

Communion Antiphon: The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; in His name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.

Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible



Anima Christi (*St Ignatius of Loyola*)

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O Good Jesus, hear me. Within Thy wounds hide me. Never let me be separated from Thee. From the evil one protect me. At the hour of my death, call me; and bid me come to Thee. That with Thy saints and angels, I may praise Thee forever and ever. Amen.

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

Peace is the fruit of justice. Only when the injustice of sin against God had been requited could there be an affirmation of true peace. Peace is the tranquillity of order, not tranquillity alone; for robbers can be tranquil in the possession of their spoils. Peace also implies order, the subordination of the body to the soul, of the senses to reason, and of the creature to the Creator. Isaiah said there was no peace to the wicked because they are at enmity with themselves, with one another, and with God.

Now the Risen Christ stood among them [the apostles] as the new Melchisedech, the Prince of Peace. Three times after His Resurrection, He gave the solemn benediction of peace. The first was while the Apostles were terrified and frightened; the second, after He gave proof of His Resurrection; and the third, a week later when Thomas was with them.

The Apostles believed at first that they had seen a Spirit; despite the words of the women, the testimony of the disciples of Emmaus, the empty sepulchre, the angelical vision, and the recital of Peter of his interview with the Risen One. His Presence, they admitted to themselves, could be accounted for in no natural way, since the doors were barred. Reproving them for their unbelief, as He did the disciples of Emmaus, He said to them: What, are you dismayed? Whence come these surmises in your hearts? (Luke 24:38)

He showed them His hands and His feet, which had been pierced with nails on the Cross, then His side, which had been opened with a lance, saying to them: Touch Me, and look; a Spirit has not flesh and bones, as you see that I have. (Luke 24:39)

It is very likely that the incredulous Apostles actually touched the Body of Christ; this might explain why

Thomas later demanded such a sign; he would not be inferior to others. John, who had leaned on His breast the night of the Last Supper, was particularly interested in the side or heart. He never forgot that touching scene; for, later on he wrote: Our message concerns that Word, Who is Life, What He was from the first, What we have heard about Him, What our own eyes have seen of Him What it was that met our gaze, and the touch of our hands. (I John 1:1) John too would remember it when he wrote his Apocalypse where he described the sacred humanity of the Lord enthroned and adored in heaven: A Lamb standing upright, yet slain (as I thought), in sacrifice. (Apocalypse 5:6)

It was thus He would be recognized as One Crucified though now in glory, Prince and Lord. It was not that the cruel wounds were to be a reminder of the cruelty of men, but rather that by pain and sorrow, Redemption had been wrought. If the scars had been removed, men might have forgotten that there was a sacrifice, and that He was both Priest and Victim. His argument was that the Body that he showed them was the same that was born of the Virgin Mary, nailed to the Cross and laid in a grave by Joseph of Arimathea. But It had properties which It did not possess before.

Peter, James, and John had seen Him transfigured when His garments were whiter than snow, but the rest of the disciples had only seen Him as a Man of Sorrow. This was their first gaze upon a risen and glorious Lord. These nail prints, this pierced side, these were the unmistakable scars of battle against sin and evil. As many a soldier looks upon the wounds he received in battle not as a disfigurement, but as a trophy of honour, so He wore His wounds to prove that love was stronger than death. After the Ascension these scars would become as oratorical mouths of intercession before the Heavenly Father; scars that He would bear on the last day to judge the living and the dead. In an old legend it is said that Satan appeared to a saint and said: "I am the Christ" the saint confounded him by asking: "Where are the marks of nails?"

After raising the daughter of Jairus, He ordered that food should be given her; after the resurrection of Lazarus, Lazarus took food with Him; now, after His own Resurrection, He ate with His Apostles. Thus He would convince them that it was the same living Body which they had seen and touched and felt; but it was at the same time a Body that was glorified. It had no wounds as signs of weakness, but rather as glorious scars of victory. This glorified Body ate not as the plant draws in moisture from the earth because of need but as the sun imbibes the same from power. He had given some indications of what this glorified nature of His would be like in the Transfiguration, when Moses and Elijah spoke with Him about His death. That was a promise and a pledge that corruption would put on incorruption, the mortal would put on immortality, and death be swallowed up in life. (Life of Christ)



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"Where have Your love, Your mercy, Your compassion shone out more luminously than in Your wounds, sweet, gentle Lord of mercy?"
- St Bernard of Clairvaux

Entrance Antiphon: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of His name. O render Him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our ancestor, Who has glorified His servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release Him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the Prince of Life. God, however, raised Him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what He had foretold, when He said through all His prophets that His Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

♦ **The word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm Ps 4:2, 4, 7, 9

R: Lord, let Your face shine on us.

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish You released me, have mercy and hear me! **R.**
2. It is the Lord Who grants favours to those whom He loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call Him. **R.**
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **R.**
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for You alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **R.**

Second Reading 1 John 2:1-5

A reading from the first Letter of St John

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, Who is just; He is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping His commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know Him', and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what He has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

♦ **The word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make Your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when You speak! **Alleluia!**

Gospel Luke 24:35-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of the bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus Himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But He said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch Me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as He said this He showed them His hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so He said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered Him a piece of grilled fish, which He took and ate before their eyes.

Then He told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about Me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and He said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in His name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

♦ **The Gospel of the Lord.**



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Patricia Traves, Roma Fenwick, Fr Javier Sánchez, 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 15th
Monday of the 3rd week of Easter
Funeral for Roma Fenwick - 2.00pm
TUESDAY 16th
Tuesday of the 3rd week of Easter
Requiem Mass for June Saint - 10.00am
Holy Hour - 4.30pm to 5.30pm
WEDNESDAY 17th
Wednesday of the 3rd week of Easter
Requiem Mass for Patricia Traves - 10.00am
THURSDAY 18th
Thursday of the 3rd week of Easter
Rosary - 11.30am
Holy Mass - 12 Noon
Adoration - 12.30pm to 1.30pm
FRIDAY 19th
Friday of the 3rd week of Easter
Rosary - 8.30am
Holy Mass - 9.00am
Holy Hour - 4.30pm to 5.30pm
SATURDAY 20th
Friday of the 3rd week of Easter
Holy Mass of Sunday - 3.30pm at Ashford
Holy Mass of Sunday - 6.00pm
SUNDAY 21st
4th Sunday of Easter / Good Shepherd Sunday
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 17 April at 4.30pm


UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Liturgy Committee - Sat 20 April 2024, 8.30am
Finance Committee - Wed 1 May 2024, 5.00pm
Men's Breakfast - Sat 11 May 2024, 8.30am, Out the Back Café
Sunday Morning Tea - 12 May 2024, after Mass
Pastoral Council - Wed 15 May 2024, 5.00pm

Welcome back to Fr Joe Adriano who will be celebrating Roma Fenwick's funeral. It is lovely to have you visiting us, Father!

Project Compassion: A big thank you to all those parishioners who donated so generously to this year's Project Compassion. Your care for the poor is greatly appreciated. God bless you.

Morning Tea will be held after the 9am Mass this Sunday. All are welcome. Please bring a plate of delicacies to share.

 **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>

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.

Month of the Holy Eucharist

The month of the Holy Eucharist is a perfect opportunity to reflect upon the wondrous gift given to us by Christ. Even if we had the purity of an Angel and the holiness of St John the Baptist, we would still not be worthy to receive or to touch the most Holy Eucharist. No human being has merited to be able to consecrate and touch the Sacrament of Christ, or receive the Bread of Angels as food. This is a tremendous mystery, and great is the dignity conferred on priests, which is not granted to the Angels. For only priests, validly ordained in the Church, have this power of offering Holy Mass and consecrating the Body of Christ. The priest stands in the place of Christ, using God's word according to His command and institution; but God Himself is the principal Author and unseen Worker in this Sacrament. Therefore, we should believe Almighty God more concerning this most wonderful Sacrament than what our own senses or any visible sign indicates. With what fear and reverence we should approach this great gift. We should examine our conscience carefully and, to the best of our ability, cleanse and purify it by sincere contrition and a humble confession, so that we may not be aware of anything to fill us with remorse, or prevent our free approach to God.

MASS ROSTER	13April-Sat 6pm	14April-Sun 9am	20April-Sat 6pm	21April-Sun 9am
Projector	Sr Coral	MJ Guest	S Szumowski	H Rossel
Readers	S O'Brien & volunteer	C Bruse & M Robinson	P Armstrong & J Kelly	G Taveira & J Rainger
Commentator	J Monie	J Rainger	M Gaukroger	C Bruse
Offertory	P Armstrong & volunteer	M Robinson & volunteer	J Kelly & volunteer	M Wales & volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	J Monie	J Rainger	A Michael	B McGrath
Counters		R & G Johnson		L MacDonald & P Girle