



# Sacred Heart Parish Church

## Roman Catholic Diocese of Armidale

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year B  
December 24th, 2023

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**Parish Office Hours:**  
Monday 25 Dec & Tuesday 26 Dec - Closed  
Friday 29 Dec - 8am to 1pm  
**Administrator:** Fr Paul Chandler  
**PPC Chair:** Mr David McMahon  
**Holy Trinity Principal:** Mrs Jillian Rainger  
**Parish Secretary:** Peter Turner

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**We pray for:**  
Repose of the souls of: Peter & Michael Monie; Wilson, Joan & Michael Bull; all those in Purgatory.

**the Recently Deceased:**  
Giles Rogers, Edna Crowe, Pamela Johnston, Rodney McCosker.

**the sick:**  
Megan Gaukroger, Peter Moroney, Christopher Pay, Jeanette Keightley, David Sanders, Phillip Matthews, Helen & Neville Barwick, Fr Barry Leech, Zara Bentley, Paula Lennon, Danny Dickins, Elizabeth Albany, Rebecca Lane, David Crabb, Brian Barker, Clare Lockwood, Margaret Kahler, and all the sick members of our parish.

**PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CLERGY AND THE PARISH**  
1st Collection: Presbytery (for support of priest)  
BSB 082105 Account No. 001023550  
Account Name: Sacred Heart Presbytery Inverell Savings Ac.  
2nd Collection: Church upkeep, maintenance, expenses  
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.  
**Planned Giving Program:** If you wish to join the planned giving program, please contact the parish office.

### DECEMBER - THE HOLY MONTH OF THE DIVINE INFANCY

#### PARISH SCHEDULE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

**MONDAY 25th**  
**Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**  
**Holy Mass - 9.00am**

**TUESDAY 26th**  
Feast Day of St Stephen, the first martyr  
**No Mass - Church open 9am - 10am**

**WEDNESDAY 27th**  
Feast Day of St John, apostle, evangelist  
**Rosary - 8.30am**  
**Holy Mass - 9.00am**

**THURSDAY 28th**  
Feast Day of The Holy Innocents, martyrs  
**Rosary - 11.30am**  
**Holy Mass - 12 Noon**  
**Holy Hour - 12.30pm to 1.30pm (Confession available)**

**FRIDAY 29th**  
5th Day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord  
Commemoration of St Thomas Becket, bishop, martyr  
**Rosary - 8.30am**  
**Holy Mass - 9.00am**  
**Holy Hour - 4.30pm to 5.30pm (Confession 5pm)**

**SATURDAY 30th**  
6th Day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord  
**Confession - 8.00am to 8.30am**  
**Holy Mass of Sunday - 3.00pm at Yetman**  
**Confession - 5.15pm to 5.45pm**  
**Holy Mass of Sunday - 6.00pm**

**SUNDAY 31st**  
**Solemnity of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**  
**Confession - 8.00am to 8.30am**  
**Holy Mass - 9.00am**

**OTHER MASSES:**  
*McLean Village* Each 3rd Friday - 11am  
2nd Saturday - *Bundarra*, St Mary of the Angels - 3.30pm  
3rd Saturday - *Ashford*, St Patrick's Church - 3.30pm  
4th Saturday - *Tingha*, St. Francis' Church - 3.30pm  
5th Saturday - *Yetman*, St Joseph the Worker - 3pm  
Baptism - Saturdays & Sundays at 10.30am  
Marriages and Funerals by Appointment  
Please contact the priest on 67221103 for home visits to the homebound and the sick

## PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

### 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 DECEMBER

Shirley Kenny, Margaret Moroney, Anne Dale

#### HOME ROSARY

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

Bernie & Colleen Graham  
11 Diamond Street, Tingha

Wednesday 27 December at 4.30pm

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS

Pastoral Council	Wed 7 February 2024	5.00pm
Liturgy Committee	Sat 10 February 2024	8.30am
Finance Committee	Wed 14 February 2024	5.30pm

#### Immaculata Mission School 2024: FISHERS OF MEN

This event will be held at the beginning of January 2024 at NEGS, Armidale. Open for both youth and adults and families. Please see brochures at church entrances for more information. For costs and to register please visit <http://www.immaculata.org.au/ims>

**St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal:** To all parishioners goes another hearty thank you for your generosity from the SVDP members. The SVDP Christmas Appeal raised just over \$4,000, double last year's effort. God bless you.

**The Columban Calendars are now available at the paper table for \$8.00 each.**

### Christmas Dues Envelopes

These have been placed at the entrances to the church. This collection supports the clergy. Please give generously.



### December 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. I beseech Thee, that through Him my soul may be inwardly renewed, Who lives and reigns with Thee forever and ever. Amen.

#### 2023 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve - Sunday 24 December  
Ashford - 3.30pm  
Inverell - 6.00pm

Christmas Day - Monday 25 December  
Inverell - 9am

**N.B. There is a serious obligation to attend Holy Mass for both Sunday and Christmas Day. This means going to Mass twice. One Mass does not suffice for both days at the same time.**

#### Octave of Christmas

Octaves in the liturgy mean every day within the octave is the feast all over again. There are subtleties, so unlike the Easter Octave it is more of a "little" Christmas rather than the actual Solemnity, but technically days in the octave is Christmas all over again.

The Octave of Christmas is celebrated as an eight-day feast in the liturgical calendar which begins on the Nativity of Christ, 25 December, and continues to 1 January, the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

The Church recognises that the days of the Christmas Octave are repeating the solemn nature of Christmas for eight days, concluding on a high note with another Solemnity that echoes the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord.

While Christmas is considered primarily a feast of our Lord, the Church both adores the Saviour and venerates His glorious Mother. The Octave gives us time to impress upon our souls the mysteries, joys and graces of Christmas.



MASS ROSTER	23Dec-Sat 6pm	24Dec-Sun 9am	30Dec-Sat 6pm	31Dec-Sun 9am
Projector	J Kelly	P Girle	Sr Coral	R McGregor
Readers	J Monie & M Casey-Ransom	P Maddren & D McMahon	P Mather & N McCosker	S Hollis & J Thivakon
Commentator	P Mather	C Bruse	J Kelly	MJ Guest
Offertory	Volunteers	M Robinson & volunteer	Volunteers	Volunteers
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Sajinlal Lazer Sudha	Sajinlal Lazer Sudha	Sajinlal Lazer Sudha	Sajinlal Lazer Sudha
Counters		G Chie & G Fleming		R & G Johnson