



### Sacred Heart Parish Church

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Office Hours: Mon 13 Dec & 17 Dec - 8am to 1pm  
Tues 14 Dec - 8am to 12pm

### PARISH MASS TIMES

#### Sacred Heart Church Inverell

Saturday 6.00pm (5.30pm from May to August)  
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 12 noon

McLean Village Each Friday except 1st Friday 11.00am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Saturday 8.15am - 9.15am  
Sunday 8.00am - 8.30am

**Tingha** St. Francis' Church Saturday 4.00pm  
(Saturday 3.30pm from May to August)

**Ashford** St Patrick's Church 1st & 3rd Sunday 11.00am

**Bundarra** St Mary of the Angels 2nd & 4th Sun 11.00am

**Yetman** St Joseph the Worker 5th Sunday 11.30am

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



"How beautiful is the family that recites the Rosary every evening."  
- Pope St John Paul II



O' Sacrament Divine,  
All Praise and all Thanksgiving,  
be every moment Thine...



### PARISH SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

#### DECEMBER - THE HOLY MONTH OF THE DIVINE INFANCY

MON 13th	Feast Day of St Lucy, virgin & martyr	Rosary 9.00am Mass 9.30am
TUE 14th	Feast Day of St John of the Cross, Doctor	Rosary 9.00am Mass 9.30am
WED 15th	Rosary 11.30am	Mass 12 Noon
THUR 16th	Funeral Mass 9.30am	Rosary 11.30am Mass 12 Noon
FRI 17th	Rosary 9.00am	Mass 9.30am McLean Mass 11.00am
SAT 18th	Vigil Mass 6.00pm	
SUN 19th	4th Sunday of Advent	Mass 9.00am

### 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

Richard Neilson; Joan Bull; Members of Collin & Graham families; Unknown souls; Theresa Almeida; Maggie O'Brien; James Croft & Coral Dasey; Family & friends of the Dasey Family, Thomas Lane; Anniversary of Francis About

### We Pray for the Recently Deceased & for the Anniversaries of

Bernie Dickins, Joan Bull, Alison Redditt, Bishop Bill Wright of Newcastle-Maitland, Conzie Galbano, Roseann Barron, Joan Lewis. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**

### WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Matthew Smith, Eileen Hagan, Margaret Kahler, Lloyd Fleming, Herb McArdle, Bernie Graham and family, Sr Judy Breen, Joan Ticehurst, Laurel King (wife of Tony), Fr John Willis, Marie Ward, Jenny Turner, Wayne Jones, Emma Donaldson, Tony Starr, Baby Isabel Akhil, Joan Hiscox, Paul Saint, Kerrie O'Keeffe, Sr Leo (Josie) Clancy, John Sanders, Rex Parry, Danny Dickins, Katrina Newbigin, Bob Kneipp, Brian Barker, Denise Taveira, Joanne Essey, Graham Tom, Fred Voight, Agnes Hannigan **and the sick members of our parish whose names are not listed here.**

### Other Special Intentions

Priestly ordination (9/12/1968) & 80th Birthday (22/12/1941) of Bishop Gerard Hanna.

### HOME ROSARY

Tingha Bernie & Colleen Graham  
11 Diamond Street  
Wednesday 15 December at 4.30pm



### St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

**Christmas Tree** - Donations of Christmas festive items (e.g. plum puddings, Christmas cakes, shortbreads, lollies, chocolates etc) or non-perishable food items (e.g. baked beans, pasta, tuna etc) may be placed under the parish Christmas tree in the weeks leading up to Christmas for distribution to the needy in our town.

**Financial Donations** - Money collection before and after mass on **Saturday 18 Dec & Sunday 19 Dec.** EFTPOS available as well. Funds directed to the purchase of blankets, doonas and linen for those in need during Winter 2022.

**Care & Support Team Office Hours:** Monday & Wednesday mornings (Appointment required). On call other days for emergency assistance.

**Emergency Assistance & Interview Appointments:** Phone 0400 699 610 and leave a message if representative not immediately available.

**Synod on Synodality Diocesan Consultation Phase:** Parishioners are encouraged to meet and discuss one or all three of the themes of Mission, Participation, & Communion. Groups may be formed, but individual submissions are also invited. A guide for group/individual submissions can be obtained from the parish office. <http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

**COVID 19 SAFETY PLAN FOR OUR PARISH** Mass attendance: Our Church can accommodate 120 worshippers at a time with a 2sqm social distance rule. **Over 12yrs must wear a mask; Register via QR Code or sign in. Contact Sheets** are 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 Virus outbreak. The contact sheets will be removed after each Mass and kept confidential. **If you prefer to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, please wait until all other parishioners have been before approaching the altar. If you are unwell please stay at home. If you require Home Communion contact the office.**

### DECEMBER 12TH - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE SUNDAY) - YEAR C

"Advent is here. What a marvellous time in which to renew your desire, your nostalgia, your real longing for Christ to come - for Him to come every day to your soul in the Eucharist. The church encourages us: Ecce veniet! He is about to arrive!" - St Josemaria Escriva

**A friendly reminder:** Please maintain a respectful atmosphere of reverence before and after each Mass so those praying may do so without distraction. Any conversation should be conducted quietly. Also, please remember to turn off your mobile devices.

"By devoutly assisting at Holy Mass you render the greatest homage possible to the Sacred Humanity of Our Lord."  
St Leonard

### ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER FOR DECEMBER

Shirley Kenny, Margaret Moroney, & Anne Dale

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

Liturgy Committee	Sat 11 Dec 2021	8.30am
Finance Committee	Mon 19 Jan 2022	5.30pm
Pastoral Council	Wed 2 Feb 2022	5.00pm

**Men's Breakfast Sat 11 December 8.30am** at the Out The Back Restaurant, Byron Street. (Next door to FDB). Turn up-Order-Pay. For information please call Bernie on 67224387.



### Joy Candle

The third candle of Advent symbolises **Joy** and is called the "Shepherd's Candle". To the shepherd's great joy, the angels announced that Jesus came for humble, unimportant people like them too. In liturgy, the colour rose signifies rejoicing. This candle reminds us that Jesus' coming is near.

### Prayers for the Lighting of the Advent Candle

**Priest:** Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophet Zephaniah as the One who will exult over us and renew us by your love.

**Response: Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Priest:** Lord Jesus, you revealed to Paul that if there is anything we need we just have to ask for it with prayer and thanksgiving.

**Response: Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Priest:** Lord Jesus, as declared by John the Baptist, you will baptise us with the Holy Spirit and fire.

**Response: Come, Lord Jesus.**

### Christmas Schedule

Wednesday	Dec 22nd	6.00pm Parish Reconciliation
Dec 24th	<u>Christmas Eve Vigil Masses</u>	3.30pm Bundarra 6.00pm Vigil Mass Inverell 8.00pm Mass Inverell
Sat Dec 25th	<u>Christmas Day Masses</u>	9.00am Inverell 11.00am Ashford 4.00pm Tingha 6.00pm Inverell (Feast of the Holy Family vigil)
Sun Dec 26th	Feast Day of the Holy Family Masses	9.00am Inverell 11.30am Yetman

Roster	Greeters	Projector	Readers	Commentator	Communion Minister	Collectors	Counters
11Dec-Sat 6pm	Volunteers	Sr Coral	D Dasey	J Kelly	Volunteer	Suspended	
12Dec-Sun 9am	Volunteers	R McGregor	S Hollis	R Long	Volunteer	Suspended	G Henry, P Girle & L MacDonald
In place of the collection plates please put donations in baskets located at the entrance of the church							
18Dec-Sat 6pm	Volunteers	S Szumowski	R Breen	P Armstrong	Volunteer	Suspended	
19Dec-Sun 9am	Volunteers	MJ Guest	J Thivakon	M Robinson	Volunteer	Suspended	A & H McArdle

### PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM FOR THE SUPPORT OF YOUR PRIESTS AND UPKEEP OF THE CHURCH

**1st Collection: Presbytery for priest support**  
BSB 082105 Account No. 001023550  
Account Name: Sacred Heart Presbytery Inverell Savings Account  
**2nd Collection: Church for upkeep & maintenance (PGP)**  
BSB 082105 Account No. 001001010  
Account Name: Sacred Heart Parish Inverell  
For those on the Planned Giving Program could you please quote your surname and envelope number for the reference.

### Gaudete Sunday

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: Rejoice! Indeed, the Lord is near."  
Gaudete is a Latin word that means "You shall rejoice!" This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in the second reading from the letter of St Paul's letter to the Philippians. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of Joy because our salvation is already at hand.



### An Advent Prayer

God of hope, who brought love into this world, be the love that dwells between us. God of hope, who brought peace into this world, be the peace that dwells between us. God of hope, who brought joy into this world, be the joy that dwells between us. God of hope, the rock we stand upon, be the centre, the focus of our lives always and particularly this Advent time. Through Him who is our hope, our joy, our love, our peace in union with the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

**Reflection** Even before he [John] met the Messiah, Who was his own cousin, he announced the superiority of Christ. "Someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals."

John considered himself unworthy to untie the shoes of Our Lord, but Our Lord would surpass him in humility as He would wash the feet of the Apostles. The greatness of John consisted in the fact that to him was given the privilege of running before the chariot of the King and saying, "Christ has come."

John used symbols as well as words. The chief symbol of the washing away of sin was a cleansing by water. John had been baptising in the Jordan, as a token of repentance, but he knew that his baptism did not regenerate or quicken the dead soul. That is why he made a contrast between his baptism and the baptism that later on Christ Himself would confer; speaking of the latter, he said: "He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit, and with fire."

**Venerable Servant of God, Archbishop Fulton J Sheen**