



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

It was understandable that the people of Nazareth, who had seen Jesus grow up among them, were surprised to hear Him proclaim Himself the anointed of God, of whom Isaiah spoke. They now had a double alternative before them: either they could accept Him as the fulfilment of the prophecy; or they could rebel. The privilege of being the home town of the long-awaited Messiah and the One Whom the Heavenly Father in the Jordan proclaimed His Divine Son was too much for them, because of their familiarity with Him. They asked: ‘Is not this the carpenter, the Son of Mary?’ (Mark 6:3)

They believed in God in a kind of way, but not the God Who touched their neighbourhood, entered into close dealings with them, and lifted hammers in the same trade shop. The same kind of snobbery that was found in the exclamation of Nathanael: ‘Can anything good come out of Nazareth?’ now became the prejudice against Him in His own city, and among His own people. He was indeed the Son of a carpenter, but also of the Carpenter Who made heaven and earth. Because God had taken upon Himself a human nature, and had been seen in the lowliness of a village artisan, He failed to win the respect of men.

Our Blessed Lord ‘was astonished at their unbelief.’ Twice in the Gospels, He is said to have ‘marvelled’ and to have been ‘astonished’: once because of a Gentile’s faith; a second time because of His townsmen’s lack of faith. From His own people He might have reckoned on some touch of sympathy; some predisposition to welcome Him. His wonder was the measure of His pain, as well as of their sin, as He told them: ‘It is only in His own country, In His own home, And among His own kindred, that a Prophet goes unhonoured.’ (Mark 6:4)

In order to bring home to their souls that their self-esteem was wounded, and that if His own received Him not, He would take His salvation elsewhere, He placed Himself in the category of Old Testament prophets, who themselves received no better treatment. He quoted two examples from the Old Testament. Both were a foreshadowing of the direction that His Gospel was to take, namely, to embrace the Gentiles.

(Life of Christ)

Special Act of Love

O good and merciful Saviour, it is the desire of my heart to return Thee love for love. My greatest sorrow is that Thou art not loved by all men, and, in particular, that my heart is so cold, so selfish, so ungrateful. Deeply sensible of my own weakness and poverty, I trust that Thine Own grace will enable me to offer Thee an act of pure love. And I wish to offer Thee this act of love in reparation for the coldness and neglect that are shown to Thee in the Sacrament of Thy love by Thy creatures. O Jesus, my sovereign good, I love Thee, not for the sake of the reward which Thou hast promised to those who love Thee, but purely for Thyself.

I love Thee above all things that can be loved, above all pleasures, above myself and all that is not Thee, protesting in the presence of Heaven and earth that I will live and die purely and simply in Thy holy love, and that if to love Thee thus I must endure persecution and suffering, I am perfectly satisfied, and I will ever say with St Paul: “Nothing shall separate me from the love of Christ.”

O Jesus, Supreme Master of all hearts, I love Thee, I adore Thee, I praise Thee, I thank Thee, because I am now all Thine Own. Rule over me, and transform my soul into the likeness of Thyself, so that it may bless and glorify Thee forever in the abode of the Saints. Amen.

Sweet Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us and on our erring brethren. Amen.

(US Grace Force Prayer Book, 2019)



**14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B
7 JULY 2024**



“Christ does not force our will, He takes what we give Him. But He does not give Himself entirely until He sees that we yield ourselves entirely to Him.”

- St Teresa of Avila

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of Your temple. Your praise, O God, like Your name, reaches the ends of the earth; Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First Reading Ezekiel 2:2-5

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, ‘Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against Me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against Me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, “The Lord says this.” Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.’

♦ **The word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm Ps 122

R: Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for His mercy.

1. To You have I lifted up my eyes, You Who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. **R.**
2. Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of her mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till He show us mercy. **R.**
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man’s disdain. **R.**

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

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

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud!

About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but He has said, ‘My grace is enough for you: My power is at its best in weakness.’ So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ’s sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

♦ **The word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation cf. Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me: He sent me to bring Good News to the poor. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Mark 6:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus went to His home town and His disciples accompanied Him. With the coming of the sabbath He began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard Him. They said, ‘Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted Him, and these miracles that are worked through Him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us? And they would not accept Him. And Jesus said to them, ‘A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house’; and He could work no miracle there, though He cured a few sick people by laying His hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

♦ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in Him.

Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible





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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

We pray for: Repose of the souls of: Fr William Francis Reade (Inverell) d. 1910; all 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.

JULY - THE HOLY MONTH OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

MONDAY 8th

Monday of the 14th week of Ordinary Time
No Mass - Church open from 8am to 1pm

TUESDAY 9th

Feast Day of St Augustine Zhao Rong, priest, & companions, martyrs
No Mass - Church open from 8am to 12pm

WEDNESDAY 10th

Wednesday of the 14th week of Ordinary Time
No Mass - Church open from 4pm to 5pm

THURSDAY 11th

Feast Day of St Benedict, abbot
No Mass - Church open from 4pm to 5pm

FRIDAY 12th

Feast Day of Sts Louis Martin & Azélie-Marie Guérin Martin
Funeral Mass for Margaret Higgins - 2.00pm

SATURDAY 13th

Feast Day of St Henry
Holy Mass of Sunday - 3.30pm at Bundarra
Rosary - 5.00pm

Holy Mass of Sunday - 5.30pm

SUNDAY 14th

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Rosary - 8.30am
Holy Mass - 9.00am

Sacrament of Confession

Sunday: 8.00am to 8.30am
Saturday: 4.45pm to 5.15pm

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

This Sunday, we give thanks to God for all the rich heritages of Australian Catholics, particularly the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Peoples. With God's grace, and under the protection of Our Lady, Help of Christians, and St Mary MacKillop, may we all cultivate a deeper spirit of unity in our Catholic faith, and in our great nation of Australia.

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 JULY



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 July 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

Pastoral Council - Wed 7 August 2024, 5.00pm

Morning Tea will be held next Sunday after the 9am Mass.

Please bring a plate of delicacies to share.

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.

We welcome Fr Paul McCabe who will be celebrating Mass for us this weekend during Fr Paul Chandler's absence.

Thank you to those who have made donations to the air-conditioning project. For others who may wish to contribute, you may use the Special Collection envelopes placed at the entrances of the Church or use the BSB and Account Number of the 2nd Collection. Make "air-conditioning" as the reference.

Peter's Pence: An additional thank you to all those who donated to the Holy Father's collection. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Prayer to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus

Precious Blood, ocean of divine mercy: Flow upon us!
Precious Blood, most pure offering: Procure us every grace!
Precious Blood, hope and refuge of sinners: Atone for us!
Precious Blood, delight of holy souls: Draw us! Amen.
(St Catherine of Siena)

Ministry Volunteers Needed! We urge people to please consider volunteering their time to help in the various ministries of the church. This includes Readers, Data projector operators, Commentators, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Counters, and Musicians/Singers. If you are happy to volunteer, please add your name to the Ministry Volunteer lists at the entrances of the church to have your name immediately added to the rosters. Thank you.

Altar Society Members Needed! We also encourage and invite volunteers to join the Altar Society. **Urgently needed are volunteers for July.** The job is not difficult and consists of no heavy lifting. The main tasks are dusting and polishing the sanctuary area, and tidying of the paper table once a week (approx. 1 to 1 and a half hours) for a calendar month. Please contact Rhonda on 6722 1189 if you can assist. Thank you.

Father John Curran's Golden Jubilee of Priesthood: A general invitation is extended to the friends of Father John Curran to celebrate a Mass with him at Saint Michael's Catholic Church Manilla on Saturday 24th August at 11am for his Golden Jubilee of Priesthood. Followed by lunch at Manilla Services Club 25 Court St, Manilla. RSVP required for lunch by 9th August to Marie Flett on 0427 851 120.

All Ex-students of De La Salle College Armidale are invited to a School Reunion to be held in Armidale on **Saturday 26th October THIS YEAR**, which is the 50th Anniversary of the closing of the College as we knew it. Very importantly - in order to secure our booking we **NOW** need to know **NUMBERS** coming! IF you (wife/partner also welcome) intend to come please send a "YES" email to discarmidale@yahoo.com to be put on invitees list. Limited seating! More information regarding Prompt Payment please ring Pete Stanley, mobile: 0401 745 406.

MASS ROSTER	6Jul-Sat 5.30pm	7Jul-Sun 9am	13Jul-Sat 5.30pm	14Jul-Sun 9am
Projector	J Kelly	MJ Guest	S Szumowski	H Rossel
Readers	S Szumowski & J Monie	B McGrath & S Hollis	M Casey-Ransom & P Mather	D McMahon & M Robinson
Commentator	P Mather	M Gaukroger	J Kelly	MJ Guest
Offertory	P Armstrong & volunteer	S Kenny & volunteer	Volunteers	Guest Family
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	J Monie	M Robinson	M Gaukroger	S Hollis
Counters		B Baldwin & J Frater		G Chie & G Fleming