



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

11th / 12th 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

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Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable People:

<https://wagga.catholic.org.au/safeguarding-children-vulnerable-people/>

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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:

NO WEEKDAY SCHEDULED

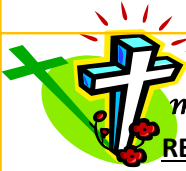
RECONCILIATION: SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

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.

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Anne Orkney, Jan Braybon, Kathryn Withers, Sally Hart, Margaret Gawen.

ANNIVERSARIES: Carol Harrington, Mary Shaddock, Sue Barsby, Dot Taylor, Debbie Yensch, Brian Murphy, Betty Grealy, Sylvia King, Larry Foley, Ellen Phibbs, Otto Sproule, Ronald Mitsch, Kath Doyle, Anna Yea, Colleen O'Reilly, David Miller, Les Stewart, Elio Corte, Fr Mel Roach, Harry Hore, Steven Campbell, Rose Dynan, Kerry Faul, Wal Tozer, Joan Godde, Patricia Fisher, Catherine Campbell, Catherine Thompson, Erin Corboy, James Doolan, Leo Doolan, Jessie Whelton.

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:

Tommy Edward Mahood
son of Michael and Iseabail

Elodie Addison Mills
daughter of Kane and Abby

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 11th / 12 April

| Ministry | Vigil | 9.30am |
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| Commentator | Colleen Day | Roy Thompson |
| Lector 1 | Barb McDermott | Kay Morrell |
| 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 | | |

Sat / Sun: 18th / 19th April

| Ministry | Vigil | 9.30am |
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| Commentator | Justin Clancy | Cathy Nyhan |
| Lector 1 | Michael Byrnes | Lorraine Willis |
| Lector 2 | Catherine Cutler | Mary Hunt |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Patricia Hopkins Colleen Day | Belinda Shelton Fran Kernaghan Pamela McIntosh |
| Cantor | Judy Lindsay | David Hicks |
| Musicians | Catherine Cutler | |
| Counters: Bernie Seaton | | |

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!

Amen

Thought for the week Pope Leo XIV

"Through the cracks of resurrection that open up in the darkness, he entrusts our hearts to the hope that sustains us: the power of death is not the final destiny of our lives".



Parish News

TO PONDER

"Although you have not seen him you love him," writes the author of 1 Peter. Like his early Christian audience, we were not present at the crucifixion. We have not seen Jesus's wounds or touched his resurrected body. But we have experienced him in some capacity because there is no such thing as "secondhand faith."

For many of us, faith comes through the witness of others, by seeing Jesus enfleshed among those brave enough to be expressions of love, reconciliation, and justice in the midst of a broken world. Faith also comes through the records of communal memories shared in our sacred Scriptures. As Jesus says, we are the truly blessed ones for believing without seeing. And yet we do see.

Where and through whom do you see the crucified and resurrected Jesus?

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.

Sacred Heart Football Competition Leaderboard

Leaderboard as it stands end of Round 4. Includes all participants. Those who think they are tech savvy and snail mail/email contributors:

Cathy Nyhan, Roo Boy (Ed Brown) **27**; Melissa Daniher, Matt Boyd, The Navies, Kate Tracy, Martin C, Nanna Lil, Mannix, Chrissie Trebilcock **26**; bwGriff, Bomber, Valerius **25**; Les, Kay, Liz Jones, EJ, Xavier Clancy, Wendy Glazebrook **24**; Mr Miller, Judy, Joan Moylan, Enbee **23**; Finners, Retired Gentleman, Brian Butts, Paul Albury, Ray Trebilcock, Terry Cruickshank **22**; Ben and Adrian, Carmel Butts, Mitchelhill **21**; Coyle Family, Ironsides, Sacred Heart, Clancy Family **20**; Dennis Shirley, Richard Hickey, Dormitor, Brian Millgate, Go Kangas, Brookside 5, Bucks, Barry **19**; Haz Miller **18**.

Parishioner Milestones

Congratulations are offered to Judy and Gerard Ryan on the celebration of the 60th wedding anniversary over the Easter weekend.

Best wishes also to Jane Togher who celebrated her 90th birthday last Monday.

May their lives continue to be enriched by God's many blessings.

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.

Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission & Service

Australian's have been urged to take up the invitation of Pope Leo XIV to pray for peace in our world.

Pope Leo will celebrate a prayer vigil for peace in St Peter's Basilica in Rome on Saturday,

April 11 (6pm Rome time) and has invited all people of goodwill across the world to join him

in prayer. "Let us continue to pray for the gift of peace for the whole world," Pope Leo said.

The call comes amid a two-week ceasefire to allow talks between the United States and Iran.

Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service chair Bishop Tim Harris said it was important to accompany such a fragile time of diplomacy with prayer.

"As these important discussions take place between the United States and Iran, I urge all Australians to turn first to prayer - asking God to soften hearts, restrain violence and open paths to peace," Bishop Harris said.

"Diplomatic talks can falter when fear and mistrust prevail. Prayer sustains them by reminding the world that peace is not merely negotiated but received as a gift from God.

"In moments of tension, prayer anchors peace efforts in humility rather than power."

"I invite parishes, families and faith communities across Australia to unite in prayer for peace in the Middle East, especially for civilians who live with the constant threat of violence," Bishop Harris said.

"In turning to prayer, we affirm hope is never lost and peace always remains possible."

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.

Table Top Mountain Charity Walk

9.00am Sunday 19 April 2026

A Memorial Cairn was erected in 2024 to commemorate a visit by Hamilton Hume and William Hovell in November 1824 This year walkers can add a small commemorative stone to the Memorial Cairn upon arrival the top of Table Top Mountain.

Directions: About 40 minutes drive from Albury. Turn right off the Olympic Highway at the Peregrines Reception Centre sign. NO DOGS. <https://www.peregrines.com.au/location> Participation Entry Charges \$50 per car, \$100 per mini-bus, \$200 per coach

Walkers will receive a Sunshine Ribbon and a Certificate of Achievement.

BBQ / Sausage Sizzle outside Reception Centre after the Walk All funds raised will benefit Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer

Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching and fellowship of the apostles, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

(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 no end' **R**

I was thrust, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just. **R**

The stone which the builders rejected,
has become the corner stone.

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**

A reading from the first letter of St Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

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 of the week, 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 send 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 put my fingers into the holes they made, 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!' The Gospel of the Lord.