



Prayer to the Holy Spirit by St Augustine of Hippo

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.
Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy.
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy. Amen.

Pray for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Wisdom: We see God at work in our lives and in the world. We see God as our Father, appreciate the dignity of others, and find God in all things.

Understanding: We comprehend how we need to live as followers of Christ. A person with understanding is not confused by the conflicting messages in our culture about the right way to live. This gift perfects our speculative reason in the apprehension of truth. It is the gift whereby self-evident principles are known.

Counsel (Right Judgement): We know the difference between right and wrong, and we choose to do what is right. With this gift we avoid sin and live out the values taught by Jesus.

Fortitude (Courage): We overcome our fear and are willing to take risks as followers of Christ. With this gift we are willing to stand up for what is right in the sight of God, even if it means accepting rejection, verbal abuse and physical harm. This gift allows us the firmness of mind that is required both in doing good and in enduring evil.

Knowledge: We understand the meaning of God. This gift is more than an accumulation of facts.

Piety (Reverence): We have a deep sense of respect for God and the Church. This gift allows us to recognise our total reliance on God and come before Him with humility, trust, and love. At the Holy Spirit's instigation, we pay worship and duty to God as our Father.

Fear of the Lord (Wonder and Awe): We are aware of the glory and majesty of God. We know that God is the perfection of all we desire: perfect knowledge, goodness, power, and love. It is the fear of separating oneself from God. A filial fear, like a child's fear of offending his father, rather than a servile fear, that is, a fear of punishment. This gift is the beginning of wisdom as it puts our mindset in correct location with respect of God: we are the finite, dependent creatures, and He is the infinite, all-powerful Creator.

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

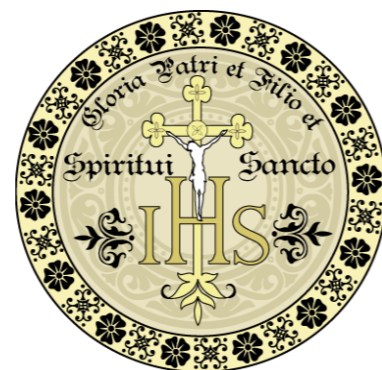
Divine love is sacrificial love. Love does not mean to have and to own and to possess. It means to be had and to be owned and to be possessed. It is not a circle circumscribed by self; it is arms outstretched to embrace all humanity within its grasp. No other love is ever going to be a satisfying love. All that we ever get in this world anyway is just a fragment, a fraction of love. We can catch a spark; it is caught up from the great white flame of love which is God. That's all we ever get. And if, to remind us of another love, the spark is so bright, then what must be the flame? It's the cross; it's self-denial, it's victimhood, for this is the gospel of Christ, and we cannot soften Him. He is the One Who gave His life, and that's the way He measures His love. Greater love than this no man has. When we stay close to that love, day after day, hour after hour, others will begin to feel that love.

It is true that in every single system of authoritarianism fear is the basis of obedience. But because we start with the Person of Christ, the basis of our obedience is not fear, it is love. You cannot love dialectical materialism, but you can love a person.

Between our Lord and us there is the bond of love. These two are inseparable. That is why our Lord did not communicate to Peter the power of ruling and governing His Church until Peter told our Lord three times that he loved Him. The power to command in the Church comes only from obedience to Christ. Therefore, the submission that we as Catholics make to the Church is something like the submission that we make to one of our most devoted friends. It is like the obedience of a son to a loving father.

We do not feel any distance between our Lord and us. As a pupil becomes more and more attached to his teacher by absorbing more of the truths of the teacher, so too, the more we become more and more united to Christ, the more we love Him and also the more truth we absorb. The more we know our Lord, the more we obey the truth manifested through His Church, and the less we fear. That is why scripture says, 'Perfect love casts out fear.' The more His truth abounds, the more we love Him.

(Through the Year with Fulton Sheen)



12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B 23 JUNE 2024



“When God is with us, we have nothing to fear.”
- Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is the strength of His people, a saving refuge for the one He has anointed. Save Your people, Lord, and bless Your heritage, and govern them for ever.

First Reading Job 38:1, 8-11

A reading from the book of Job

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said:

‘Who pent up the sea behind closed doors when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb, when I wrapped it in a robe of mist and made black clouds its swaddling bands; when I marked the bounds it was not to cross and made it fast with a bolted gate? Come thus far, I said, and no farther: here your proud waves shall break.’

◆ **The word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm Ps 106:23-26, 28-31

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

1. Some sailed to the sea in ships to trade on the mighty waters. These men have seen the Lord's deeds, the wonders He does in the deep. **R.**
2. For He spoke; He summoned the gale, tossing the waves of the sea up to heaven and back into the deep; their soul melted away in their distress. **R.**
3. Then they cried to the Lord in their need and He rescued them from their distress. He stilled the storm to a whisper: all the waves of the sea were hushed. **R.**
4. They rejoiced because of the calm and He led them to the haven they desired. Let them thank the Lord for His love, the wonders He does for men. **R.**

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason He died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for Him Who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know Him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

◆ **The word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited His people. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Mark 4:35-41

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to His disciples, ‘Let us cross over to the other side.’ And leaving the crowd behind they took Him, just as He was, in the boat; and there were other boats with Him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But He was in the stern, His head on the cushion, asleep. They woke Him and said to Him, ‘Master, do You not care? We are going down!’ And He woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, ‘Quiet now! Be calm!’ And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then He said to them, ‘Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?’ They were filled with awe and said to one another, ‘Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey Him.’

◆ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon: The eyes of all look to You, Lord, and You give them their food in due season.

Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible





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June 23rd, 2024

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Margaret Higgins, Dorothy (Jean) Robinson, George Sherry, Colleen Makim.

the sick:

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 24th

Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist

No Mass - Church open from 8am to 1pm

TUESDAY 25th

Tuesday of the 12th week of Ordinary Time

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

Holy Hour - 4.30pm to 5.30pm

WEDNESDAY 26th

Feast Day of St Josemaria Escriva

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

THURSDAY 27th

Feast Day of St Cyril of Alexandria, bishop, doctor & Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Holy Mass at McLean Village - 10.00am

Rosary - 11.30am

Holy Mass - 12 Noon

Adoration - 12.30pm to 1.30pm

FRIDAY 28th

Feast Day of St Irenaeus, bishop, martyr

Rosary - 8.30am

(Yr 8 HTS) Holy Mass - 9.30

Holy Hour - 4.30pm to 5.30pm

SATURDAY 29th

Feast Day of Sts Peter and Paul, apostles

Holy Mass of Sunday - 2.30pm at Yetman

Rosary - 5.00pm

Holy Mass of Sunday - 5.30pm

SUNDAY 30th

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rosary - 8.30am

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: 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 26 June at 4.30pm

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS



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

Sunday Morning Tea - Sun 14 July 2024, after Mass

Liturgy Committee - Sat 20 July 2024, 9.00am

Finance Committee - Wed 31 July 2024, 5.00pm

We congratulate all the Confirmation Candidates and their families on this special and most holy occasion. May you faithfully continue to serve God and be good witnesses to the love and teachings of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. God bless you.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

III. The Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit

1830. The moral life of Christians is sustained by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. These are permanent dispositions which make the human person docile in following the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

1831. The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. They belong in their fullness to Christ, Son of David. They complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them. They make the faithful docile in readily obeying divine inspirations.

1832. The fruits of the Spirit are perfections that the Holy Spirit forms in us as the first fruits of eternal glory. the tradition of the Church lists twelve of them: "charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity."



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.

National Centre for Pastoral Research: The Catholic bishops of Australia have given to the NCPR the task of collecting and analysing data that assists with future planning and understanding current needs. The NCPR has recently released the results of their analysis of the 2021 Australian Census. The following figures show that we have reached a critical moment regarding the key indicator of the strength of the Catholic faith in our country, namely, the number of Catholics who attend Holy Mass on any given Sunday of the year.

In 2021, there were 417,000 Catholics who attended Sunday Mass. This is a decline of 206,000 from the 2016 Census. This is a 33% drop. In 2021, 5,075,800 Australians declared themselves as Catholic on the census form. Therefore, in 2021 8.2% of Catholics attended Mass. This was a decline from 11.8% in 2016, but this was 11.8% of a larger number who declared themselves as Catholics in that census. The Mass attendance as a percentage of the Australian population is: 2011 - 3.1%, 2016 - 2.7%, 2021 - 1.6%.

Peter's Pence Collection: Next Sunday we will have the special collection of Peter's Pence, being the Holy Father's collection. This will be a retiring collection. Please donate generously.

Poor Boxes: Don't forget you can help our local Vinnies by making a donation to the Poor Boxes in the Church. Winter is an especially difficult time for the poor in our community and all donations will be used to assist them with food and blankets.

Air-Conditioning Update: We have received diocesan approval for the expenditure. So, we are set to go!

MASS ROSTER	22Jun-Sat 5.30pm	23Jun-Sun 9am	29Jun-Sat 5.30pm	30Jun-Sun 9am
Projector	N Turner	HTS	Sr Coral	R McGregor
Readers	R Moffit & C Roberts	HTS	P Armstrong & J Kelly	J Rainger & MJ Guest
Commentator	N McCosker	MJ Guest	J Harris	M Robinson
Offertory	Volunteers	HTS	Volunteers	M Wales & volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	R Moffit	HTS	A Michael	M Gaukroger
Counters		R & G Johnson		L MacDonald & P Girle