



**Sacred Heart Parish Church**  
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**Parish Secretary: Peter Turner - 67221103.**  
**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**



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 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.



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

**HOME ROSARY**

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

**Christmas Dues Envelopes**

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



**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."

**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 26TH - SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH - YEAR C**  
 "See how Jesus, Mary and Joseph loved one another, all three, how happy they looked, with what kindness and gentleness they spoke to each other. In our little family, it must be the same." - St Jeanne Jugan

**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.



**Have A Blessed And Holy Christmas**

Fr James and the parish team wish all our parishioners and visitors 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 2022.

"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



**The Holy Family Prayer**

Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that You found in Your own family in the little town of Nazareth. Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to Your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys. Joseph, foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement and anxiety.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the centre of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen

**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:** 1-9<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 (Family program 4<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>)  
**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>

Roster	Greeters	Projector	Readers	Commentator	Communion Minister	Collectors	Counters
25Dec-Sat 6pm	Volunteers	N Turner	J Monie	Volunteer	Volunteer	Suspended	
26Dec-Sun 9am	Volunteers	P Girle	J Harris	G Taveira	Volunteer	Suspended	B Baldwin & B Gardner
In place of the collection plates please put donations in baskets located at the entrance of the church							
01Jan-Sat 6pm	Volunteers	J Kelly	M Casey-Ransom	N Turner	Volunteer	Suspended	
02Jan-Sun 9am	Volunteers	R McGregor	D Hannigan	J Monie	Volunteer	Suspended	J Frater & D Hannigan

**Reflection** After fulfilling the rites [of Passover], the men and women left in separate caravans, to meet again at night. But the boy Jesus, unknown to His parents, stayed behind in Jerusalem. They, thinking that He was among their traveling companions, had gone a day's journey before they missed Him. It was thus that Jesus was "lost" for three days. In those three days, Mary came to know one of the effects of sin, namely, the loss of God. Though she was without sin, nevertheless she knew the fears and the loneliness, the darkness and the isolation which every sinner experiences when he loses God. It was a king of glorified hide-and-seek. He was hers; that was why she sought Him. He was on the business of redemption; that was why He left her and went to the temple. There was a school in the temple, in which a number of Rabbis taught... It was in this school of Rabbis that Mary and Joseph found Him. The fact that He was sitting in the midst of the doctors would indicate that they received Him not just as a learner, but as a professor. "Seeing Him there, they were full of wonder." They were probably astonished because of the learning which He displayed. In a land where the authority of the father was supreme, it was not Joseph the foster father, but Mary, who spoke. The Virgin Birth was implied in her questioning. Her question implied that the emphasis was more on the fact that He was her Son than upon the fact that He was also the Son of God. This distinction is further underlined by the fact that she added a note about fatherhood, saying "Your father and I." The Divine Child answered by making a distinction between the one whom He honoured as a father on earth and the Eternal Father. This answer affirmed a parting of the ways; it did not diminish the filial duty that He owed to Mary and Joseph, for He became immediately subject to them again, but it decisively put them in a second place. These are the first recorded words of Jesus in the Gospels, and they are in the form of a question. When He said that His mother should have known He was about His Father's business, He was evidently referring to what she had learned at the Annunciation when the Angel said to her: "The holy offspring of thine shall be known for the Son of God."

Venerable Servant of God, Archbishop Fulton J Sheen