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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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

2nd / 3rd May 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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As we continue to live through this joyful Eastertide, the readings this week show us the new Christians attempting to organise their community.

After prayer and discernment, they solve the dispute between the Hebrews and the Hellenists and appoint seven leaders. **(First Reading)**

The **Psalm** celebrates in song the word of the Lord, who is merciful and loves justice and right.

The **Second Reading** seeks to reassure us. We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood and a holy nation. Christ is the cornerstone of the building, and all Christians its living stones.

The **Gospel** comes from the Last Supper discourse, where Jesus prepares his friends for his departure. Thomas and Philip find it hard to follow his words, but they will never be alone, for Jesus will be alongside them. He is the way, the truth and the life.

This week, we pray for all who are unable to accept Jesus as the cornerstone of their life. As we go about our own lives in the coming days, we might use the response to the psalm: 'May your merciful love be upon me, as I hope in you, O Lord'.

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—Mass of Anointing at 2.00pm in 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.

Parish Community



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

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Theo Smit, Brian Gibson, Ronald Clayton, Gerard Sullivan, Joan McLaurin, May Smith, Merle McCabe, Paul Griffin, Tony Phelps, John Gardiner, Helen Scully, Paul Ofak, Jessica Lawrence, John Thompson, Peter Fodor, Joyce Lyons, Nell Norman, John Piltz, Zetta Mitchelhill, Barney Zerbst, Connie Waters, Kath Toner, Michael Clark, John Lopez, Edward Ilsley, Dave Hulm, Roy Lonergon, Jill Webster Christopher Eades.

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

Baptism

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

Bennett Wallace Brooks
son of Nicholas and Tayla

Jimmy Mitchell Nichols
Joey Lee Nichols
children of Mitchell and Tayla

Amora Mae Walters
Theo Joshua-Jaasar Walters
children of Joshua and Elyan

Maya Winter Ibrahim
child of Milad and Brianna

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 25th / 26th April

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Colleen Day	Sr Carina Morton
Lector 1	Barb McDermott	Brigita Serbinek
Lector 2	Volunteer	John Dowling
Eucharistic Ministers	Jan Skinner Patricia Hopkins	Sr Siony Eamonn Buckley Trish Parkinson
Cantor	Judy Lindsay	Bob Mathews
Musicians	Catherine Cutler	Val Hayes
Counters: Laurie Moylan		

Sat / Sun: 2nd / 3rd May

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Michael Byrnes	Volunteer
Lector 1	Colleen Day	Kay Morrell
Lector 2	Nicole Morton	Mercedes Goss
Eucharistic Ministers	Kaye Deanshaw Anna Farrell	Moira Porta Marisa Hart Pamela McIntosh
Cantor	Brian Waters/John van Lint	Heath Neville
Musicians	Judy Foley	Ashleigh Donaldson
Counters: Jane Togher and Brian Fealy		

Thought for the week Pope Leo XIV—Month of May

“Our Mother Mary always wants to walk with us, be close, help us with her intercession and love. So I would like to pray together with you. Let us pray together for this new mission, for the whole church, for peace in the world, and let us ask Mary, our Mother, for this special grace.”

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

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:

Today's Gospel is often read a funeral liturgies to remind us that dying means coming home to Christ. And yet it also speaks to a deep sense of being home or belonging with Christ now. The passage juxtaposes homelessness with homecoming, separation with belonging. Homelessness takes many forms, including the human tragedies of physical homelessness and the suffering many experience in their own "homes." Yet our passage also speaks to a broader human yearning to belong. We all seek the place where we feel safe, loved, and at rest.

Where, or with whom, is this place for you? Do you believe you have this place of deep belonging with Jesus? We all bear the responsibility to reach out compassionately and invite others in. There are many rooms, and every one needs a home.

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.

Commitment Masses—Feast of Pentecost Saturday 23 May 6.00pm, 24 May 9.30am.

Confirmation Preparation Day—Thursday 4 June St Anne's School Hall, school hours.

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.

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors Roster

We will be doing a new roster for June—September. If you would like to participate in these ministries please add your name, phone number & email address to the sheet provided Swan Street entry.

Counters Roster

We are looking for parishioners who would be interested in joining our counter roster. It would involve either counting on Sunday after 9.30am mass or Monday mornings at 9.00am every 7th or 8th week. Please email or phone the office if you would like to join this ministry.

Mass of Anointing

Mass of anointing will be held at Mercy Place Chapel at 2.00pm on Tuesday 5th May.

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 by Monday 4 May.

Parish Morning Tea

Our monthly parish morning tea is at the conclusion of our celebration of 9.30am Eucharist today. All welcome.

Men's Breakfast—is Saturday 9 May 7.45am at St Peter's Lutheran Church Hall, Urana Road, Lavington. All welcome.

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.



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.

Sacred Heart Football Competition Leaderboard End of Round 7

Cathy Nyhan, NannaLil **50**; Roo Boy, Kate Tracy **49**; Wendy Glazebrook, Martin Cruickshank **48**; Chrissie Trebilcock, Kay, bwgriff, Xavier Clancy, Liz Jones **47**; Valerius, Bomber, Matt Boyd, Mannix, Judy **46**; Mr Miller, Ray Trebilcock, EJ, Les, Brian Butts **45**; Melissa Daniher, Joan Moylan, Terry Cruickshank, The Navies, mitchelhill, Enbee, Ben and Adrian **44**; Retired gentleman, Denis Shirley, Coyle Family, Dormitor **42**; Carmel Butts, Ironsides, Clancy Family **41**; Finners21, Richard Hickey, Paul Albury **40**; Brian Millgate **39**; Barry **38**; Brookside5 **37**; GoKangas **35**; Haz-Miller **32**; Bucks **27**.

Alpha Gathering—Wild Goose Series

Our next gathering is Tuesday 5 May at 10.00am in the Parish Hall. Our session is titled "The Spirit and the Sacraments" 'Morning tea provided. You are most welcome to join us.

Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 6:1—7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostle, who prayer and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread; the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 32

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

Response: Lord let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R**

For the word of the Lord if faithful and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R**

A reading from the first letter of St Peter 2:4—9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by all but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the one who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders, has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring all down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 14:1—12

Jesus said to his disciples; 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said, 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No-one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself; will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.