

SACRED HEART PARISH - KOORINGAL

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Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil Mass:
5:30pm
Sunday Mass:
9:00 am

Weekday Mass Times:

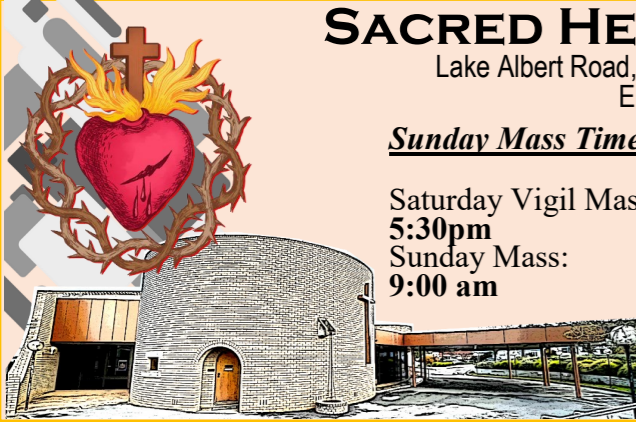
Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 5:30pm
Tuesday and Thursday: 7:00am
Saturday: 9:30am
Reconciliation (Saturday): 10:00am—10:30am
(CHANGES TO MASS TIMES WILL BE POSTED ON THE CHAPEL DOOR)

Anointing Mass:

Every second Thursday of the month at 10:00am in the Parish Church/Chapel

Mass at Caloola Court: every first Thursday of the month at 11:00am

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 11th and 12th of May 2024

Ascension Sunday: This Solemnity of Our Lord's Ascension reminds us that we too, through His Grace, will bodily ascend also to the heights of Heaven.

Thank you Mary Malone: We thank Mary Malone for her wonderful contribution over the years in beautifying our church through her lovely flower arrangements. This labour of love has proven quite a challenge for her in recent months. We are hoping that a new volunteer may come forward to take on the floral arrangements. Please see Fr Grace or Tracey if you're able to help in this important ministry of love for Our Lord Jesus and His Church.

TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Wagga Wagga Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process. For further information please phone the Wagga Wagga Office of the Tribunal on 6937 0017 or email tribunal@wagga.catholic.org.au

May is Our Lady's month: Did you know that the most popular book on Marian consecration is in the top 100 books on Amazon - read that again - of all the 100 most popular books in the world, Marian consecration is one of them. Perhaps the triumph of the Immaculate Heart is just around the corner? Let's hope so. And let's keep this great trend going by ordering one.

Serra Club: This wonderful organisation promotes and supports vocations to the priesthood and religious life. In the foyer you will find Serra Club prayer cards for vocations and more details about the club. Please consider joining the Serra Club by contacting Andrew Kennedy on 0428 475 869.

Pope Francis: Is asking us to pray the holy rosary each day for the intention of World Peace. Our Lady Queen of peace — pray for us.

House Blessings: Between Easter and Pentecost it has been a long held tradition to have our homes blessed with the Easter water. Please place your details on the sheet in the foyer and Fr Grace will come and bless your home.

Servers wanted for the Holy Mass: It is a great privilege to serve at the altar during the Mass, many of the saints stated their journeys by serving at the sacrifice of the Mass. If you are interested in serving or learning to serve at the altar, please contact Patrick Drum at: patmdrum02@gmail.com

Date	Time	Commentator	Lector	Organist	M of C	M of C	DPO
18th May	5.30pm	PARISH SCHOOLS	PARISH SCHOOLS	M Adams	PARISH SCHOOLS	PARISH SCHOOLS	PARISH SCHOOLS
19th May	9.00am	K Ryan-Clark	P Friedlieb	M Dewhirst	C Maloney	R Terry	D Brady
25th May	5.30pm	D Sutton	P Harris	K Edis	A Bright	T Goonan	C Munn
26th May	9.00am	A Cook	S Constantine	M Dewhirst	V Saunders	F Lieschke	D Moses
NEXT COUNTERS 14/5		David Brady & Brian Hill					

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK.

May is traditionally known as the Month of Mary.

Tuesday 14th— St Matthias, apostle, Feast.

READINGS NEXT WEEK	Gen 11:1-9
	Ps 103:1-2, 24, 27-30, 35 Rom: 8:22-27
	Jn 7:37-39

HOLINESS IN FAMILIES AROUND THE WORLD: This wonderful 8 session marriage enrichment course, endorsed by Pope Francis, is for all couples. It will continue on Friday, May 31 at 7.15pm with a light supper and conclude at 8.30pm. Baby sitting will be available is needed. For more information regarding the wonderful course please email: stjosephscatholicmemensgroup@gmail.com All welcome.

Pilgrimage to Rome & Medjugorje: Pope Francis has official granted permission for pilgrimages to Medjugorje both on a Diocesan and Parish level. If you are interested in joining our pilgrimage in October, please see Fr. Grace. Pamphlets are in the foyer.

Media Sunday: The annual collection to support the media work in the Church will be taken up next Sunday as a leaving collection. It is very important in our age of disinformation that the Gospel is proclaimed in the media with clarity and without any distortions. Thank you.

Fr Rod Letchford: Will be saying the 5.30pm Vigil Mass on Saturday. Fr Rod Letchford was ordained a priest at the Cathedral on April 13. After Mass he will be offering a special blessing that a newly ordained priest can give. This has a plenary indulgences attached to it when the usual conditions are met. Thank you Fr Rod for supply while Fr Grace is officiating at a Nuptial Mass in Griffith.

ADORATION. We currently have an hour with no one attending on the roster. Why not spend an hour with Our Lord on Friday evenings 6-7pm. Please call John Evans if you are able to help out- 0410 026 796.

ESENCIA LIFE CENTRE WAGGA FUNDRAISER— Floral Arranging Workshop, 11/05/24 at St Michael's Parish Centre, \$60/person. Afternoon tea included. See flyers in foyer of church. Call Clare 0400 877 616 with enquires or to RSVP.

Parish Life and Calendar—

MAY

Tuesday 14th May, 10-11.30am— *mainly music* in the Parish Centre. Please contact Bernadette with enquires— 0477 887 783.

Tuesday 14th May, 6pm— Vinnies Meeting in the White House



Congratulations to Theodore & Willoughby Nelson and family on their

Baptisms on Saturday.

PRESENTATION SISTERS WAGGA WAGGA SESQUICENTENARY CELEBRATIONS. See flyer in church foyer. Saturday 1st June 1-5pm. Open afternoon. Formalities, prayer ritual and blessing of commemorative plaque to be placed in the chapel. Visits to Mt Erin Chapel, Heritage Centre and Erin Earth Gardens. Afternoon tea in the boarding school dining room. For catering purposes,

Sacramental Program for 2024:

First Holy Communion (Year 4) Sat. June 22 at 5.30pm (SHK) & Sun. June 30 at 10.30am (MDP).
Confirmation (Year 6) Tues & Wed. Sept. 3 & 4 at 6pm (MDP) & Thurs. Sept. 5 at 6pm (SHK).
First Confession/Reconciliation (Year 3) Thurs. Nov 14 at 6pm (SHK) & Nov. 21 at 6pm (MDP).
NB. The Sacraments are for all parishioners who are properly prepared. Therefore, any parents wanting their State School children/child to receive them, may enrol their children through the Parish Office either by phone or email. If they are in Year 6 or above, and haven't made their First Confession/Reconciliation or First Holy Communion, for whatever reason, that also can be arranged. Then they will be able to be make their Confirmation with the Bishop Mark Edward in early September.

VINNIES UPDATE. In April Vinnies conference members visited 55 households and distributed food vouchers for \$3755.

CHURCH PARKING— Dear parishioners, please be mindful that the parking out the front of the church and under the awning is priority parking for the elderly and disabled. Thank you for your consideration and compliance. Also a reminder of the **Bus Zone** out the front.



Please pray for: RECENTLY DECEASED: Sr Marie **DE PORRES GOODE, JOHN BIRRELL, Zita DENHOLM,** Archbishop Francis **CARROLL,** Garry **CROUCH,** Wendy **MADIGAN.**

ANNIVERSARIES/REMEMBRANCES: Joan **BURGAN,** Rene **HOWARD,** Les **MCDONALD,** Colin **FITZGERALD,** Peter **BLOOMFIELD,** Stuart **TAYLOR,** Nicola **FRALONARDO,** Joan **WHITTAKER,** Noel **COMERFORD,** Greg **ADAMS.**

May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

SICK: Troy Dawson, Paul Burton, Annette Gaynor, Jannette Cameron, Don Huckle, Allan Carroll, John Graham, Brian Dixon, Les Dixon, Anna Lanyon (nee Cunningham), Luke Barday, Mary-Helen Martens, Pauline Chua, Fred Broso, Gena O'Sullivan; Cydnl Clarke; Joan Rodd; Daemon McDonell-Steiner; Katherine Gilmore; Fr. Reece Beltrame; Denise Whittaker; Therese Maiden, Mary Codell; Shivaun Clifton; Hayden O'Callaghan; June Kimber, Denise Goonan; Shirley Gabriel; Gwen Castle; Cecilia Lim; Emily Davis; Parker Johnston; Carmel Carroll.

Prayer for those who are sick and are in need:

We pray for all those who are sick. May they draw strength and healing from God's presence with them and from our prayers 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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

[If you would like the names of your relatives to be included in the prayer list (anniversary of deaths, recently deceased, illnesses, wedding celebration or anniversaries, birthdays, etc.) please contact the Parish Office 02 6922 6057 and leave a message or send an email admin@shww.com.au by midday each Wednesday. Remember that due to privacy policy, names of the sick can only be put on the bulletin with permission of the immediate family. This list will be updated every month and we would appreciate if we are advised of any updates. Mass with Anointing is celebrated monthly in the chapel and all are welcome. Parishioners visit weekly with Holy Communion, for those unable to attend Mass. If you, or anyone you know, would like to receive Holy Communion at home please contact Fr. Grace, through the Parish office. All are encouraged to pray daily for those in need. There is a group of parishioners

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Parish Priest

Patrick Drum
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Baptism, Marriage and Funerals
By appointment.
Please contact the Parish Office.

OUR SCHOOLS

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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MATER DEI PRIMARY SCHOOL
63 Gregadoo Rd., Lake Albert NSW 2650
Kylie Chacon | Principal
Phone: 02 6926 2060

MATER DEI CATHOLIC COLLEGE
Plunkett Dr, Lake Albert NSW 2650
Val Thomas | Principal
Phone: 02 6923 8300

LAST WEEK COLLECTIONS

1st Collection: \$1524.30

2nd Collection: \$2030.65

Counters:

John Evans & Barry Longmore

if you would like to contribute to the Church, you may do so by any of the following ways:

- Direct deposit into our bank account.

FIRST COLLECTION:

Account name:

Koorungal Parish—Presbytery
(for the support of priests)

BSB: 066-789 Account No: 100005657

SECOND COLLECTION:

Account name:

Koorungal Parish—Church
(planned giving which covers parish expenses)

BSB: 066-789 Account No: 100005658

Ref: Your name

- Tap & Go donation. There are two donation points in the Church.
- Cash donations which can be placed on the collection plates.



far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 28: 19, 20
Alleluia, alleluia! / Go and teach all people my gospel. / I am with you always, until the end of the world. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk 16: 15-20
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

WHAT DOES THE ASCENSION MEAN FOR US?

The ascension of the Lord is the pivotal link between Luke's Gospel and Acts – the story of Jesus and the story of the Church. The accounts of the ascension at the end of Luke's Gospel and the beginning of Acts are not exactly the same but the message is clear: 'they' (the apostles/witnesses) are to stay in the city/Jerusalem until clothed with power from on high/receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and, then 'he' (Jesus) was carried up to heaven/lifted up, and a cloud took him out of sight (Luke 24:49-51 & Acts 1:4, 8-9).

The letter to the Ephesians contains the plea 'to make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit' and to build up the body of Christ. This is essential as the one who came down is the same one who ascended, who is calling all, whatever their gift, to work together in their ministry until they become mature in Christ.

Mark's account is thought to be a later addition to the Gospel. 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News', – reminiscent of Matthew's account of the commissioning of the disciples – 'to all creation' (v. 15). This message is vital for us to hear in these times of global ecological crisis. After speaking to the apostles, Jesus was taken up and assumed his rightful place at the right hand of God. In every way the ascension affirms the resurrection, Jesus' return to God and the launch of our mission guided by the Spirit.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Acts 1: 1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
*Why are you standing here looking into the sky?
Jesus has been taken into heaven.*

In my earlier work, *Theophilus*, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom of Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

■ The word of the Lord.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 46: 2-3, 6-9. R. v. 6

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. (*or* Alleluia!)

1. All peoples, clap your hands, / cry to God with shouts of joy! / For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, / great king over all the earth. **R.**

2. God goes up with shouts of joy; / the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. / Sing praise for God, sing praise, / sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

3. God is king of all the earth. / Sing praise with all your skill. / God is king over the nations; / God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

SECOND READING

Eph 1: 17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven,

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