

# SACRED HEART PARISH - KOORINGAL

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## Sunday Mass Times:

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

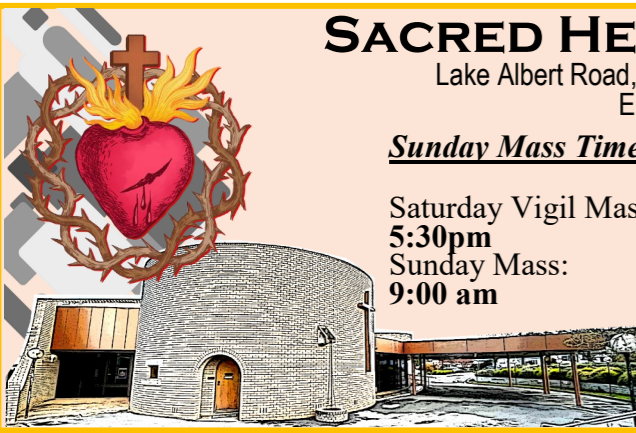
## Weekday Mass Times:

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.*



## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 4th and 5th of May 2024

**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.



**Deacon John Baptist:** Further to last weekend's Masses we would like to acknowledge the inspiring homily of Deacon John Baptist; it was wonderful to have him back in our parish as a newly ordained Deacon. Also, thank you for all those who provided for and helped with the delicious morning tea that was celebrated after the 9am Mass.

**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.

**Congratulations to Rosemary Vella:** Rosemary, one of our parishioners who is the eldest daughter of Steven & Caronne Vella, married Michael Battista, of Wollongong, on Saturday April 27 at St Michael's Cathedral. Please pray for more **Sacramental Marriages**. If you know of anyone married outside of the Church, it may well be possible to have that marriage convalidated by the Church. This process is not complicated, please see Fr Grace for more details.

**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 started 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](mailto:patmdrum02@gmail.com)

## NO FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK.

May is traditionally know as the Month of Mary.  
Did you know we pray a parish Rosary each day after the weekday Masses? All welcome to join us for the Rosary after Mass!

## READINGS NEXT WEEK

Acts 1:1-11  
Ps 46:2-3, 6-9 Eph 1:17-23  
Mk 16:15-20

**Pilgrimage to Rome & Medjugorje:** Pope Francis has official granted permission for pilgrimages to Medjugorje both on a Diocesan and Parish level. Since 1981, in this small village in Bosnia-Herzegovina, the Blessed Virgin Mary has been reported to be appearing and giving messages to the world. These years, She is spending with us "are a time of special Grace granted by God". In Her own words She tells us, "I have come to tell the world that God exists. He is the fullness of life, and to enjoy this fullness and peace, you must return to God". If you are interested in joini1ng our pilgrimage in October, please see Fr. Grace.

**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. For more information regarding the wonderful course please email: [stjosephscatholic-memensgroup@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephscatholic-memensgroup@gmail.com) They will All welcome.

**APRIL TOGETHER:** Features an article on healing relationships.

**Special Collection:** Thank you to all who generously donated to the special collection last week for Vocations on Good Shepherd Sunday. \$891.35 was raised with all proceeds going to Vianney College.

**ADORATION:** We are seeking someone to take the 3-4pm hour on Tuesdays as no one is currently attending. Please call John Evans 0410 026 796. Spend an hour with Our Lord.

**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.

Date	Time	Commentator	Lector	Organist	M of C	M of C	DPO
11th May	5.30pm	F Temple-Brown	C Mullins	M Adams	T MacLean	R Cooke	D Moses
12th May	9.00am	M Reilly	P Hollis	K Edis	V Saunders	C McGovern	N Baker
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 Dewhurst	C Maloney	R Terry	D Brady
<b>NEXT COUNTERS 7/5</b>		John Evans & Barry Longmore					

## Parish Life and Calendar-

### MAY

**Tuesday 7th May, 10-11.30am-** mainly music returns. Please contact Bernadette with enquires- 0477 887 783.

**Saturday 11th May, 11.30am** Pitura-Johnson Family Group. Meet at Woomargama Pub for lunch. Bookings to Kerry Schimer 0419 633 112. All parishioners welcome.

## 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, please RSVP by 10th May to— [sesquicentenary1874@gmail.com](mailto:sesquicentenary1874@gmail.com)

## Sacramental Program for 2024:

**First Holy Communion** (Year 4) Sat. June 22 at 5.30pm (SHK) & Sat & Sun. June 29/30 at 9am (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.

**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, Jennifer DUCIE, Albino DAROIT.

**ANNIVERSARIES/REMEMBRANCES:** Colin FITZGERALD, Peter BLOOMFIELD, Stuart TAYLOR, Nicola FRALONARDO, Joan WHITTAKER, Noel COMERFORD, Greg ADAMS, **EASTER REMEMBRANCES-** Mary & Terence Ryan, Deceased members of the Ryan, Ferrario, Torpy & Clark Families.

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

**SICK:** Paul Burton, Annette Gaynor, Jannette Cameron, Don Huckle, Allan Carroll, John Graham, Brian Dixon, Lesa Dixon, Anna Lanyon (nee Cunnington), Luke Barclay, Mary-Helen Martens, Pauline Chua, Fred Broso, Gena O'Sullivan; Cydnal Clarke; Joan Rodd; Daemon McDonnell-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](mailto: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

REV. FR ANDREW GRACE  
Parish Priest

Patrick Drum  
Seminararian on Pastoral Placement

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

## OUR SCHOOLS

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234-245 Lake Albert Rd, Koorungal NSW 2650  
Brooke Daniher | Principal  
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**MATER DEI PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
63 Gregadoo Rd., Lake Albert NSW 2650  
Kylie Chacon | Principal  
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**MATER DEI CATHOLIC COLLEGE**  
Plunkett Dr, Lake Albert NSW 2650  
Val Thomas | Principal  
Phone: 02 6923 8300

## LAST WEEK COLLECTIONS

1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1,227-  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$ 901.25

Counters:  
Geraldine Bowden & Vince Bradley

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.



Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me,  
so have I loved you.  
Remain in my love.  
If you keep my commandments  
you will remain in my love,  
just as I have kept my Father's commandments  
and remain in his love.  
I have told you this  
so that my own joy may be in you  
and your joy be complete.  
This is my commandment:  
love one another,  
as I have loved you.  
A man can have no greater love  
than to lay down his life for his friends.  
You are my friends,  
if you do what I command you.  
I shall not call you servants any more,  
because a servant does not know  
his master's business;  
I call you friends,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.  
You did not choose me,  
no, I chose you;  
and I commissioned you  
to go out and to bear fruit,  
fruit that will last;  
and then the Father will give you  
anything you ask him in my name.  
What I command you  
is to love one another.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

## THE INCLUSIVENESS OF GOD

Our first reading from Acts today is an edited story of the encounter of Peter and Cornelius. It is worth reading the full episode of Chapter 10. What we have is enough to relate the momentous occasion when Peter, a Jew, enters the house of Cornelius, a Gentile. This is significant of itself, laying aside any impropriety. More than this, Peter declares that God shows no partiality. It doesn't matter whether Jew or Gentile, anyone who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to God. Simultaneously with Peter speaking, the Holy Spirit came upon all the audience, Jews and Gentiles alike.

In John's Gospel, Jesus begins: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you, remain in my love.' This invitation to abide or remain in God's love opens the command to love one another which is ever more poignant in light of the inclusivity of God. In this passage Jesus calls his disciples 'friends' and no longer servants, indicating the closeness of their relationship, their walking together and their collaboration in the work of Jesus. Yet we know even today there are barriers or hurdles that Pope Francis also acknowledges but urges us to find a way forward as a Church. 'Abide in my love' could be our mantra so the love of God is enacted to everyone we meet. How can we seek to be inclusive of all who seek God? How do we develop our ecumenical relationships and outreach to all those whom God desires to be welcomed?

Dr Rosemary Canavan

## FIRST READING Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.*

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.'

■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 97: 1-4. R. cf. v. 2

**R.** The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (*or Alleluia!*)

1. Sing a new song to the Lord / for he has worked wonders. / His right hand and his holy arm / have brought salvation. **R.**

2. The Lord has made known his salvation; / has shown his justice to the nations. / He has remembered his truth and love / for the house of Israel. **R.**

3. All the ends of the earth have seen / the salvation of our God. / Shout to the Lord all the earth, / ring out your joy. **R.**



## SECOND READING

1 Jn 4: 7-10

A reading from the first letter of St John

*God is love.*

My dear people,  
let us love one another  
since love comes from God  
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and  
knows God.  
Anyone who fails to love can never have known  
God,  
because God is love.  
God's love for us was revealed  
when God sent into the world his only Son  
so that we could have life through him;  
this is the love I mean:  
not our love for God,  
but God's love for us when he sent his Son  
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

■ The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14: 23

Alleluia, alleluia! / All who love me will keep my words, / and my Father will love them and we will come to them. / Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Jn 15: 9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.*

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