



*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

18th / 19th 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:

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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

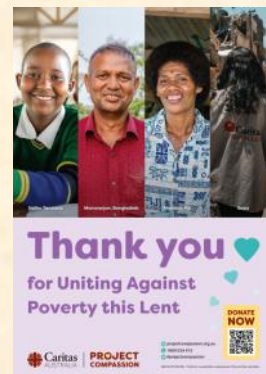
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## THANK YOU!

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. Together, we are 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.



### 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

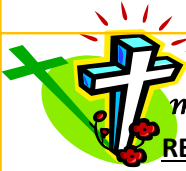
**BAPTISMS:** By appointment.

### CHILDRENS LITURGY:

Children's liturgy is offered in Sacred Heart parish community each second and fourth Sunday at 9.30am mass during school terms.

Please return your Project Compassion boxes or donation envelopes as soon as possible so we can send off to Caritas Australia.

# Parish Community



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Frances Richardson, Kevin Bowyer, Anne Orkney, Jan Braybon, Kathryn Withers, Sally Hart, Margaret Gawen.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Pope Francis, Pauline Maginnity, Bob Endres, Marie St George, Noel Balsarini, Leonie Blomeley, Yvonne Rosewarne, Geoff Milton, Mabel Foley, Ted Goodgar, Annie Goodgar, Carmen Dosenko, Jean Thompson, Malda Hawkins Loenard Goerge, Harold Robinson, Madge Trebley, Kathleen Anker, Richard Davis, Edith Adams, Richard Conway, Johnny Coyle, Danniell Pearson-Wainwright, Brian Martin, John Hodda, Jack Donnelly, Wattie Grant, May Cowell, Neville Kliese, Vilem Dosek.

*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:*

**Molly Frances Barr**  
daughter of Cory and Kelly

**Lennie May Longfield**  
daughter of Elliott and Brianna

**Daisy Anne McDonald**  
daughter of Cameron and Lauren

## ROSTERS

**Sat / Sun: 18th / 19th April**

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Justin Clancy	Cathy Nyhan
<b>Lector 1</b>	Michael Byrnes	Lorraine Willis
<b>Lector 2</b>	Catherine Cutler	Mary Hunt
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Patricia Hopkins Colleen Day	Belinda Shelton Fran Kernaghan Pamela McIntosh
<b>Cantor Musicians</b>	Volunteers	Heath, Ed and Margy
<b>Counters:</b> Carey Menz-Dowling & John Dowling		

**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 Musicians</b>	John van Lint/Brian Waters Val Hayes	Margy, Ed and Heath
<b>Counters:</b> Gemma		

### Thought for the week Pope Leo XIV

"May you bring the joy of Jesus, who is risen and present in our midst, to all you meet"

## 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*



# Parish News

## TO PONDER

“Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?” The power and mystery of the Scriptures burn through our readings today. Just as the disciples’ hearts “burn” within them when Jesus breaks open the Scriptures for them, so too can we imagine the people in Acts experiencing an inward flame as they hear Peter preach. Peter also has this flame deep within, ignited by faith and fueled by the Scriptures and the Spirit that set him on fire to proclaim Christ. All of us have this fire of faith in us. Sometimes it burns intensely, while at other times it feels like fragile embers. But it is there.

As you pray with our readings, can you feel this inward fire whether it is a flickering flame or a roaring blaze?

What helps to fuel the fire?



The **Gospel** story of the conversation on the road to Emmaus, Luke 24:13-35, displays something found in all the recorded appearances of the risen Lord.

Jesus meets people exactly where they are: Mary Magdalene in her weeping, Thomas in his doubting, the group gathered in the upper room in their fear. Here he meets the two disciples in their disillusionment and disbelief. One of the many wonderful things about the episode is that by not revealing himself immediately to them but simply accompanying them as a companion along the way, Jesus respects their experience and lets them tell out their story to the end. Only then does he pick it up and weave it into his own instruction.

## 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.

## 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.

“Let us continue to pray for the gift of peace for the whole world,” Pope Leo said.

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.

“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.

## Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation—William Muir

William Muir will be received into the community of the Christian Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. We welcome his wife Anna and their children Henry, Theo and Alfie to this important sacramental celebration.

Let us pray for Will as he continues his journey in faith. As the Catholic faith community of Sacred Heart North Albury let us continue to support him in prayer.

## SPIRIT WEAVER’S MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING

Spirit Weaver’s is a Christ-centred group promoting women’s spirituality, unity, journeying and connection, including inter-faith and cross-cultural exchanges.

**Our next coffee morning is next Saturday 25th** at Retro Lane Café (QE11 Square), 525 Swift Street, Albury at 10.30am (last Saturday of the month (for approx. 1 hour)

You are invited to come along where we can share faith and friendship.

## 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.

**H E I S R I S E N**  
CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

# Liturgy of the Word

## **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22—33**

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: ‘Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption....God raised Jesus to life and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God’s right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit. The word of the Lord.

## **Responsorial Psalm 15**

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

**Response: Lord, you will show us the path of life.**

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

I say to the Lord: ‘You are my God.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;

it is you yourself who are my prize.’ **R**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel  
who even at night directs my heart.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight:

since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;

Even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay. **R**

You will show me the path of life,

the fullness of joy in your presence,

at your right hand happiness for ever. **R**

## **A reading from the first letter of St Peter 1:17—21**

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God. The word of the Lord.

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us;  
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

**Alleluia!**

## **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 24:13—35 (abridged)**

Two of the disciples were on their way to Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem. As they talked, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, “What matters are you discussing as you walk along?” They stopped short; their faces downcast. Cleopas answered, “You must be the only person in Jerusalem who does not know these things.” “What things?” he asked. “All about Jesus of Nazareth, who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: some women from our group went to the tomb in the early morning, and they did not find the body, they saw a vision of angels who declared he was alive.” He said, “You foolish ones! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?” Then starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near the village they pressed him to stay with them. While they were at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?” They returned to Jerusalem where they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread. The Gospel of the Lord.