



*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.*

## *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

*25th / 26th 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.*

### **Parish Clergy:**

**Fr Martin Cruickshank—Parish Priest**

**Parish Office 9am-2pm**

**Gemma Whitehead—Monday & Wednesday**

**Fran Kernaghan—Friday**

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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/>**

**Safeguarding Officer for Sacred Heart Parish:**

**Adrian Mitchelhill**

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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:**

**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.**

### **ANZAC Day Prayer**

God of love and liberty,  
we bring our thanks today for the  
peace and security we enjoy which was  
won for us through the courage and  
devotion of those who gave their lives  
in time of war.

We pray that their labour and sacrifice  
may not be in vain, but that their spirit  
may live on in us and in generations to  
come.

We pray that liberty, truth and justice  
which they sought to preserve may be  
seen and known in all the nations upon  
earth.

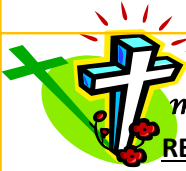
We pray in the name of the one who  
gave his life for the sake of the world,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.



**ANZAC DAY**  
*Let's We Forget*

# Parish Community



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Josh Power, Mary Thorne (Friedlieb), Brian Carroll, Bill Robbins, Eileen Richardson, Kevin Bowyer, Anne Orkney, Sally Hart, Margaret Gawen.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Pope Francis, Patrick Scott, Jenny Howe, Hilda Ryan, Michael Ryan, Bill Rourke, Mary Galvin, Klarrie Paizis, Shirley Wessen, Kerree Pearsons, Isobel Gibbs, Edward Unger, Bernadette Stevens, Mary Driscoll, Hazel Joss, William Lautenbacher, Harold Dexter, Claude Zallocco, Mary Doyle, Margaret Roach, Raymond Buttel, Petro Tymczuk, John Browne, Colin McNamee, Jenny Hawkins, Lillian Magrath, Frank Naughton, Leslie Trezise, Mary Everston, John Hertzog, Myra Whitehead, Ronald Murray.

*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: 25th / 26th April

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Jan Skinner	Roy Thompson
<b>Lector 1</b>	Adrian Mitchelhill	Liz Phegan
<b>Lector 2</b>	Kaye Deanshaw	Kay Morrell
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Pauline Mulquiney Anna Farrell	Sr Patricia Weekes Dianne Treacy Sue McLaurin
<b>Cantor</b>	John van Lint/Brian Waters	Margy, Ed and Heath
<b>Musicians</b>	Val Hayes	
<b>Counters:</b> Gemma		

Sat / Sun: 2nd / 3rd May

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Colleen Day	Sr Carina Morton
<b>Lector 1</b>	Barb McDermott	Brigita Serbinek
<b>Lector 2</b>	Volunteer	John Dowling
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Jan Skinner Patricia Hopkins	Sr Siony Eamonn Buckley Trish Parkinson
<b>Cantor</b>	Judy Lindsay	Bob Mathews
<b>Musicians</b>	Catherine Cutler	Ashleigh Donaldson
<b>Counters:</b> Gordon Bryant & Laurie Moylan		

## *Prayer for Pope Leo XIV*

Lord,  
source of eternal life and truth,  
give to your shepherd  
Pope Leo XIV  
a spirit of courage and  
right judgment,  
a spirit of knowledge and love.

By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the Apostle Peter and vicar of Christ, build your Church into a sacrament of unity, love, and peace for all the world.  
Amen.

### Thought for the week Pope Leo XIV

"He is the Shepherd who draws us to Himself, whose gaze reveals that life is truly beautiful when one follows Him".

### Easter Water

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

# Parish News

## TO PONDER:

Sometimes the Gospels describe the path to abundant life as “narrow” and “constricted” (Matt 7:14), yet in today’s Gospel, the gate swings easily and widely for all sheep to flow in and out. The gate is an apt metaphor for the spiritual life, in which we first come “in” to Christ for rest, nourishment, and protection, and then follow Christ out with strength, confidence, and purpose to be prophetic witnesses. All of our readings depict this movement in and out, from Peter moving out as a public witness in Acts to the call for inward rest in 1 Peter.

Explore your own sheepfold this week, the quiet space of prayer and renewal. How does Jesus, who calls himself the Gate, beckon you in and out? By following this beckoning, the ultimate promise is that we will not only enter the gate but *become* the gate through which others enter into abundant life.

## 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.

**Parent/Student Reflection & Information Evening:  
Tuesday 28 April at 6.00pm in St Anne’s School Hall.**

## First Holy Communion

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

## Australian Catholic Bishops Conference 2026 National Count of Attendance

All parish communities in Australia have been asked to participate in the national attendance survey. To this end we will carry out a head count at masses over the first four Sundays of May. No names. Numbers only.

## Together

The April edition of our Diocesan newspaper has arrived. Please take a copy from entrances to the church.

## Prayer for Peace in the Middle East

God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation, pour your power upon all your children in the Middle East: Jews, Muslims and Christians, Palestinians and Israelis, citizens of Iran and Lebanon.

Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope, oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation, that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces, and peace and justice could be experienced by all.

## 1st Anniversary of Death of Pope Francis

Pope Francis, born Jorge Mario Bergoglio, passed away on April 21, 2025—Easter Monday—at 88 from a cerebral stroke. 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 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.

## Parish Pastoral Council

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Thursday 7 May at 6.00pm in the Parish Hall. All agenda items need to be directed to the Secretary Marjorie Serbinek: [m4serbinek@gmail.com](mailto:m4serbinek@gmail.com) by Monday 4 May.

## Parish Morning Tea

Our monthly parish morning tea will be held next Sunday 3rd May at the conclusion of our celebration of 9.30am Eucharist. All welcome. If possible please bring something to share.



## THANK YOU!

Caritas Australia would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the parish community of Sacred Heart Parish North Albury for your generous support of Project Compassion 2026.

Your support is helping to bring hope, uphold dignity and create lasting change to communities facing poverty and injustice around the world. So far we have raised \$2,899.90 which is helping to bring clean water, education nutritious food, healthcare and support for those living with disability - showing what's possible when we come together as a Church to live out the Gospel message of love and justice. Thank you for uniting with us this Lent to build a more just and compassionate world.

**If you have not already done so please return your Project Compassion boxes or donation envelopes as soon as possible, so we can send off to Caritas Australia.**

# Liturgy of the Word

## **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 36-41**

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: ‘The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.’ Hearing this they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, ‘What must we do, brothers?’ ‘You must repent,’ Peter answered ‘and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesu Christ for the forgiveness of your sins and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.’ He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments and he urged them ‘Save yourselves from this perverse generation.’ They were convinced by his arguments and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number. The word of the Lord.

## **Responsorial Psalm 23:1-6**

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

**Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
Where he gives me rest.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. **R**

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. **R**

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **R**  
Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life  
In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **R**

## **A reading from the letter of St Paul 2:20-25**

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you are called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. The word of the Lord.

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep and mine know me.

**Alleluia!**

## **A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 10:1-10**

Jesus said: ‘I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.’ Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again: ‘I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: they will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full. The Gospel of the Lord.