



**Sacred Heart Parish Church**

Roman Catholic Diocese of Armidale

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**FC Chair: Mr Anthony Michael**

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**Office Hours: Mon 23 May & Fri 27 May - 8am to 1pm**

**Tues 24 May - 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



**All Praise and all Thanksgiving, be every moment Thine...**

**PARISH SCHEDULE THIS WEEK**

**MAY - THE HOLY MONTH OF THE**

**BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

MON 23rd	Monday of the 6th week of Easter	Rosary 9.00am	<b>Mass 9.30am</b>
TUE 24th	<b>Solemnity of Our Lady, Help of Christians</b>	Rosary 9.00am	<b>Mass 9.30am</b>
WED 25th	Wednesday of the 6th week of Easter	Rosary 11.30am	<b>Mass 12 Noon</b>
THUR 26th	Feast Day of St Philip Neri	Rosary 11.30am	<b>Communion Service 12 Noon</b>
FRI 27th	Friday of the 6th week of Easter	Rosary 9.00am	<b>Mass 9.30am</b> <b>McLean Mass 11.00am</b> <b>Vigil Mass 5.30pm</b>
SAT 28th	<b>Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord</b>		
SUN 29th	<b>Confirmation Mass</b>		<b>9.00am</b>

**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**

Repose of the souls of Monica Turner (mother-in-law of June), Robert Peter Sanders (brother of June Turner), Reg & Clare Williams;

**We Pray for the Recently Deceased & for the Anniversaries of** Wilga Griffiths, Darrell Warrell, Mary McLane, Margaret Fenton. **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**

Beau Zappa, Clare Lockwood, Denise Thomeycroft, Jennifer Monie, Miriam Ballam, Matthew Smith, Eileen Hagan, Margaret Kahler, Lloyd Fleming, Herb McArdle, Bernie Graham and family, Joan Ticehurst, Fr John Willis, Jenny Turner, Wayne Jones, Emma Donaldson, Tony Starr, Baby Isabel Akhil, Paul Saint, Kerrie O'Keefe, Sr Leo (Josie) Clancy, 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**

Special Intentions of Judy Harris; Thanksgiving for the life and ministry of our bishops: John Satterthwaite (deceased), Luc Mathys (deceased), & Gerard Hanna.

**HOME ROSARY**

**Tingha** Bernie & Colleen Graham  
11 Diamond Street  
**Wednesday 25 May at 4.30pm**  
**Inverell** Fred & Jeanette Rennie  
48A Bennett Street  
**Wednesday 25 May at 4.30pm**



**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Pastoral Council Wed 13 July 2022 5.00pm  
Finance Committee Mon 25 July 2022 5.30pm

A series of Zoom events focused on Church renewal will be held in May. Contact [sales@garrattpublishing.com.au](mailto:sales@garrattpublishing.com.au) for more information.

**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://whrepeteris.com/pope-francis-vaccination-is-an-act-of-love/>

**COVID 19 SAFETY PLAN FOR OUR PARISH** Mass attendance: No limits on numbers and singing is permitted by all. Masks are not mandatory, however, where social distancing is not possible, masks are strongly encouraged. 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.](#)

**MAY 22ND - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C**

"Prayer draws into the soul the Holy Spirit, and raises man to heaven."

- St Ephrem the Syrian

**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 MAY**

Pat McCosker & Carmel McCosker



**Easter Blessing Prayer for Families**

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



**Prayer After Communion**

Sweetest Jesus, Body and Blood most holy, be the delight and pleasure of my soul, my strength and salvation in all temptations, my joy and peace in every trial, my light and guide in every word and deed, and my final protection in death. Amen. (St Thomas Aquinas)



**Prayer for the Solemnity of Our Lady, Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia**

O Mary, Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia, Mother of Mercy, Queen of Heaven and earth, refuge of sinners, we consecrate ourselves to your Immaculate Heart. To you we consecrate our country, our families, our hearts and souls, and all that we have. And in order that this consecration may be truly effective and lasting, we renew today the promises of our Baptism and Confirmation; and we undertake to live as good Christians - faithful to God, the Church, and the Holy Father. We desire to pray the Rosary, partake in the Holy Eucharist, attach special importance to the first Saturday of the month and to work for the conversion of sinners. Furthermore, we promise, O most holy Virgin, that we will zealously spread devotion to you, so that through our consecration to your Immaculate Heart and through your own intercession the coming of the Kingdom of Christ in the world may be hastened. Amen.

**Invocation of the Holy Spirit Prayer**

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

**Visit of Bishop Michael Kennedy - Fri 27 May to Sun 29 May**

Bishop Kennedy will be visiting our parish next weekend, in particular to confer Confirmation at the Sunday morning Mass at 9am. Please pray for Bishop Kennedy's safe journey and also for all the confirmation candidates and their families.

Roster	Greeters	Projector	Readers	Commentator	Communion Minister	Collectors	Counters
21May-Sat 5.30pm	Volunteers	J Kelly	M Casey-Ransom	J Harris	Volunteer	B Sarsaba	
22May-Sun 9am	Volunteers	P Girle	D McMahon	MJ Guest	Volunteer	A Kinnear	G Chie, G Fleming & M Schofield
28May-Sat 5.30pm	Volunteers	Sr Coral	N McCosker	J Monie	Volunteer	B Cook	
29May-Sun 9am	Volunteers	HTS	HTS	HTS	Volunteer	V Dimaano	R & G Johnson

**Catholic Schools Week 22-28 May:** Catholic Schools Week is being marked in Armidale Diocese 22-28 May. The 2022 theme, taken from Diocese of Armidale Catholic Schools "Vision Statement" is "Our hope-filled future". Just over 6000 students and their families are served by 950 staff members through our Diocese's 24 Catholic schools' educational and evangelising work. Deanery Masses for Catholic Schools Week, with Bishop Kennedy as the main celebrant, are being held at 11.00a.m. at St Philomena's School, Moree (24th); St Nicholas's Church, Tamworth (25th); Cathedral, Armidale (26th).

**Reflection** John the Baptist had foretold two things about Christ: first, that He was the Lamb of God and would take away the sins of the world; and the other, that He would baptise His disciples with the Holy Spirit and with fire. The shedding of the blood was for the sinful; the gift of the Spirit was for His obedient and loving followers. When Our Lord was baptised in the Jordan, the Holy Spirit came upon Him. He was baptised in the Spirit; but He must suffer before giving that Spirit to others. That is why, the night when His Passion began, He spoke most profoundly of the Spirit. Later on, when Our Blessed Lord promised to give His Body and Blood under the appearance of bread and wine, He implied that He must first ascend to heaven before the Spirit would be given. Because Our Lord said that He was going to the Father, the Apostles were extremely troubled, for that meant His absence from them. He assured them that while they were presently cast down with grief, the hour would be very brief, just long enough for Him to prove His power over death and go to the Father. He had been their Comforter; He was at their side; He had been One with them and in His Presence they had gained strength and courage; but their trouble was that He was going. He now promised them another Comforter or Advocate. As He would be the Advocate with God in heaven, so the Spirit dwelling within them would plead the cause of God on earth and be their Advocate. The Divine secret that He gave was that their loss would not have the greater blessing of the coming of the Spirit. The Father had given a twofold revelation of Himself; the Son was His image walking among men, reminding them of the Divine original and also the Model to which they were to be restored. In the Spirit, the Father and the Son would send forth a Divine Power, Who would dwell within them and make of their bodies a temple. It was better that He go away, for His return to the Father was the condition of the coming of the Spirit. If He remained among them, He would have been only an example to be copied; if He left and sent the Spirit, He would be a veritable life to be lived. The return of His human nature in glory to heaven was a necessary preliminary to the mission of the Spirit. His going would not be a loss but a gain. As the fall of the first man was the fall of his descendants, so the Ascension of the Son of Man would be the ascension of all who were grafted unto Him. His atoning death was the condition of receiving the Spirit of God. The corporeal presence had to be removed in order that the spiritual presence might take its place. His continued presence on earth would have meant a localised presence; the descending of the Spirit would mean that He could be in the midst of all men who would be incorporated unto Him...when He would send the Spirit, His influence would radiate from without; those who possessed it would have the Spirit of Christ Jesus on earth.  
**Servant of God, Archbishop Fulton J Sheen**