

God!' Jesus said to him; 'You believe because you can see Me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There are many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through His name.

◆ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible



Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Prayer: O God, Almighty Father, Who did please that at the message of the Angel Gabriel Thy Word should take flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, grant that we who believe her to be truly the mother of God may be aided by her intercession before Thee, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

“To pay the debt of our sinful state, a nature that was incapable of suffering was joined to one that could suffer. Thus, in keeping with the healing that we needed, one and the same mediator between God and men, the man Jesus Christ, was able to die in one nature, and unable to die in the other. He took the nature of a servant without stain of sin, enlarging our humanity without diminishing His divinity. He emptied Himself; though invisible He made Himself visible, though Creator and Lord of all things He chose to be one of us mortal men. Yet this was the condescension of compassion, not the loss of omnipotence. So He Who in the nature of God had created man, became in the nature of a servant, man Himself. Thus the Son of God enters this lowly world. He comes down from the throne of heaven, yet does not separate Himself from the Father’s glory. He is born in a new condition, by a new birth. Incapable of suffering as God, He did not refuse to be a man, capable of suffering. Immortal, He chose to be subject to the laws of death. He Who is true God is also true man. He is God in virtue of the fact that *in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* He is man in virtue of the fact that *the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.*” (St Leo the Great, Pope)

A reflection by the Venerable Servant of God, Archbishop Fulton J Sheen

St John, in his vision of heaven and the Lamb, pictures the Lamb coming again on the last day to judge us. All will see Him, even those who have pierced Him. He will come bearing the same scars that He showed to Thomas on His hands and feet and side.

Hands that broke bread to signify His own broken body. Hands that ministered bread to the starving. Hands that laid themselves on the heads of little children. Hands that touched lepers. Hands that were calloused in the carpenter’s shop.

Feet. Feet the mother worried about as they pattered over lumber and nails and hammers, and brought her visions of the man who would be put to death by the same lumber and nails and hammers. Feet the Magdalen would wash. Feet before which the Syrophenician woman threw herself in petition, in love.

The wound in the heart. It was large enough for a hand, for our Lord said to Thomas, ‘Put your hand into My side.’

So when this Lamb comes, bearing these signs on hands and feet and side, we will all see the scars. We will be judged by them. He will say, ‘Show Me your hands. Have they been scarred from giving? Are they scarred in service? Are they scarred in labour? Are they scarred in relieving the cares of feverish brows? Have they been scarred in giving food to the hungry? “For I was hungry and you gave Me to eat.”

‘Show Me your feet. Have they gone on missions? Have they helped missionaries? Have they gone about doing good? Have they often made a track down the middle aisle of the church to visit the Eucharistic Saviour? Have they ever wandered to the feet of the crucifix?

‘Show Me your side. Is it scarred in pain out of love for Him? Has the heart been scarred in love – not in need-love or self-satisfying love, but in gift-love? Is the side scarred from thinking about My Passion and My death that you may glory in My Resurrection?’

This is the way you’ll be judged: hands and feet and side.

(Through the Year with Fulton Sheen)



**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER / DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
YEAR B - 7 APRIL 2024**



“We have only to beg pardon and all is repaired by that act of love. Jesus opens His heart to us. He forgets our infidelities and does not want to recall them. He will do even more. He will love us even better than before we committed that fault.”
- St Therese of Lisieux

Entrance Antiphon: Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in Him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

◆ **The word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm Ps 114:2-4, 15-18, 22-24

R: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say: ‘His love has no end.’ Let the sons of Aaron say: ‘His love has no end.’ Let those who fear the Lord say: ‘His love has no end.’ **R.**

2. The Lord’s right hand has triumphed; His right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount His deeds. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die. **R.**

3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

Second Reading 1 John 5:1-6

A reading from the first Letter of St John

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot Him loves the Child Whom He begets. We can be sure that we love God’s children if we love God Himself and do what He has commanded us; this is what loving God is - keeping His commandments; and His commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world - our faith.

Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the son of God; Jesus Christ Who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth.

◆ **The word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in Me, Thomas, because you have seen Me; happy those who have not seen Me, but still believe! **Alleluia!**

Gospel John 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you,’ and showed them His hands and His side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and He said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father sent Me, so am I sending you.’ After saying this He breathed on them and said: ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.’

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, ‘We have seen the Lord,’ he answered, ‘Unless I see the holes that the nails made in His hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into His side, I refuse to believe.’ Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. ‘Peace be with you,’ He said. Then He spoke to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; look, here are My hands. Give Me your hand; put it into My side. Doubt no longer but believe.’ Thomas replied, ‘My Lord and my



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

We pray for: Repose of the souls of those in Purgatory. the Recently Deceased:

Brian Kneipp, June Saint, Carmel Hooper, Bill Blyth, Breeda Flannery, Sue Rice, Bob Witherdin.

the sick:

Princess Catherine, Danielle Irwin, Ty Edmonds, Sue Barwick, King Charles III, Bob McGuire, Robert Sanders, Peter Moroney, Christopher Pay, Jeanette Keightley, Phillip Matthews, Neville Barwick, Fr Barry Leech, Lara Bentley, Paula Lennon, Danny Dickins, Elizabeth Albany, Fr David Crabb, Rebecca Lane, 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. 001013072

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.

APRIL - THE HOLY MONTH OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

MONDAY 8th

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

No Mass - Church open from 8am to 1pm

TUESDAY 9th

Tuesday of the 2nd week of Easter

No Mass or Holy Hour- Church open from 8am to 12pm

WEDNESDAY 10th

Wednesday of the 2nd week of Easter

No Mass

THURSDAY 11th

Feast Day of St Stanislaus, bishop, martyr

Funeral Liturgy for Carmel Hooper - 10.00am

Rosary - 11.30am

Holy Mass - 12 Noon

Adoration - 12.30pm to 1.30pm

FRIDAY 12th

Friday of the 2nd week of Easter

Rosary - 7.30am

Holy Mass - 8.00am

Holy Hour - 4.30pm to 5.30pm

SATURDAY 13th

Feast Day of St Martin I, pope, martyr

Holy Mass of Sunday - 3.30pm at Bundarra

Holy Mass of Sunday - 6.00pm

SUNDAY 14th

3rd Sunday of Easter

Holy Mass - 9.00am

Sacrament of Confession

Sunday: 8.00am to 8.30am

Tuesday: 5.00pm to 5.30pm

Thursday: 1.00pm to 1.30pm

Friday: 5.00pm to 5.30pm

Saturday: 5.15pm to 5.45pm

(and at any time upon request)

OTHER MASSES:

McLean Village Each 4th Thursday - 10.00am

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 APRIL

Margaret Robinson & volunteer

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 10 April at 4.30pm



UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Pastoral Council - Wed 10 April 2024, 5.00pm

Men's Breakfast - Sat 13 April 2024, 8.30am, Out the Back Café

Sunday Morning Tea - 14 April 2024, after Mass

Liturgy Committee - Sat 20 April 2024, 8.30am

Finance Committee - Wed 1 May 2024, 5.00pm

Divine Mercy Sunday / The Annunciation of the Lord

This year we are very blessed to have the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord on the day immediately following Divine Mercy Sunday. On both these days we should especially pray for the conversion of souls so they may all come to love and accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Mass of the Ages: If you are interested to know about the form of the Mass that was being used in 1962 before the Council of Vatican II, or if you're curious as to why it is so appealing to young people and converts, there is a three part series on YouTube called "Mass of the Ages". It is well produced and engaging. Just search "Mass of the Ages" on YouTube or go to: <https://www.latinmass.com/watch-the-trilogy>

Morning Tea will be held after next Sunday's morning Mass.

All are welcome. Please bring a plate of delicacies to share.

Prayer in Honour of the Holy Eucharist

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.



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.



Divine Mercy Chaplet

On 13 June 2002 St Pope John Paul II decreed a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions to the faithful who, on Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church/chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for any sin,

take part in the prayers and devotions held in honour of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (i.e. Merciful Jesus, I trust in You!). There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass this Sunday followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction. All are welcome to attend. Divine Mercy Prayer Guides are available at the paper table or online at www.divinemercy.org

Holy Water is available at the Altar. If you have your own holy water bottle, you may fill it from the holy water vessel on the altar.

EASTER DUES ENVELOPES: These are now available on the pews and at the entrances to the Church. This collection supports the clergy. Please donate generously.

MASS ROSTER	6April-Sat 6pm	7April-Sun 9am	13April-Sat 6pm	14April-Sun 9am
Projector	J Kelly	R McGregor	Sr Coral	MJ Guest
Readers	J Monie & P Mather	J Harris & G Johnson	M Casey-Ransom & S O'Brien	C Bruse & M Robinson
Commentator	P Armstrong	M Gaukroger	J Monie	J Rainger
Offertory	Volunteers	Guest Family	P Armstrong & volunteer	M Robinson & volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	A Michael	MJ Guest	J Monie	J Rainger
Counters		N Turner		R & G Johnson