

Pope Francis' Prayer for the Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved.

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

*Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. **Amen.***



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SACRED HEART PARISH MASS TIMES

Sacred Heart Church : Inverell

Saturday (Vigil Mass) 6:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

Monday, Tuesday and 1st Saturday 9:30 am

Wednesday, Thursday and 1st Friday 12:00 noon

1st Friday Adoration and Benediction 12:30 PM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:30 to 5:30 pm

1st & 3rd Sunday 8:00 to 8:30 am

McLean Retirement Village

Friday (EXCEPT 1ST FRIDAY) 11:00 am

St. Patrick's Church : Ashford

1st & 3rd Sunday 11:30 am

St. Francis' Church : Tingha

2nd & 4th Sunday 7:00 am

St. Joseph the Worker Church : Yetman

5th Sunday 12:30 pm

Nota bene: You may contact the Parish Priest on 0412771516

ROSTERS THIS WEEK

6 August / Sat. 6 pm

Greeters
 Projector OP.
 Readers
 Commentator/P of F.
 Bread & Wine
 Communion Ministers

Altar Servers

Music Ministry
 Cantor
 Collection Offeror
 Children's Liturgy
 Sunday Morning tea
 Counters

VOLUNTEERS
 S SZUMOWSKI
 A CASEY-RANSOM, SR CORAL
 M WARD
 HARMON FAMILY
 T NEWBERRY, J GREEN
 T MANUEL, A MICHAEL
 I & K HUTCHING

C McCOSKER GROUP
 S TURNER
 P LLANTO
 C LANE

TEAM : B BALDWIN, H TUTT, B GARDNER, R WITHERDIN

ROSTERS NEXT WEEK

13 August / Sat. 6 pm

Greeters
 Projector OP.
 Readers
 Commentator/P of F.
 Bread & Wine
 Communion Ministers

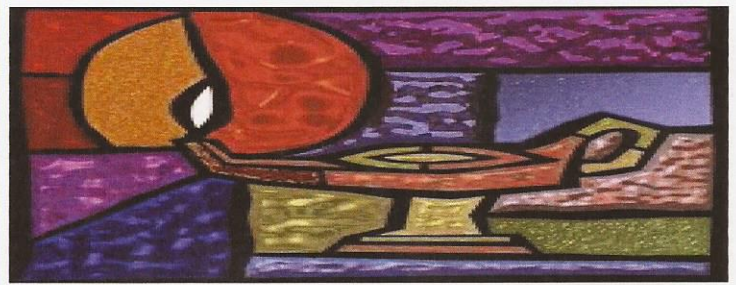
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 N TURNER
 N & J COOK
 M SCHOFIELD, MGAUKROGER,
 R & T TRAVES
 J HOLLIS, M STEVENS,
 B & C HORNER
 D GIBSON GROUP
 G GIBSON
 B MCGUIRE
 VOLUNTEER

TEAM : J FRATER, D HANNIGAN

19th Sunday C



PARISH SCHEDULES this WEEK...

MONDAY:	Rosary	3:30 AM
	MASS	4:00 PM
Solemnity: St. Mary of the Cross (AUSTRALIA)		
TUESDAY:	Rosary	9:00 AM
WEDNESDAY:	Rosary	3:30 AM
	MASS	4:00 PM
	HOME ROSARY	7:00 PM
	Maureen Newbigin (32 Lewin street)	
	Tingha Home Rosary	4:30 PM
THURSDAY:	SCHOOL and PARISH MASS	9:15 AM
	Home Visitation	2:30 PM
FRIDAY:	Funeral Liturgy for the late Spencer Cook	9:00 AM
	McLean MASS	11:00 AM
	2 nd Friday TEAM	
	Hospital Visitation	3:00 PM

Mass schedule this week is changed due to Priest's MEETINGS

Altar Society ROSTERS

August
 Margaret Allan
 Jan Frater
 Danica Ybas
 Jonah Grava

September
 Pat Mather
 Judy Harris
 Yvonne Campbell
 Rhonda McGregor

October
 Yvonne Hawkins
 Ann Tubb
 Maree Chie
 Mary Middleton

7 August / Sun. 9 am

P CONSTABLE
 R MCGREGOR
 R LONG, G JOHNSON
 M WALES
 SIBUL FAMILY
 J FLEMING, B McGRATH
 VOLUNTEERS
 A & N SIBUL

A TUBB GROUP
 A TUBB
 A PLIEGO
 S HOLLIS

BENARES & ZAPATA FAMILY

14 August / Sun. 9 am

P CONSTABLE, REDONDO FAM.
 D BRYANT
 J RAINGER, B McGRATH
 G TAVIERA
 ALMOITE FAMILY
 J SAINT, M WALES
 R & T BENARES
 F NAVARRO, R GASCON

A TUBB GROUP
 A TUBB
 M BUENVENIDA
 R LONG

YBAS & BALBOA FAMILY



The Sacred Heart Parish acknowledges the Kamilaroi people, the traditional owners and custodian of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them and for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully upon this land. And we pray that peace and harmony prevail. GOD BLESS AUSTRALIA.

FATHER of Goodness and Love,

hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in Your healing presence. Show Your mercy as You close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking You for all Your gifts. We ask this through our Lord Jesus who healed those who trust and believe. AMEN.

We Pray for the Sick

Baby Rose Kennedy, Marie Boulus, Dianne O'Connor, Pat Schuman, Brett Romer, Dolores (Tootie) Rolfe, Margaret Pollock, Laurel Barker, Maryellen (Dickins) Bond, Anthony Simpson, Kath Hiscox, David Sanders, Sr. Judith Carney RSM, Debbie Radford, Harold Castledine, Irene Dasey, Gwen Zemit, Jenny (Ryan) Dwyer, Mary Schembri, Brian Barker, Tony Seitz, Anne Di Costanzo, Lisa Hopgood, Agnes Hannigan, Anne Gleeson

and all the sick members of our parish whose names are not listed here.

We Pray for the Recently Deceased

Spencer Cook, Joyce Thompson (sister of June Saint) Noella Sims (sister of Shirley Hardy) Pamela Boulus, Robert Upton, Brian O'Farrel, Joseph Kazzi, Helen Palmer, Neil Barker, Lloyd Finlay, Brok Geaney, Marjorie Gentz, Cyril Paul O'Keefe, Doris Miller

Anniversaries: Emily Quinlan

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

For the repose of the souls of :

Joyce Thompson, Pam Boulus, Noella Sims, Helen Palmer

For the personal intentions of:

Cardinal George Pell

For the speedy recovery of the sick especially:

Marie Boulus

Men's Breakfast 13th August, Saturday 7:30 am

At the New Australian Café Corner Otho & Evans St. Names to Bernie Cook at 67224387 by Wednesday Night August 10th. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Women's Breakfast 12th August 2016, Friday

2nd Friday of the month at the Bridge Coffee Lounge. We would love to have other ladies of the parish to join us. Please phone Ann Barry on 67222858 or Marj Manuel on 67224772.

Also now, the 1st Thursday of August and September at 10:00 am. **Everyone welcome.**

**COME, REFLECT AND PRAY TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY.
BEHOLD JESUS, KING OF MERCY
THE IMAGE OF GOD THE FATHER...**



--- Jesus ---

The Face of Mercy

Parish Reflection Day

with Sr. Helen Baguley

13th August, Saturday 9:30 am

Sacred Heart Church Inverell

Please bring LUNCH, TEA and COFFEE are free, Morning and afternoon tea are provided.

KINDLY WRITE YOUR NAMES AT THE FOLDER PROVIDED AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH IF YOU ARE ATTENDING THE REFLECTION DAY FOR REFLECTION MATERIALS & CATERING PURPOSES



MASS OF SOLEMNITY

First Australian Saint

8th August Monday at 4:00 PM

LITURGY & MUSIC COMMITTEE

MEETING ON SATURDAY 13th August 2016

8:30 AM at the Meeting Room.

Many Thanks to:

"CAMPBELL FAMILY"

Brendon, Jenny, Ashleigh, Emi & Zachariah

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Mercy Is What God Does for Us

- Joan Chittister

Mercy is what God does for us. Mercy discounts the economic sense of love and faith and care for a person and lives out of a divine sense of love instead. Mercy gives a human being who does not "deserve" love, love. And why? Because, the Scriptures answer, God know of what we are made.

The fact is that we are all made of the same thing: clay, the dust of the earth, the frail, fragile, shapeless thing from which we come and to which we will all return some day. We are all capable of the same things. Our only hope is that when we are all sitting somewhere bereft, exposed, outcast, humiliated and rejected by the rest of society, someone, somewhere will "reach out a hand and lift us up."

Mercy is the trait of those who realize their own weakness enough to be kind to those who are struggling with theirs. It is, as well, the measure of the God-life in us.

Beware those who show no mercy. They are dangerous people because they have either not faced themselves or are lying to themselves about what they find there. "We are all sinners," we say, and then smile the words away. But the essayist Montaigne was clear about it: "There is no one so good," he wrote, "who, were they to submit all their thoughts and actions to the laws, would not deserve hanging ten times in life."

It is our very weaknesses that enable us to understand the power, the necessity of mercy.

The Sufi mystic Mishkat al-Masabaih reminds us, when we are overwhelmed by our own inadequacies, our own diversions from the straight paths of life, that the mercy of God is always greater than the sin of being too humanly human. He writes:

She who approaches near to Me one span, I will approach near to her one cubit; and she who approaches near to Me one cubit, I will approach near to her one fathom; and whoever approaches Me walking, I will come to her running; and she who meets Me with sins equivalent to the whole world, I will greet her with forgiveness equal to it.

The mercy we show to others is what assures us that we do not need to worry about being perfect ourselves. All we really need to do is to make the effort to be the best we can be, knowing we will often fail. Then, the mercy of others, the mercy of God is certain for us, as well. "The only thing we can offer to God of value," St. Catherine of Siena said, "is to give our love to people as unworthy of it as we are of God's love."

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“Be merciful as your heavenly Father is merciful” (Luke 6: 36)

Mercy brings to our broken, darkened world the gift of a healed, enlightened destiny. Mercy is our hope that sin will not overwhelm us because that is not what God wants for those he loves. As Pope Francis says: “Our salvation depends on it.” The face of God is constantly turning towards us in a gaze of pure love.

In the book written by Joan Chittister. “God’s Tender Mercy,” she tells us that **“Mercy is what God does for us.”** Mercy gives a human being who does not deserve love, love. And why? Because, the Scriptures answer, God knows of what we are made. The fact is we are all made of the same thing: the clay, the dust of the earth, the frail, shapeless thing from which we come and to which we will all return some day. We are all capable of the same things. Our hope is that when we are sitting somewhere bereft, exposed, outcast, humiliated and rejected by the rest of society, someone, somewhere will ‘reach out a hand and lift us up’.

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In the first chapter of the above book, Joan tells of an extraordinary real life story of a mother of an only child who learned mercy the hard way. When her son, a freshman at college, was murdered by a seventeen year-old drifter who first solicited a ride from him, and then, when he got in the car, turned a gun on the young driver. The murder was a random, groundless, indefensible act. Her son, a successful student,

and the hope of her life, was gone. She was alone, without a future, without hope, without any reason, it seemed, to live.

Thirteen years later, she visited her son’s killer, intent only on getting information about the night of the killing. But when, in the course of the conversation the young man put his face down on the small table at which they sat, and began to sob, she reached out and touched the man. And she got to know him.

The story shocked the country. “How could she do such a thing?” people asked. Or, more to the point, perhaps, they asked themselves the question. “Could I possibly show mercy to someone who had done something to heinous, so senseless, so destructive to me?”

The mother’s answer was a simple one: “If my son was sitting in this room,” she said, I’d want someone to reach out a hand and lift him up.” The story is not only a moving one and is an enlightening one for all of us. It teaches us something very important about mercy. It is also shows us that mercy can be very large or a very small gesture like reaching out to listen to someone who is struggling.

So we see that Mercy, is indeed, what God does for us. Mercy discounts the economic sense of love and faith and care for a person and lives out of a divine sense of love instead. It is one thing to be righteous; it is another to be merciful. Righteousness only confirms us in our pride. Mercy is a sign of humility.

(Adapted from Joan Chittister’s book ‘God’s Tender Mercy: Reflections on Forgiveness’)