



Sacred Heart Parish Church

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Office Hours: Mon 12 Dec & Fri 16 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



O' 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 12th	Monday of 3rd week of Advent Rosary Mass	9.00am 9.30am
TUE 13th	Feast Day of St Lucy, Martyr Rosary Mass	9.00am 9.30am
WED 14th	Feast Day of St John of the Cross, Doctor Rosary Mass	11.30am 12 Noon
THUR 15th	Thursday of 3rd week of Advent HTS Thanksgiving Mass Rosary Mass	9.15am 11.30am 12 Noon
FRI 16th	Friday of 3rd week of Advent Rosary Mass McLean Mass	9.00am 9.30am 11.00am
SAT 17th	Vigil Mass	6.00pm
SUN 18th	4th 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

Rest of the souls of: All those in Purgatory; William Gable; Leslie Steiner; Vivian Hartley; Olivia de Havilland; Leonard, Adolph, Julius, Milton & Herbert Marx.

We Pray for the Recently Deceased & for the Anniversaries of

Bob McGufficke, Joseph Punnakunnel (MS), Sr Leo (Josie) Clancy, Tony Starr, Denise Thorneycroft, Joan Ticehurst, Laurel McInnes, Wendy Rankin, Valda Osland, Neil Casey, Agnes Hannigan, Ryan Karazija. **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, Paul Saint, Kerrie O'Keefe, 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 14 December at 4.30pm



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Pastoral Council Wed 14 Dec 2022 5.00pm

SVDP Christmas Appeal will be held next weekend. Donations are tax deductible and can be made via cash, cheque and EFT-POS.

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 11TH - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE SUNDAY) - YEAR A

"Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter." - St Padre Pio

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



Joy Candle

The third candle of Advent symbolises Joy and is called the "Shepherd's Candle". To the shepherd's great joy, the angels announced that Jesus came for humble, unimportant people like

them too. In liturgy, the colour rose signifies rejoicing. This candle reminds us that Jesus' coming is near.

Prayers for the Lighting of the Advent Candle

Priest: Lord Jesus, your coming was foretold by the prophet Isaiah who proclaims 'Look, your God is coming, He is coming to save you.'

Response: Come, Lord Jesus.

Priest: Lord Jesus, you come among us now as the light of the world. St James urges us to be patient and not to lose heart, the Lord's coming will be soon. (R)

Priest: Lord Jesus, you will come again in glory and raise the dead to new life. (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



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.

Special Collection - Ukrainian Christmas Winter Appeal will be held this weekend. All proceeds will provide food and shelter for evacuees from frontline territories. Envelopes are provided on the pews. Please continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia, and for peace in the world.

The Filiipino 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.

Roster	Greeters	Projector	Readers	Commentator	Counters
10Dec-Sat 6pm	Volunteers	Sr Coral	N Turner	N McCosker	
11Dec-Sun 9am	Volunteers	MJ Guest	J Thivakon	M Robinson	B Baldwin & J Frater
17Dec-Sat 6pm	Volunteers	S Szumowski	J Kelly	M Gaukroger	
18Dec-Sun 9am	Volunteers	P Girle	J Harris	J Monie	G Chie & G Fleming

Reflection 'Is it Thy coming that was foretold, or are we yet waiting for some other?' The very way John put the question indicated that he had faith both in the great Messianic promise and in Him Whom he was questioning. When the question was brought to Him, Our Lord did not answer it with a promise that John would be released from prison, or that He Himself would destroy his enemies. He answered only by pointing to His own work of healing, comforting, and teaching. In effect, Christ was giving a two-fold answer to John's disciples, pointing to both His miracles and His teachings. His miracles would not just be things to wonder at; rather they would be signs of a Divine Kingdom of righteousness and mercy; and the power by which He worked them would be a power outside nature, which could control nature. His teaching, in particular, would be another proof of His Divinity: the poor would have the Gospel preached to them. This was especially significant, because poverty is only another word for human imperfection and weakness. The strong in body and the keen in intellect and those who possess the bounties of earth receive their reward in this world; but the poor and the weak often hunger and suffer. Christ was saying...God has another world in which to redress the inequalities of this one. While the rich man is told that if he wants to go to heaven he must part with his riches for Christ's sake, the poor man is told that his weariness and suffering, toil and disappointment, united with the Cross, will bring their own inner peace and reward.

When the messengers had left, Our Lord began to praise John. He answered those who might have been judging John by a message that was sent in an hour of trial. He contrasted the multitude who hung upon the words of the messengers with John himself - the fickleness of the crowd with the stability of the prophet. It was not John that was weak; it was their own hearts. It was not doubt that had made John send the enquiry, nor was it a fear of bodily consequences. Using three figures of speech, Our Lord rose to John's defence. The first figure was the reed that used to wave in the breeze beside the strong rapid stream of the Jordan, where they had heard John preach; the second figure was the soft garments of those who lived in the house of Herod; the third figure was a sign from heaven and a reference to all the men who have gone through the portals of the flesh in human birth.

Three times Our Blessed Lord asked, "What was it you went out to see?" This was their error; professing a desire to know the will of God, they had really been bent on sights and spectacles, on enjoying the wonders and popularity of the messenger. They went out just to see someone, not to hear someone; to satisfy the concupiscence of their eyes, but not to imitate the temperance and self-denial of the Baptist. Our Lord was telling the mob that St. John did not ask his question from prison simply because he was a reed shaken by the wind of public opinion, or because he was one who cared for his bodily well-being. John was no frivolous reed shaken by every breath of popular applause. He delivered his rebukes with fearlessness; he was not only severe on others, he was even more severe on himself. He might have dwelt in the houses of kings, and yet he made the desert his home. In his relation to God, he was a prophet, and more than a prophet - the precursor and forerunner of the Messiah and the Son of God. Greatness is of two kinds: the earthly and the heavenly. If John's greatness had been of the earth, he would have lived in palaces. But his greatness was of the Divine order, and his superiority was not just in his person, but in his unchanging work and mission, namely, to announce the Lamb of God.

Venerable Servant of God, Archbishop Fulton J Sheen