



AS A PARISH WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS FOR :

RECENTLY DECEASED *Gwen Hanrahan, Reg Treston, Mae Schiller, Bill Millard, Phil Murray, Leita Barron, Nola Wendt, Gary Ferrario, Patrick Foley, Lorna Hann, Lawrence Blake, Greg Adams, Judith Mueller, John Cooper, Thelma Menz, Margaret Culhane, Charlie Dalglish and Malcolm Campbell.*

ANNIVERSARIES For those whose anniversaries occur about this time - *Joan Teresa Alleva, Jack McGinn, McGinn & Mullins family members, Andrew & Judy Dempsey, Marj McDermott, Kevin Quinlivan, Leonie Supple, Bernadette & Jim Hargrave, Justin O'Neill, Frankie & Reg O'Neill, Brian Mansell, Jack & Lucy Mansell and Doreen Taylor. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the Perpetual Light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK OR IN NEED *Names will normally only be published in the bulletin with an individual or family member's permission: Rachel Gooden, Cassie Thompson, Patrick Barron, Patrick Clark, Joanne Huckle, Paul Wilson, Cyril Wild, Margaret Corbett, Paul Wilson, Annie Taylor, Margaret Adams, Craig Buntin, Cyndal Clarke, Jan Michele, Joan Rodd, Ray Byrnes, Jim Lyons, Fr Reece Beltrame, Gracie Goodyer, Barry Heard, Maree Miller, Marie Tinning, Keith Pattison, Helen Byron, Nicole Shaw, Sr Marie McAlister, Genevieve Power, Harper O'Rourke, Lee Dority, Margaret & Raymond Barron, Tony Cantwell, Abby Chamberlain, Lester Crouch, Sam Jones, Margie O'Donnell, Maureen Zarb, Michael Lipscombe, Nicola Harling, Jan Lawler, Elizabeth & Eddie Morales, David Vassalo, Brian Baker, Eve Marzol, Donna Blythe, Alex MacDonald, Dan Romer, Allan Cross, Garry Crouch, Thea Phillips, Leila Hale, Emily Patterson, Isaac Cather, Brad Fewson, Jake Precians, Bobby Weeden, Kaitlyn Kerr, Kay Ryan, Scott Lyons, Myree Cabarles, Garry McGrath, Val Dolan, Marilyn Winters, Anne-Maree Bramich, Joan Burgun, Alan Stott, Darryl Kennedy, Denise Goonan, as well as those in hospitals and nursing homes in Wagga and those not able to come to Mass.*

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OUR LADY OF FATIMA provides pastoral and sacramental support to **The Forrest Centre, Catholic Health Care - The Haven, RSL Life Care Remembrance Village, Community Aged Care, Henschke Catholic Primary School** and provides catechism classes at **Turvey Park, Red Hill & Uranquinty Public Schools.**

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND 8/9 APRIL
SATURDAY: 6.00pm Easter Vigil Mass
SUNDAY: 5.30am, 8.30am and 10.30am Mass
8.30am Uranquinty Mass

WEEKDAY 3 - 7 APRIL
MON: 6pm Mass
TUES: 6pm Mass
WED: 10am Mass
6pm Mass (Syro-Malabar)
THUR: 11am Mass - Forrest Centre
6pm Mass (Syro-Malabar)
7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
FRI: 10.30am Stations of the Cross
3pm Passion of the Lord

RECONCILIATION
10.30am - 11.30AM Saturdays

BAPTISMS
Please contact the Parish Office

MARRIAGE
Please contact the Parish Office

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA STH WAGGA AND ST PATRICK'S URANQUINTY
PALM SUNDAY, 2 APRIL 2023



With the whole Church, God's Family all over the world, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Parish welcomes you all here today, especially those who are searching; we are delighted to have you with us. It is God who is calling you and who wants to speak to your heart in this Mass. As one family we pray for each other and for all people, especially those in greatest need among our indigenous and migrant families, among the poor, and those who suffer in hidden ways. In our prayer and in the Church may we experience the presence of Jesus who said, "Behold I am with you always."



with the procession with palms to remind us of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. The events of Jesus' Passion are proclaimed in their entirety in today's Liturgy of the Word. Those events will be proclaimed again when we celebrate the liturgies of the Triduum—Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil. In Cycle A, we read the Passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Matthew on Palm, or Passion, Sunday. (On Good Friday, we will read the Passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John). The story of Jesus' Passion and death in Matthew's Gospel focuses particularly on the obedience of Jesus to the will of his Father. As Jesus sends his disciples to prepare for Passover, he indicates that the events to come are the will of the Father (Matthew 26:18). In Jesus' prayer in the garden, he prays three times to the Father to take away the cup of suffering, but each time, Jesus concludes by affirming his obedience to the Father's will

Today we begin Holy Week, and our liturgy begins

(Matthew 26:39-44). Even Matthew's description of Jesus' death shows Jesus' obedience to the Father. Another theme of Matthew's Gospel is to show Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture. Throughout the Passion narrative, Matthew cites and alludes to Scripture to show that the events of Jesus' Passion and death are in accordance with all that was foretold. And if the events were foretold, then God is in control. Jesus acts in obedience to the Father even in death, so that sins may be forgiven. Matthew makes this clear in the story of the Lord's Supper. As Jesus blesses the chalice, he says: ". . . for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:28) There are a few details worth noting that are unique to the Gospel of Matthew. Only Matthew indicates the price paid to Judas for betraying Jesus. The story of Judas's death is also found only in Matthew, as is the detail that Pilate's wife received a warning in a dream and that Pilate washed his hands of Jesus' death. Finally, Matthew's Gospel alone mentions the earthquakes and other phenomena that happened after Jesus' death. Matthew places

the responsibility for Jesus' death on the Sanhedrin, the chief priests and elders who were responsible for the Temple. However, the animosity that those Jewish leaders and the Jewish people demonstrate toward Jesus is not to be interpreted in ways that blame the Jewish people for Jesus' death. Throughout Matthew's Gospel, the narrative reflects the tension that probably existed between the early Christian community and their Jewish contemporaries. At the Second Vatican Council, the Council Fathers made clear that all sinners share responsibility for the suffering and death of Jesus and that it is wrong to place blame for Jesus' Passion on the Jewish contemporaries of Jesus or on Jewish people today. There are many vantage points from which to engage in Jesus' Passion. In the characters of Matthew's Gospel, we find reflections of ourselves and the many ways in which we sometimes respond to Jesus. Sometimes we are like Judas, who betrays Jesus and comes to regret it. We are sometimes like Peter, who denies him, or like the disciples, who fell asleep during Jesus' darkest hour but then act rashly and violently at his arrest. Sometimes we are like Simon, who is pressed into service to help Jesus carry his cross. Sometimes we are like the leaders who fear Jesus or like Pontius Pilate, who washed his hands of the whole affair. Jesus dies so that our sins will be forgiven. The events of Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection are called the Paschal Mystery. No amount of study will exhaust or explain the depth of love that Jesus showed in offering this sacrifice for us.



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Easter Sunday
First: Acts 10:34, 37-43
Second: Col 3: 1-4
Gospel: Mt 26:14 - 27:66

THOUGHT

Smiles are great investments: the more you collect, the better you feel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

RESPONSE: *My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

Project Compassion



Week 6

Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. In recent years, COVID-19 has also devastated vulnerable communities already living in poverty, with the health and economic impacts to reverberate for years to come.

It's through the generous support of people like you that we are able to continue to help lift vulnerable communities out of poverty – support that is needed now more than ever.

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world to lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.

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You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

Project Compassion boxes and envelopes need to be returned on, or before, Good Friday. Thank you.

The Parish Office is open from 9am - 1pm
Tuesday to Wednesday and
10am - 2pm **Thursday to Friday.**
Please call during these times.

*The latest edition of **Together** is now available at the back of the church.*

Women, Life, Freedom Candlelight Vigil

Let's come together to support brave women & men, who fight against Iran's brutal regime in the "Women, Life, Freedom" movement. Let's always remember those who have lost their lives in this revolution.

Please join us in a peaceful vigil to be held at Victory Memorial Gardens, 1st April 2023, 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

Help is needed with the *Liturgy Roster* for Easter. If you are able to assist, please write your name on the sheets at the back of the Church and we will send the appropriate readings to you.

Come along to the 10am Mass on Wednesdays. There is a cuppa afterwards when Mass is held in the Church.

Contributing to the Church

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: (for the support of priests)

Account name: South Wagga Presbytery
BSB: 066 789 Acc. no: 100004151

SECOND COLLECTION (Planned Giving which covers the Parish expenses.)

Account name: South Wagga Parish
BSB: 066 789 Account no: 100004152
Ref: Your name

- Tap & Go donation of \$10. There are two donation points in the Church.
- Cash donations which can be placed on the collection plates or in the tubs near the front doors.

Please contact the parish office during office hours if you would like any further information about this. *Your financial support is very much appreciated.*

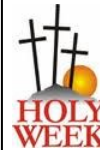
PARISH LIFE

MON April 3: 10am Reconciliation 2nd Rite
SAT May 6: 9.30am Rosary for peace in families
SAT May 13: 9am Baptism Preparation in the church

Remember to check the bench and the notice board at the back of the church for current events and information.

OLOF Mass is available through Facebook - OLOF South Wagga and www.olof.waggamatters.com

2023 HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE



Monday 3 April Reconciliation 2nd Rite: 10am Our Lady of Fatima
Tuesday 4 April Reconciliation 2nd Rite: 6pm Sacred Heart

Chrism Mass/Mass of the Oils:

11am Tuesday 4 April at St Michael's Cathedral. All welcome.

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday 6 April: 7pm Mass

Good Friday 7 April: 10.30am Stations of the Cross and 3pm Passion of Our Lord

Easter Vigil 8 April: 6pm Easter Saturday

Easter Sunday Mass: 5.30am, 8.30am & 10.30am

Easter Sunday Mass St Patrick's Uranquinty 8.30am

Hospitality After Mass

There will be hospitality after all Masses this weekend. Please help if you can.



Pro Patria Centre Open Day

Family Fun Day
19 Morsehead St, North Ashmont
(Previously the Carmelite Monastery)
Saturday 15th April 2023
10am - 2pm
All welcome!

Anointing Mass

The anointing mass will be held on the 4th Tuesday of the month Feb - Nov in the Henschke Hall at 10.30am. **The next anointing mass will be on Tuesday April 25.**

Henschke Primary School Stations of the Cross will be held in the school hall next Thursday 6th April at 1.10pm.

Everyone is most welcome!



HELP NEEDED FOR EASTER ROSTER 8/9 APRIL 2023

	LECTOR	COMMENTATOR	HOLY COMMUNION ASSISTANCE
5pm			
8.30am			
10.30am			