



Sacred Heart Parish Church

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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 20th	Rosary Mass	9.00am 9.30am
TUE 21st	Rosary Mass	9.00am 9.30am
WED 22nd	150th Anniversary of Sacred Heart Church Rosary Mass Parish Reconciliation	11.30am 12 Noon 6.00pm
THUR 23rd	Rosary Mass	11.30am 12 Noon
FRI 24th	Christmas Eve Bundarra Mass Inverell Vigil Mass Inverell 'Midnight' Mass	3.30pm 6.00pm 8.00pm
SAT 25th	Christmas Day Inverell Mass Ashford Mass Tingha Mass Holy Family Vigil Mass	9.00am 11.00am 4.00pm 6.00pm
SUN 26th	Solemnity of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph 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; Anniversary of Francis Aboud, Pat Clancy

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 Newbiggin, 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 22 December at 4.30pm



An Advent Prayer

O Lord, incline Your merciful ears to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our hearts by the light of Your visitation. Almighty God, fulfill our desire and kindle our hearts by Your Spirit, that being filled with the oil of Your grace, we may shine as bright lights at the coming of Your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

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.

COVID 19 SAFETY PLAN FOR OUR PARISH Mass attendance: There are no limits on numbers in places of worship, singing is permitted by all, masks are not required but are encouraged when you cannot socially distance. Checking in with QR code or written register is still required. **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. 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 19TH - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

"Him whom the heavens cannot contain, the womb of one woman bore. She ruled our Ruler; she carried Him in whom we are; she gave milk to our Bread." - St Augustine of Hippo

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.

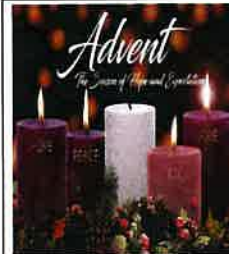
"By devoutly assisting at Holy Mass you render the greatest homage possible to the Sacred Humanity of Our Lord."
St Leonard

ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER FOR DECEMBER

Shirley Kenny, Margaret Moroney, & Anne Dale

Christmas Dues envelopes are available at the Church entrances.

Merry Christmas to all parishioners travelling away this week. May you have a safe and blessed Christmas.



Peace Candle

The fourth candle of Advent represent **Peace** and is called the "Angel's Candle." The angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace. He came to bring people close to God and to each other again. It reminds us of the importance of peace as the true Saviour of the world is coming. This candle is also purple to represent the culmination of love through the Messiah.

Prayers for the Lighting of the Advent Candle

Priest: Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophet Micah as coming from the house of David and who will rule over all Israel and be peace.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus.

Priest: Lord Jesus, you make us holy by the offering of your body made once and for all.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus.

Priest: Lord Jesus, you are the blessed fruit of the womb of she who believed that the promise made to her would be fulfilled.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus.

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK All are invited to join in the fun at Campbells Park on **Saturday 18 Dec at 6:30pm.** Food, music, carol singing, jumping castle, face-painting - **ALL FREE!**



Christmas Schedule

Wednesday	Dec 22nd	6.00pm Parish Reconciliation
Dec 24th	Christmas Eve Vigil Masses 3.30pm Bundarra 6.00pm Vigil Mass Inverell 8.00pm Mass Inverell	
Sat Dec 25th	Christmas Day Masses 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
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
In place of the collection plates please put donations in baskets located at the entrance of the church							
25Dec-Sat 6pm	Volunteers	N Turner	J Monie	N McCosker	Volunteer	Suspended	
26Dec-Sun 9am	Volunteers	P Girle	J Harris	G Taveira	Volunteer	Suspended	B Baldwin & B Gardner

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.



We welcome recently ordained deacon Reverend PeterPaul to our parish. Reverend PeterPaul will be remaining in Inverell until further notice.

Reflection One of the most beautiful moments in history was that when pregnancy met pregnancy - when child-bearers became the first heralds of the King of Kings. At the Annunciation the archangel told Mary that her cousin Elizabeth was about to become the mother of John the Baptist. Mary was then a young girl, but her cousin was "advanced in years" ... Mary "went with all haste"; she is always in a hurry to do good. With deliberate speed she becomes the first nurse of Christian civilisation. The woman hastens to meet a woman. They serve best their neighbour who bear the Christ within their hearts and souls. Bearing in herself the Secret of Salvation, Mary journeys five days from Nazareth to the city of Hebron, where, according to tradition, rested the ashes of the founders of the people of God: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. "She gave Elizabeth greeting". She, who is to bear Him Who will say: "I came not to be ministered unto but to minister", now ministers unto her cousin. The handmaid of the Lord becomes the handmaid of Elizabeth. On hearing [Mary's] greeting, the child whom Elizabeth bore within her "leapt in her womb". The Old Testament is here meeting the New Testament. All the longings and expectations of thousands of years as to Him Who would be the Saviour are now fulfilled in this one ecstatic moment when John the Baptist greets Christ, the Son of the Living God. "Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit." A Pentecost came before Pentecost. The physical body of Christ within Mary now fills John the Baptist with the Spirit of Christ. John is sanctified by Jesus. So Jesus is not as John - not man alone, but God as well. Now Elizabeth adds the second part [of the Hail Mary] in a "loud voice". "Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb." Old age is here not jealous of youth or privilege, for Elizabeth makes the first public proclamation - that Mary is the Mother of God. She learned it less from Mary's lips than from the Spirit of God nestling over her womb. Mary received the Spirit of God through an angel; Elizabeth was the first to receive it through Mary.
Venerable Servant of God, Archbishop Fulton J Sheen