



Sacred Heart Parish Church

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SATURDAY 6:00 pm

SUNDAY 9:00 am

Monday, Tuesday and 1st Saturday 9:30 am

Wednesday, Thursday and (1st Friday Anointing Mass) 12:00 noon

1st Friday Adoration and Benediction 12:30 pm

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 4:30 to 5:30 pm

SUNDAY 8:00 to 8:30 am

McLean Retirement Village

FRIDAY (except 1st Friday) 11:00 am

TINGHA	St. Francis' Church	Saturday	5:00 pm
BUNDARRA	St. Mary of the Angel's Church	Sunday	8:00 am
ASHFORD	St. Patrick's Church	Sunday	10:30 am
YETMAN	St. Joseph the Worker's Church	5th Sunday	10:00 am

Nota bene: You may contact the Parish Priest on 0412771516

PARISH SCHEDULES this WEEK...

MONDAY: Rosary 9:00 AM
FUNERAL MASS 11:00 AM
For the late Ann Ryan
 HOSPITAL VISITATION 3:00 PM

TUESDAY: Rosary 9:00 AM
WEDNESDAY: ASH WEDNESDAY
 HOME ROSARY 7:00 PM
Mike & Marie Ward (45 Lang Street)
 Tingha Home Rosary 4:30 PM

Bernie & Colleen Graham (11 Diamond Street)

THURSDAY: SCHOOL VISITATION 9:15 AM
 Rosary & Angelus 11:30 AM
 Home Visitation 2:30 PM
 Rosary & Angelus 11:30 AM

FRIDAY: Rosary & Angelus 11:30 AM
1st Friday Anointing MASS 12:00 PM
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION and BENEDICTION 12:30 PM

Hospital Visitation 3:00 PM
 Rosary 9:00 AM
SATURDAY: 1st Saturday Mass 9:30 AM

ROSTERS

Greeters	25 February / Sat. 6 pm
Projector OP.	A & R MICHAEL
Readers	N TURNER
Commentator/P of F.	M CASEY-RANSOM, VOLUNTEER
Bread & Wine	SR CORAL
Communion Ministers	N & J COOK
	D DASEY, M WARD,
	P PEVY, R TUTT
Altar Servers	J BALBOA
Music Ministry	A. TUBB GP
Cantor	A. TUBB
Collection Offeror	B. MCGUIRE

Sunday Morning tea
 Counters
CHILDREN'S LITURGY

TEAM : B PISCHKE, G & R JOHNSON
VOLUNTEERS WHEN NEEDED

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR A

We Pray for the Sick

Rebecca King, Veronica Ticehurst, Michael Hopgood, Tricia Byrne, Linda Leader, Maree Chie, Baby Rose Kennedy, Pat Schuman, Brett Romer, Dolores (Tootie) Rolfe, Margaret Polock, Laurel Barker, Anthony Simpson, Kath Hiscox, David Sanders, Sr. Judith Carney RSM, Irene Dasey, Gwen Zemit, Harold Castledine, Mary Schembri, Brian Barker, Tony Seitz, Anne Di Costanzo, Agnes Hannigan, Jack Azar (*great nephew of Bill Dempsey*) Wilfreda Gascon (*mother of Rowel Gascon*) and all the sick members of our parish whose names are not listed here.

We Pray for the Recently Deceased

Ann Ryan, Nancy Winmill, Ronald Casey (*father of Ann Casey-Ransom*) Anne Gleeson (*mother of Maureen Newbigin*), Rita Casula (*sister of Doloretta Migheli*), Bill Lockwood, Barbara Wisemantel, Eileen Moore, Paul O'Rourke, Margaret Barbara Rowling, Donald Ross Single

Anniversaries: Amber Marie Zappa

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 :

Ann Ryan, Amber Marie Zappa, Ron Casey, Nancy Winmill, Anne Gleeson

For the fast recovery and healing of :

Veronica Ticehurst, Bill Baar, Enrique Dela Pena

The special intentions of the Holy Father



Pope Francis

Dear Lord Jesus,
 During this season of lent,
 we pray for the persecuted
 Christians throughout the world.
 May all Christians who are suffering
 on account of their faith experience
 the spiritual and material
 support of the whole Church. Amen.

25 February / Sat. 6 pm A & R MICHAEL N TURNER M CASEY-RANSOM, VOLUNTEER SR CORAL N & J COOK D DASEY, M WARD, P PEVY, R TUTT J BALBOA	26 February / Sun. 9 am P CONSTABLE /VOLUNTEERS REDONDO KIDS J RAINGER, B McGRATH G TAVIERA ALMOITE FAMILY G & R JOHNSON, B PISCHKE, M ROBINSON C & L BRYANT	4 March / Sat. 6 pm VOLUNTEERS S SMITH N McCOSKER, D DASEY SR CORAL CASEY-RANSOM FAMILY N TURNER, M & M WARD VOLUNTEERS I & K HUTCHINGS, M STEVENS
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C. McCOSKER GP A. TUBB M BUENVENIDA	D GIBSON GROUP G GIBSON A MICHAEL
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VILLANUEVA & SIBUL FAMILIES
TEAM : M & T MANUEL
VOLUNTEERS WHEN NEEDED



I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Baptism

We welcome into the Church

ELSIE MAE McCOSKER

As she receives the
 Sacrament of Baptism this week.
 We pray for her parents, godparents
 and families that they may be
 blessed and continually grow in the
 faith and the love of God.

RICK McCOSKER

The career of **Rick McCosker** will be celebrated in an evening at Inverell RSM club, **SATURDAY 11th March at 7:00 pm.**

Rick is Inverell's only Australian Test Cricketer and was a HERO in the **Historic Centenary Test 40 years ago.** He captained his State to a National Title and is highly respected in the sporting community.

Rick was a former Inverell resident and a member of our parish.

If you wish to share in this "TRIBUTE EVENING"

Tickets may be obtained at the RSM club or at the TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

COST is \$20.00 per person

Women's Breakfast 10 MARCH, Friday 8:00 am

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.
Everyone welcome.

Men's Breakfast 11th March, Saturday 7:30 am

at the New Australian Café Corner Otho & Evans St. Names to Bernie Cook at 67224387 by Wednesday Night 8th March.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Altar Society ROSTERS

FEBRUARY
 Lyn O'Brien
 Doloretta Migheli
 Bev McCudden

MARCH
 Val McMahon
 Rosie Michael

A TUBB GROUP A TUBB P CONSTABLE

LENTEN SEASON starts March 1, Wednesday

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS times will be

12:00 noon and 6:00 pm

Mass at Holy Trinity School 9:15 am



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS' OF LENT

5:30 PM

AT THE CHURCH



March 3
 Music and Liturgy Committee
 March 10
 Parish Catechists
 March 17
 Parish Pastoral Council
 March 24
 Parish Family Groups
 March 31
 St. Vincent de Paul Society
 April 7
 Parish Altar Society

April 14 (Good Friday at 10:00 am)

Lenten Program—2017

Our Lenten Program will begin on **27/2/2017.** Books need to be ordered **now.** See the sign-up sheet at the main church entrance for session places and times if you wish to join in. If you wish to order a book only, please write your names at the bottom of the sheet.

Project Compassion 2017

envelope packs and boxes are now available
 Please support CARITAS in their work in helping the needy community in the world.

DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

WORLD DAY OF

PRAYER

3rd March

10:00 AM

at the UNITING CHURCH

PARISH
 PASTORAL
 COUNCIL

MEETING ON
 MONDAY 6th
 March 2017

5:30 PM at the Meeting Room.

Everyone Welcome

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
 PHILIPPINES
 Am I being unfair to you?

FRIDAY 3RD MARCH 2017

Collections Last Weekend

1st Collection :	\$ 974.65
2nd Collection :	\$ 992.50
Loose Collections :	\$ 175.50
Direct Debit :	\$ 420.00

The Sacred Heart Parish acknowledges the Kamilaroi people, the traditional owners and custodians 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.

MASS IS BORING, THE PRIEST IS BORING "Are you a Christian or Catholic?"

"Are you a Christian or Catholic?" The first thing I thought about the Reading, in which it is asked, Are you of Paul? Or of Apollos? I told them, "I'm both." They were taken aback, "What do you mean? Are you Christian or Catholic?"—"Well," I told them "There's no such thing as a non-Christian Catholic, so I'm Christian; and the fullness of the Christian faith is universal, world-wide. In fact, that's what the word Catholic means, universal; and so I'm both!" They gave me a strange look, "Wait a minute, so are you a Priest or not?" — "I try to be!" I said, jokingly, " Why do you ask?" — "Well," said the man, "I used to be Catholic..." (I always know it's going to be an interesting conversation when it starts off like that!) "But when I used to go to Mass I would see Father so-and-so arriving with his big car, not saying hello to the parishioners, and generally being completely unwelcoming. Then I found out that he liked his martinis every once in awhile! I lost my faith. I don't believe in Priests, and that's why I left the Church." Then the wife piped up and said, "You want to know why I left? The choir! Nobody sang, and if they did they were off key. Mass was boring and useless to me, especially the homilies. I could barely hear them because the PA system was so bad. I was falling asleep anyway."

After all this I think they must have picked up something in my expression, because they stopped all of a sudden and asked me, "Well, what do you think?" I said to them, "**Well, it sounds like you didn't have a Christian faith to begin with.**" They were surprised, "Why do you say that?" "Well," I said to the husband, "I don't believe in Priests either. If you place your faith in a human being, the moment you discover that that human being is not perfect, that he has flaws, then your faith will crumble and fall. It sounds like what you had was not a Christian faith, but a priestly faith" Then I turned to the wife, "And you? It sounds like you placed your faith not in a human being, but in an experience. You placed your faith in the experience of an emotional high, singing and dancing and feeling God. That doesn't sound to be a Christian faith either, that sounds like a choiry faith. True faith is founded on Jesus Christ and not on people or even emotions. It is He who calls us and fills us with life, not Priests, not the Choir, or the PA systems, or exciting homilies. That is the message of the Gospel, "Come and follow me!" This is Jesus' message to each and every one of us, "Follow me" (Mt 4:19).

If we place our faith only in a human being, be it our spouse, our boss, our best friend, or our priest, we will always be disappointed. People disappoint; we're not perfect. The most that any religious leaders can do is to point to Christ and try to be a selfless instrument for His work, especially through the Sacraments. With our fallen human nature, and bearing our own sins, we try to point to Him who is life, to Him who continues to seek us out. Day after day, He calls out to us, "Will you follow me, today?" and day after day we decide what our answer will be. Day after day, we see Christ also seeking us in the Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist, seeking union, communion, with us, "Follow me." In Jesus Christ is the glue that binds all of our relationships together; He is the life, the way, and the truth. He is love made flesh, so it is only through Him that we can find true love for our spouses, our neighbors, ourselves, and even our enemies. Beyond our emotions, beyond our flawed human nature and our sins, Christ binds us together in love. You may ask, but how can I love myself, when I am both sinful and redeemed? These two opposing realities can be reconciled by the love of Christ.