Clancy Family **15**; Barry **15**; Dormitor **14**; Terry Cruickshank **16**; Brian Millgate **14**; Richard Hickey **14**; Brookside5 **14**.

Men's Breakfast—is Saturday 11 April, 8.00am at St Peter's Lutheran Church Urana Road, Lavington. For a look inside the mind of today's youth we hear from school chaplains about what impacts today's children. Hot breakfast, good fellowship and valuable input to help your Christian life. For catering please Text that you are coming to **0425 886 837** Ps Chris Field Community Chaplain.

Alpha Gathering—Wild Goose Series

Our next gathering is Tuesday 7 April 10.00am in the Parish Hall. Our session is titled "The Spirit of Adoption". *'The Holy Spirit creates in us this new condition of being **Children of God** and this is the greatest gift we receive from Jesus' Paschal mystery.'* Pope Francis.

Morning tea provided. You are most welcome to join us.

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

A reading from the 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 letter of St Paul to the Colossians

3:1-4

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.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He is risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples.

And there, coming to meet them was Jesus. 'Greetings' he said. And the women came up to him and falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'

The Gospel of the Lord.