

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia! / Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom / and healed all who were sick. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 15:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply. 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

 **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

16 AUGUST 2020

FAITH THAT BREAKS BOUNDARIES

The perseverance and faith of the desperate Canaanite woman in today's Gospel is all the more striking because of the rebuff that she initially receives. Jesus' treatment of her is, at first sight, one of the most disturbing things in the Gospels. At first, he ignores her, then he insists that his mission is restricted to Israel. Finally, he rebuffs her with a heartless image about not throwing the children's food to dogs.

Instead of taking offence at what the image implies for her and her people, the woman seizes upon it and, with superb wit, turns it to her own advantage. Certainly, food prepared for the children is not intended for domestic animals. But children eat untidily. That provides opportunity for pet dogs under the table to gobble up the scraps that fall.

Developing the image in this way, the woman boldly challenges the restriction of Jesus' messianic mission to Israel alone, and wins from him recognition that he is Messiah not only for the Jews but also the One 'in whose name Gentiles (non-Jews, like herself) will place their hope' (Matthew 12:21).

The boundary-breaking faith of this woman of Canaan foreshadows the great mission to the nations of the world, upon which, at the end of the Gospel, the risen Lord will send the infant Church (Matthew 28:16-20).

But the woman also stands in for women of faith of all times, including our own, who challenge outworn structures and restricted vision that can cause the Church to lag behind the outreach of God's grace.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

FIRST READING

Isa 56:1, 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

 **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8. R. v. 8

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us / and let your face shed its light upon us. / So will your ways be known upon earth / and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

2. Let the nations be glad and exult / for you rule the world with justice. / With fairness you rule the peoples, / you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; / let all the peoples praise you. / May God still give us his blessing / till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**



SECOND READING

Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

 **The word of the Lord.**



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 Mon & Fri 8am—1pm; Thurs 8am—12 noon

PARISH MASS TIMES

Sacred Heart Church Inverell

Saturday 5.30pm
 Sunday 9.00am

Monday, Tuesday and 1st Saturday 9.30am
 Wednesday and Thursday 12 noon
 1st Friday Mass and Benediction 12 noon
 First Wednesday Anointing Mass (suspended) 12 noon

McLean Village Each Friday except 1st Friday 11am
 (suspended)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 8am - 9am
 Sunday 8am - 8.30am

Tingha St. Francis' Church Saturday 4pm
Ashford St Patrick's Church 1st & 3rd Sunday 11am
Bundarra St Mary of the Angels 2nd & 4th Sun 11am
Yetman St Joseph the Worker 5th Sunday 11.30am

Baptism (Saturday only) 11am;
Marriages and Funerals by Appointment
 For emergencies please phone 0428-126703



PARISH SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

MON 17th Aug	Rosary Mass	9.00am 9.30am
TUE 18th Aug	NO MASS	
WED 19th Aug	Rosary Mass	11.30am 12 noon
THUR 20th Aug	Rosary Mass	11.30am 12 noon
FRI 21st Aug	School Mass (Church) St Pius X—Love theme	9.30am
SAT 22nd Aug	NO MORNING MASS	

NOTE: Attendance at weekday Masses fulfil Sunday obligation during Covid19 restrictions.

OUR VISION AND OUR MISSION
 We as a PARISH, try to live out our
VISION: To continually form a Christ-centred community based on the Gospel Values expressed through SERVICE in peace, justice and love.
MISSION: To know Christ more, His life and His teachings. To imbibe Christ's message of love and service. To try to share generously what graces and blessings we have and to be instruments of the Gospel message.

Mass Intentions for the Week

John Thomas O'Brien, Joseph Michael Stephen, Maurice John Moses, Bernadette Monaghan, Lucy MacManus, Cedric, Thelma & Maurie Aboud, John & Madgie Casey, Dixie Casey, Thomas Robbins, Margaret Dickins, Mario Migheli.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK
 Tony Starr, Ron Hedley (brother of Sr. Coral) Mary Kramer, Leo Germany, Baby Isabel Akhil, All those with the Corona Virus, Terry Hopgood, Joan Hiscox, Paul Saint, Kerrie O'Keeffe, Carmel Hooper, Sr Leo (Josie) Clancy, Alana Goldman, Rhonda Lee Watts (daughter of Phyllis Nichols) John Sanders, David Sanders, Rex Parry, Jeanette Rennie, Danny Dickins, Katrina Newbiggin, Bob Kneipp. Brian Barker, Dorothy Ball, Denise Taveira, Joanne Essey, Graham Tom, Fred Boight, Agnes Hannigan **and the sick members of our parish whose names are not listed here.**

We Pray for the Recently Deceased
 Jeremy Norman Campbell, Debrah Brown (sister-in-law of Margaret Jones) Victor Buchanan, Kevin Pay, Rena Valiukas, Paul Vassallo. **We Pray for the Anniversaries of John & Madgie Casey, Dixie Casey, Thomas Robbins, Margaret Dickins, Bill McCormick, Gordon Turner. Eternal life grant unto them Oh Lord May their souls and all the faithful departed rest in peace.**

COVID 19 SAFETY PLAN FOR OUR PARISH
 (authorised by the NSW Government for the State of NSW)
Mass attendance and Weddings: One person per 4 square metre distance. The Sacred Heart Church can accommodate 100 worshippers at a time.
Funerals: up to 50 attendees without the 4 square metre rule, provided 'non-household' contacts can maintain 1.5 metre physical distance. Maximum 100. Please sit in the **Allocated Seats** to observe Social Distancing regulations.
Contact Sheets: placed at each opened entrance to the Church. **Parishioners** attending the Church are required to record their full names. **Visitors** are required to record their name and contact details. This is a health tracing requirement in case of a Corona Virus outbreak. The sheets will be removed after each Mass and kept confidential.
If you are unwell please stay at home.
If you require Home Communion contact the office.

16TH AUGUST 2020 – 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / YEAR A

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
 A Special Mass for First Holy Communion will be held on Sunday 23rd August at 3pm for the children in Group One. Due to Covid 19 restrictions, this Mass is only available for the First Communicants and their family. A second Group will receive their First Holy Communion at a later date to be advised.

ALTER SOCIETY ROSTER FOR AUGUST
 Rosie Michael and Val McMahon

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Parish Council	Monday 7th September	5.00pm
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HOME ROSARY THIS WEEK

TINGHA	Bernie & Colleen Graham 11 Diamond Street Wednesday 19th Aug at 4.30pm (every Wednesday)	
INVERELL	NO HOME ROSARY THIS WEEK	

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION
 Due to Covid19 'Social Distancing' rules, parishioners are asked to **process in a single line** down either of the **two narrow aisles** to receive Communion, then **returning** to their pew via the main centre aisle or far aisles. Please maintain a 1.5metre distance between each other. Thank you.

PRAYER TO GOD FOR HELP
 God our Father, Creator of the world, almighty and merciful, out of love for us your sent your Son into the world as the doctor of our souls and bodies. Look upon your children who, in this difficult time of confusion and dismay, turn to you seeking strength, salvation and relief. Deliver us from illness and fear, heal our sick, comfort their families, give wisdom to our rulers, energy and reward to our doctors, nurses and volunteers, eternal life to the dead. Do not abandon us in the moment of trial but deliver us from all evil.
 On the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we ask this through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, and Saint Joseph, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PLAN GIVING FOR THE UPKEEP OF THE CHURCH
 Weekly Plan Giving envelopes are available from the office. Alternatively, if you would prefer to submit your Plan Giving by direct debit, please advise the office and use the following bank details:
 BSB No: 082-105 Account No: 001001010
 Account Name: Sacred Heart Parish Inverell
 Please quote your surname for the reference
YOUR HELP REQUIRED: Would the holder of Plan Giving Envelope Number 22 please contact the Parish Secretary during office hours. Thank you.

Due to Covid19 we have suspended some of our Ministries and reduced numbers rostered in others. Thank you for understanding.

	15th AUG — SAT 5.30	16th AUG – SUN 9AM	22nd AUG — SAT 5.30	23rd AUG – SUN 9AM
ROSTER				
GREETERS	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS
PROJECTOR	SIMON SMITH	PAULA GIRLE	NOELA TURNER	DIANE BRYANT
READERS	SISTER CORAL	SHARON HOLLIS	MARIE WARD	JOHN THIVAKON
COMMENTATOR	JENNIE MONIE	ROSIE LONG	PATSY ARMSTRONG	MARGARET ROBINSON
GIFTS	<i>SUSPENDED</i>	<i>SUSPENDED</i>	<i>SUSPENDED</i>	<i>SUSPENDED</i>
COMMUNION MINISTER	ANTHONY MICHAEL	ROBERT BENARES	TRISH PEVY	ROEL GASCON
ALTAR SERVERS	<i>SUSPENDED</i>	<i>SUSPENDED</i>	<i>SUSPENDED</i>	<i>SUSPENDED</i>
MUSIC MINISTRY	<i>SUSPENDED</i>	<i>SUSPENDED</i>	<i>SUSPENDED</i>	<i>SUSPENDED</i>
CANTOR				
COLLECTION	<i>Collection baskets</i>	<i>are at each of the</i>	<i>entrances to the</i>	<i>Church. Thank you.</i>
MORNING TEA	<i>SUSPENDED</i>	<i>SUSPENDED</i>	<i>SUSPENDED</i>	<i>SUSPENDED</i>
COUNTERS		J. FRATER & D. HANNIGAN		G. CHIE & G. FLEMING