



# Sacred Heart Parish Church

## Roman Catholic Diocese of Armidale

### The Nativity of the Lord - Year B

#### December 25th, 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:

Rest of the souls of: Peter & Michael Monie; Wilson, Joan & Michael Bull; all those in Purgatory.

##### the Recently Deceased:

Giles Rogers, Edna Crowe, Pamela Johnstone, Rodney McCosker.

##### the sick:

Megan Gaukroger, Peter Moroney, Christopher Pay, Pam Johnstone, 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



#### A Christmas Prayer

Glory to God in the highest!

My precious Lord, Jesus, I adore you with profound love and rejoice in the celebration of Your birth. Your love for us is unfathomable, it is glorious, transforming, awe-inspiring, and deeply personal. You chose to come and dwell among us, being born into poverty, rejection, and humility. Yet Your mother knew whom she bore. Her heart was filled with the tenderest love as she adored her Child and her God. Help me, dear Lord, to come to love You with the heart of Your Mother. Invite me to adore You with St Joseph and the poor shepherds. Reveal to me the glorious power of Your birth and change my life on

account of this perfect gift of Yourself. I love You, dear Lord Jesus. Help me to love You with all my heart. Newborn Saviour of the World, I trust in You. Mother Mary and St Joseph, Pray for me and for all. Amen.



#### Have A Blessed And Holy Christmas

Fr Paul and the parish team wish you all 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 Ministers of Holy Communion, 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, Members of the Music Ministry, and all our Catechist volunteers. May you all have a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.



**The Holy Innocents, 28 December:** During the Octave of Christmas the Church celebrates the memory of the small children of the neighbourhood of Bethlehem put to death by Herod. Sacrificed by a wicked monarch, these innocent lives bear witness to Christ who was persecuted from the time of His birth by a world which would not receive Him. It is Christ Himself who is at stake in this mass-murder of the children; already the choice, for or against Him, is put clearly before men. But the persecutors are powerless, for

Christ came to perform a work of salvation that nothing can prevent; when He fell into the hands of His enemies at the time chosen by God it was to redeem the world by His own Blood. Our Christmas joy is tempered by a feeling of sadness. But the Church looks principally to the glory of the children, of these innocent victims, whom she shows us in heaven following the Lamb wherever He goes.

The feast of the Holy Innocents is an excellent time for parents to inaugurate the custom of blessing their children. From the Ritual comes the form which we use on solemn occasions, such as First Communion. But parents can simply sign a cross on the child's forehead with the right thumb dipped in holy water and say: May God bless you, and may He be the Guardian of your heart and mind—the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### 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.

#### Christmas Dues Envelopes

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

