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Office Hours: Mon 5 Dec & Fri 9 Dec - 8am to 1pm
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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 Sunday 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



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

Prayer in Honour of the Divine Infancy
 Eternal Father, I offer to Thine honour and glory, for my eternal salvation and for the salvation of the whole world, the mystery of the birth of our Divine Redeemer. We beseech Thee, that through Him our souls may be inwardly renewed. Who lives and reigns with Thee forever and ever. Amen.

PARISH SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

DECEMBER - THE HOLY MONTH OF THE DIVINE INFANCY		
MON 5th	Monday of 2nd week of Advent Rosary Mass	9.00am 9.30am
TUE 6th	Feast Day of St Nicholas, Bishop Rosary Mass HTS Yr 6 Mass	9.00am 9.30am 12 Noon
WED 7th	Feast Day of St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor Rosary Mass & Anointing	11.30am 12 Noon
THUR 8th	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Rosary Mass	11.30am 12 Noon
FRI 9th	Friday of 2nd week of Advent Rosary Mass McLean Mass	9.00am 9.30am 11.00am
SAT 10th	Vigil Mass	6.00pm
SUN 11th	3rd 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

Repose of the souls of: All those in Purgatory; Morea Sevese; Deceased members and friends of O'Brien & Stephen families

We Pray for the Recently Deceased & for the Anniversaries of
 Denise Thomeycroft, Joan Ticehurst, Laurel McInnes, Wendy Rankin, Valda Osland, Neil Casey, Agnes Hannigan, Ryan Karazija, Peter Crabb. **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
 David Crabb, Zara Bentley, Betty & Geoff Dodd, Shirley Thompson, Jim Hanlon, Margaret Jones, Beau Zappa, Clare Lockwood, Miriam Ballam, Matthew Smith, Eileen Hagan, Margaret Kahler, Lloyd Fleming, Herb McArdle, Bernie Graham and family, Fr John Willis, Jenny Turner, Emma Donaldson, Tony Starr, Paul Saint, Kerrie O'Keeffe, Sr Leo (Josie) Clancy, Rex Parry, Danny Dickins, Brian Barker, Denise Taveira, Joanne Essey, Graham Tom, and the sick members of our parish whose names are not listed here.



"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 7 December at 4.30pm

UPCOMING MEETINGS
 Pastoral Council Wed 14 Dec 2022 5.00pm

SVDP Christmas Appeal will be held on the weekend of 17/18 December. Donations are tax deductible and can be made via cash, cheque and EFTPOS.

Armidale Diocese Pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Lisbon 2023! 22 day pilgrimage: "Journeying to Jesus with Mary" Led by Bishop Michael Kennedy
 Rome (2 nights) • Assisi (4 nights) Fatima (2 nights) • Lisbon (7 nights) • Lourdes (3 nights) • Paris (1 night)
 Inclusions: Return Flights, all internal transport, accommodation and meals. Cost: \$5990 per person
 Places are limited; register your expression of interest now!
armidale.catholic.org.au/world-youth-day-2023
 This will be a life-changing opportunity to join millions of young people as we gather with Pope Francis for a celebration of our Catholic faith!

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.

DECEMBER 4TH - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A
 "Him whom the Heavens cannot contain the womb of one woman bore."
 - 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

ROSTER FOR DECEMBER
 Shirley Kenny, Margaret Moroney, Anne Dale



Faith Candle

The second candle of Advent represents Faith and is called "Bethlehem's Candle" for it symbolises the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, which is also the birthplace of King David. The candle is also purple to symbolise our preparation for the coming king.

Prayers for the Lighting of the Advent Candle
Priest: Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophet Isaiah who calls us to be a signal to the nations and to recognise the Messiah in our midst.
Response: Come, Lord Jesus.

Priest: Lord Jesus, you come among us now. St Paul reminds us to treat each other as Christ treats us and so give glory to the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ. (R)

Priest: Lord Jesus, you will come again in glory. John the Baptist calls us to "repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand." (R)

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Dec 13th 6pm Parish Reconciliation
 Dec 24th Christmas Eve Vigil Masses
 4pm Tingha
 4pm Bundarra
 6pm Inverell
 Dec 25th Christmas Day Masses
 9am Inverell
 9am Ashford
 11.30am Yetman

Women's World Rosary Day - Thurs 8 December
 On the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, women around the world are encouraged to pray the Rosary in honour of Our Blessed Mother and to pray they may better imitate her example.

Children's Liturgy will be held in the meeting room during the Liturgy of the Word at this Sunday morning's Mass. Children aged between 5 and 12 years are invited to attend.

Morning Tea will be held after this Sunday's morning Mass. All are welcome to attend.

Women's Breakfast will instead be a **Christmas Luncheon** on **Fri 9 Dec at 12 Noon** at the Australian Hotel, 81 Byron Street. Please phone Ann Barry on 67222858 or Marj Manuel on 67224772 to confirm your attendance by Tues 6 December.

Men's Breakfast Sat 10 Dec 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.

Roster	Greeters	Projector	Readers	Commentator	Communion Minister	Counters
3Dec-Sat 6pm	Volunteers	J Kelly	S O'Brien	P Armstrong	Volunteer	
4Dec-Sun 9am	Volunteers	R McGregor	S Hollis	C Bruse	Volunteer	G Henry, L MacDonald, P Girle
10Dec-Sat 6pm	Volunteers	Sr Coral	N Turner	N McCosker	Volunteer	
11Dec-Sun 9am	Volunteers	MJ Guest	J Thivakon	M Robinson	Volunteer	B Baldwin & J Frater

Special Collection - Ukrainian Christmas Winter Appeal will be held next weekend. Please pray for the people of Ukraine & Russia.



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.

The Filipino Community of Inverell invites everyone to their Christmas celebration at Inverell Rugby Club on **Sat 17 Dec, 5pm -10pm**. For more info contact Albert on 0458 919 623.

Church Choir: Choir practice for the **Christmas Eve Mass** will be held in the church each Wednesday at 6pm. All are welcome. All enquiries please contact Susan Davis on 0497 660 897.

Reflection John was a severe ascetic, moved by a deep conviction of sin in the world. The heart of his message to soldiers, public officials, farmers, and anyone else who would listen was "Repent." The first note of warning in the New Testament tells all men to change. The Sadducees must lay aside their worldliness, the Pharisees their hypocrisy and self-righteousness; all who come to Christ must repent.

With the country under a Roman yoke, it would have been a more certain route to popularity for John to promise that the One Who was to come, the One Whom he announced, would be a political liberator. That would have been the way of men; but instead of a call to arms, John gave a call to reparation for sin. And those who claim descent from Abraham must not glory in it, because if God willed, He could raise up children of Abraham from the very stones.

In all countries, when the head of a government wishes to visit another government, he sends messengers 'before his face.' So, John the Baptist was sent to prepare the way of Christ, to announce the conditions of His reign and government. John, despite the prophecies that were made about him, disclaimed that he was the Messiah, and said that he was only: 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness.'

Even before he met the Messiah, Who was his own cousin, he announced the superiority of Christ. 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