



Sacred Heart Parish Church

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Office Hours: Closed from 27 Dec to 31 Dec

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 27th	Feast Day of St John, Apostle	Rosary 9.00am	Mass 9.30am
TUE 28th	Feast Day of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs	Rosary 9.00am	Mass 9.30am
WED 29th	5th Day in Octave of the Nativity	Rosary 11.30am	Mass 12 Noon
THUR 30th	6th Day in Octave of the Nativity	Rosary 11.30am	Mass 12 Noon
FRI 31st	7th Day in Octave of the Nativity	Rosary 9.00am	Mass (End of the year 2021) 9.30am

JANUARY - THE HOLY MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

SAT 1st	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God	Rosary 9.00am	New Year Mass 9.30am	Vigil Mass 6.00pm
SUN 2nd	Solemnity of the Epiphany	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; Fr Francis Martin (deceased 2016); Terry Manuel

We Pray for the Recently Deceased & for the Anniversaries of

Jodi Kaye Johnson, Chandy Neduvakattu, 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

Shirley Krug, 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.

Christmas Dues Envelopes

These have been placed at the entrances to the church. Please give generously.



St Vincent de Paul Xmas Appeal - THANK YOU

Thank you to all parishioners who donated to SVDP Christmas Appeal. \$2300 was donated to assist needy members of our town, along with food, and winter items for next winter. A mighty effort, indeed.

HOME ROSARY

Tingha Bernie & Colleen Graham
11 Diamond Street
Wednesday 29 December at 4.30pm



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.

Pope Francis: Vaccination is an Act of Love "Getting vaccines that are authorised by the respective authorities is an act of love. And helping the majority of people to do so is an act of love. Love for oneself, love for our families and friends, and love for all peoples. [...] Getting vaccinated is a simple yet profound way to care for one another, especially the most vulnerable."
https://wherepeteris.com/pope-francis-vaccination-is-an-act-of-love/

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 required, and 2sqm social distancing is required. 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 25TH - THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD - YEAR C

"Christ is born, glorify Him! Christ from heaven, go out to meet Him! Christ on earth, be exalted! Sing to the Lord all the whole earth; let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad!" - St Gregory Nazianzen

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.



A Christmas Prayer

Glory to God in the highest!
My precious Lord, Jesus, I adore you with profound love and rejoice in the celebration of Your birth. Your love for us in unfathomable, it is glorious, transforming, awe-inspiring, and deeply personal. You chose to come and dwell among us, being born into poverty, rejection, and humility. Yet Your mother knew whom she bore. Her heart was filled with the tenderest love as she adored her Child and her God. Help me, dear Lord, to come to love You with the heart of Your Mother. Invite me to adore You with St Joseph and the poor shepherds. Reveal to me the glorious power of Your birth and change my life on account of this perfect gift of Yourself. I love You, dear Lord Jesus. Help me to love You with all my heart. Newborn Saviour of the World, I trust in You. Mother Mary and St Joseph, Pray for me and for all. Amen.



Have A Blessed And Holy Christmas

Fr James and the parish team wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas. Thank you to everyone who has assisted in the running of the parish this year. Thank you to the Members of the Parish Pastoral Council, the Finance Committee, the Liturgy Committee, Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, all those involved in the parish ministry roster, the Altar Society, Parish Staff, Staff and Pupils at Holy Trinity School, Members of the McLean Ministry, and Members of the Music Ministry. May you all have a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Reflection "In the beginning was the Word." Whatever there is in the world, is made according to the thought of God, for all things postulate thought. Every bird, every flower, every tree was made according to an idea existing in the Divine Mind. Prior to His earthly existence, Jesus Christ is eternally God, the Wisdom, the Thought of the Father. In His earthly existence, He is that Thought or Word of God speaking to men. The words of men pass away when they have been conceived and uttered, but the Word of God is eternally uttered and can never cease from utterance.

When finally the scrolls of history are completed down to the last words in time, the saddest of all will be: "There was no room in the inn." Out to the hillside to a stable cave, where shepherds sometimes drove their flocks in time of storm, Joseph and Mary went at last for shelter. There, in a place of peace in the lonely abandonment of a cold windswept cave; there, under the floor of the world, He Who is born without a mother in heaven, is born without a father on earth. Of every other child that is born into the world, friends can say that it resembles his mother. This was the first instance in time that anyone could say that the mother resembled the Child. This is the beautiful paradox of the Child Who made His mother; the mother, too, was only a child. It was also the first time in the history of this world that anyone could ever think of heaven as being anywhere else than "somewhere up there"; when the Child was in her arms, Mary now looked down to Heaven. In the filthiest place in the world, a stable, Purity was born. He, Who was later to be slaughtered by men acting as beasts, was born among beasts. He, Who would call Himself the "living Bread descended from Heaven," was laid in a manger, literally, a place to eat. Centuries before, the Jews had worshipped the golden calf, and the Greeks, the ass. Men bowed down before them as before God. The ox and the ass now were present to make their innocent reparation, bowing down before their God.

The Son of God made man was invited to enter His own world through a back door. Exiled from the earth, He was born under the earth, in a sense, the first Cave Man in recorded history. There He shook the earth to its very foundations. Because He was born in a cave, all who wish to see Him must stoop. To stoop is the mark of humility. The proud refuse to stoop and, therefore, they miss Divinity. Those, however, who bend their egos and enter, find that they are not in a cave at all, but in a new universe where sits a Babe on His mother's lap, with the world poised on His fingers.

Venerable Servant of God, Archbishop Fulton J Sheen

Immaculata Mission School 2022

You are invited to spend the first nine days of 2022 with the Immaculata Mission School as they discover what it means to Be A Saint! The program includes talks on the faith, praise and worship, daily Mass, Adoration & the Rosary, recreation, community and friendship. Families welcome and children's ministry available! Join them for an amazing time to grow in faith, and love for God and to make new friends!

When: 1-9th January, 2022 (Family program 4th - 9th)
Where: New England Girls' School, Armidale, NSW
Cost: \$450 - includes accommodation, food, speakers, talks and activities.
For family rates, additional information and TO REGISTER see: <http://www.sistersoftheimmaculata.org.au/ims>