



Prayer for a New Bishop

God our Father, in Jesus, Your Son, You have given to Your Church the perfect model of priest, prophet and king, and so You have blessed us through His sacrifice, taught us through His Word, and guided us through His rule. We ask You, Father, to guide and enlighten those who will be tasked with helping to choose the next bishop of our diocese. May the man they choose be a man of deep and true prayer, a man of compassionate heart and firm resolve, and a man of joy and peace, who desires above all to do Your will. We entrust our prayers to our Patroness, Mary, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, and ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

St Joseph, pray for us. St Charles Borromeo, patron saint of bishops, pray for us.

Stop the so-called 'equality' bill from Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

The NSW parliamentary committee report into the so-called 'equality' bill has been released. The committee recommends that parliament consider the bill, which means it is now up to MPs to decide.

Despite its name, the 'equality' bill is about entrenching unequal treatment. For example, the bill:

- proposes to **remove the few existing protections for religious institutions** from anti-discrimination lawfare, including schools, healthcare, aged care, welfare and pastoral services, while offering no protections at all for individuals of faith;
- seeks to **remove public decency safeguards around prostitution**, making it permissible for a person to engage in solicitation even outside a church or school;
- would **allow self-identification of sex on official documents such as birth certificates**. This will not only put "women only" spaces at risk but make it near-impossible for religious communities to ensure we are wedding only those of opposite sex, ordaining only men, or schooling girls separately from boys. It is one thing to disagree with world religions on such matters, but quite another to deny them the right to practice their faith by making official documents deceptive regarding people's biological or birth sex;
- proposes to **allow international commercial surrogacy**, risking the exploitation of women, especially in poorer countries; and
- **allowing children to undergo life-altering medical treatments without parental consent**, exposing children to interventions they may well later regret.

Happily, an overwhelming 85% of NSW residents who filled in the survey about the bill said it should be opposed in full.

However, even the 85% rejection was not enough for the parliamentary committee to recommend the bill be shelved.

Instead, debate on this bill could begin as soon as 20 June, so there is no time to lose.

We need to once again make our voices heard, this time by telling our local MPs to reject the so-called 'equality' bill in its entirety.

There is a website to help you contact your local MP and your MLC. Be bold and let your voice be heard. <https://contactyourmp.org.au/nsw-eq-write/>

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

We have three different ways of living, only three. One, make your own self the guide of everything. Second, follow rules and commandments. Third, make Christ the law of life.

First, be like Narcissus, who looked into the pool, saw his own image and fell in love with it. The first way of living says, I am the rule; I've got to be me; I've got to do my thing; selfishness; egotism. As Sartre, who was the philosopher of these people said, 'My neighbour is hell.' Why? Because he stands opposite me.

The second way of living is to follow the commandments and rules of life. This is a very commendable way of living, but it is very difficult to fall in love with an abstraction. Honesty is the best policy, yes. We know what is right, but we sometimes lack the power to do what is right. Since there is no person involved, it becomes rather difficult to embrace the rule of life, something that is so far away from love itself.

That brings us to the third way of governing our lives. That is: I will try to repay Christ's love for me by living His life. I know that He loved me, because He died for me, as if I were the only person in the world who ever lived. Because He died for me, I will do whatever He wants me to do. I will put on the Christ-mind. My actions will reflect Christ. I will speak about Him when another heart is empty. I will dream about Him. He is my dream, my love. When Christ becomes the rule of life, then His life becomes ours.

I once asked Mother Teresa how she converted 15,000 men out of the gutters of Calcutta. 'How, after dragging these poor mortals into your hospice could you ever evangelise them and teach them the gospel?'

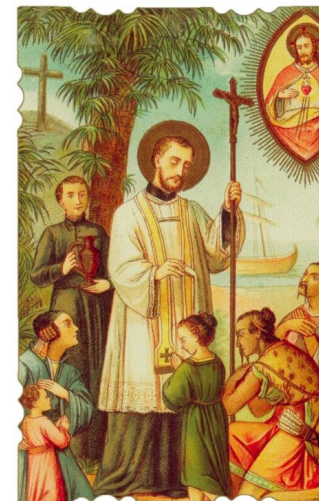
'Well,' she said, 'I didn't. When I took care of them and showed them love, I would say to them, "Would you like to hear about Christ?" And they would say, "Is Christ like you?" "No," I would say, "but I try to be like Him." "Then I want to be a Christian."' It was that simple. That is the way we should act. So that the world will, without ever hearing a word from us, know about us and what we stand for.

When we stay close to the good Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we will see the flesh of all the poor people that we meet as an extension of the body of Christ. That outlook will come through to them. Then we will be Christians. Then we will not be in the mountain of ecstasy nor in the valley, impotent and ineffective. But we will be the kind of Christians the world is looking for.

(Through the Year with Fulton Sheen)



11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B 16 JUNE 2024



"Know that the greatest service that man can offer to God is to help convert souls."
- St Rose of Lima

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to You; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

First Reading Ezekiel 17:22-24

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it Myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, Am the One Who stunts trees and makes the low ones grow, Who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

♦ **The word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm Ps 91:2-3, 13-16

R: Lord it is good to give thanks to You.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to Your name, O Most High, to proclaim Your love in the morning and Your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In Him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

Second Reading Corinthians 5:6-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight - we are full of confidence, I say, and

actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing Him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

♦ **The word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to Him will live for ever. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Mark 4:26-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces the first shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, He spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but He explained everything to His disciples when they were alone.

♦ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon: There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible





Sacred Heart Parish Church

Roman Catholic Diocese of Armidale

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

June 16th, 2024

81 Vivian St. Inverell, NSW 2360
(P. O. Box 107)
Phone 67221103
Email: inverellparish@armidale.catholic.org.au or
frpchandler@armidale.catholic.org.au
Website: www.sacredheartinverell.org.au
Facebook: Sacred Heart Catholic Church Inverell
Holy Trinity School Ph: 02 6722 4066
Parish Office Hours:
Monday 17 June & Friday 21 June - 8am to 1pm
Tuesday 18 June - 8am to 12pm
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 those in Purgatory.
the Recently Deceased:

Dorothy (Jean) Robinson, George Sherry, Colleen Makim, Lynette Gurr, Patrick McCormack.

the sick:

Charlie McGregor, Princess Catherine, Danielle Irwin, Sue Barwick, 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.

Please contact the priest on 67221103 for home visits to the homebound and the sick

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.

JUNE - THE HOLY MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

MONDAY 17th

Monday of the 11th week of Ordinary Time

No Mass - Church open from 8am to 1pm

TUESDAY 18th

Tuesday of the 11th week of Ordinary Time

Rosary - 8.45am

Funeral Mass for George Sherry - 9.30am

Holy Hour - 4.30pm to 5.30pm

WEDNESDAY 19th

Feast Day of St Romuald, abbot

Rosary - 8.00am

Holy Mass - 8.30am

Confirmation Retreat & Rehearsal - 9.30am to 3pm

THURSDAY 20th

Thursday of the 11 week of Ordinary Time

Rosary - 11.30am

Holy Mass - 12 Noon

Adoration - 12.30pm to 1.30pm

FRIDAY 21st

Feast Day of St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

Holy Hour - 4.30pm to 5.30pm

SATURDAY 22nd

Feast Day of Sts John Fisher, bishop & Thomas More, martyrs

Holy Mass of Sunday - 3.00pm at Tingha

Rosary - 5.00pm

Holy Mass of Sunday - 5.30pm

SUNDAY 23rd

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am - Sacrament of Confirmation

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: 4.45pm to 5.15pm

(and at any time upon request)

OTHER MASSES: (May to August times)

McLean Village Each 4th Thursday - 10.00am

2nd Saturday - *Bundarra*, St Mary of the Angels - 3.00pm

3rd Saturday - *Ashford*, St Patrick's Church - 3.00pm

4th Saturday - *Tingha*, St. Francis' Church - 3.00pm

5th Saturday - *Yetman*, St Joseph the Worker - 2.30pm

Baptism - Saturdays & Sundays at 10.30am

Marriages and Funerals by Appointment

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 JUNE

Holy Trinity Team

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 19 June at 4.30pm

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Liturgy Committee - Sat 15 June 2024, 9.00am

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

Sunday Morning Tea - Sun 14 July 2024, after Mass

Finance Committee - Wed 31 July 2024, 5.00pm

Pastoral Council - Wed TBA 2024, 5.00pm



Prayer to the Sacred Heart by St Margaret Mary Alcoque

Lord Jesus, let my heart never rest until it finds You, Who are its centre, its love, and its happiness. By the wound in Your heart pardon the sins that I have committed whether out of malice or out of evil desires. Place my weak heart in Your Own Divine Heart, continually under Your protection

and guidance, so that I may persevere in doing good and in fleeing evil until my last breath. Amen.

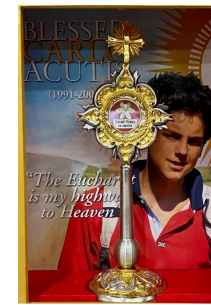


Our Confirmation Candidates will be confirmed next weekend. Please pray for them, their families, and all our parishioners so that they may fully be open and accepting of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Planned Giving Envelopes are now available for collection.

These are located on the tables in the Meeting Room. Please ensure you collect yours before/after Mass.

MASS ROSTER	15Jun-Sat 5.30pm	16Jun-Sun 9am	22Jun-Sat 5.30pm	23Jun-Sun 9am
Projector	S Szumowski	H Rossel	N Turner	P Girle
Readers	N McCosker & S O'Brien	J Thivakon & G Johnson	R Moffit & C Roberts	C Bruse & M Robinson
Commentator	J Kelly	J Rainger	N McCosker	MJ Guest
Offertory	Volunteers	Guest Family	Volunteers	M Robinson & volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	M Gaukroger	B McGrath	R Moffit	J Monie
Counters		N Turner		R & G Johnson



From Fr Paul

Thank you to everyone who supported the Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles last weekend. I am especially grateful to those who volunteered their time to be present during the hours the exhibition was open for security and safety. May you be richly rewarded by God for your kindness. It was

a truly blessed time as many came to know about so many proofs that Christ meant what He said, when He uttered the words we hear at every Holy Mass: *This is My Body* and *This is My Blood*.

The physical presence of Bl Carlo Acutis was another significant grace and I was moved by so many parishioners coming forward to receive his blessing and his touch. We can't get to Assisi to pray at his tomb, so Carlo came to us.



One of the many highlights for me was to witness our Year 6 students and 40 of our high school students visiting the display. There was a great deal of interest, many prayer intentions written, and time, as well as

prayer, spent at the relic.

I thank also those who generously donated to the work of Kate and Kieran Hobbs who brought the display and relic to us.

I am convinced many spiritual fruits will come to our parish from last weekend. In divine wisdom and kindness, it happened as we celebrated our patronal feast day as well.

