

Communion Antiphon: How precious is Your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of Your wings.

Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible

Prayer to Know and Follow Christ (St Augustine of Hippo)

Lord Jesus, may I know myself and know Thee, and desire nothing save only Thee. May I hate myself and love Thee. May I do everything for the sake of Thee. May I humble myself and exalt Thee. May I think of nothing except Thee. May I die to myself and live in Thee. May I receive whatever

happens as from Thee. May I banish self and follow Thee and ever desire to follow Thee. May I fly from myself and fly to Thee, that I may deserve to be defended by Thee. May I fear for myself and fear Thee, and be among those who are chosen by Thee. May I distrust myself and trust in Thee. May I be willing to obey on account of Thee. May I cling to nothing but to Thee. May I be poor for the sake of Thee. Look upon me that I may love Thee. Call me that I may see Thee, and ever and ever enjoy Thee. Amen.



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

An intrinsic connection existed between the affirmation of Christ's Divinity and His death and Resurrection. At the very moment that Christ received the loftiest of all titles, and the confession was made of His exalted dignity, He prophesied His greatest humiliation. Both the human and the Divine natures of Christ were involved in this prediction, namely, that of the Son of Man Who appeared before them and the Son of the Living God Who had just been confessed.

Peter puffed up with the authority that had been given him, took Our Lord aside and began rebuking Him. The Divinity of Christ, he would accept; the suffering Christ, he would not. The rock had become a stumbling stone; Peter would have a half Christ for the moment, the Divine Christ, but not the Redeemer Christ. But a half Christ was no Christ. He would have the Christ Whose glory was announced at Bethlehem, but not the full-orbed Christ, Who would be a sacrifice for sins on the Cross.

Peter thought, if He was the Son of God, why should He suffer? Satan on the Mount of Temptation tempted Him from His Cross by promising popularity through giving Bread, working scientific marvels, or becoming a Dictator. Satan did not confess the Divinity of Christ, since he prefaced each temptation with an "if"—"If Thou art the Son

of God." To the credit of Peter, he did confess Divinity. But along with this difference, there was this likeness: both Peter and Satan tempted Christ from His Cross and therefore from Redemption. Not to redeem was Satan's mind; to have the crown without the Cross was Satan's spirit. But, it was also Peter's. Therefore, Our Lord called him Satan.

In an unguarded moment Peter had let Satan in his heart, thus becoming a stumbling stone on the road to Calvary. Peter thought it was unworthy of Christ to suffer; but to Our Lord such thoughts were human, carnal, and even Satanic. Only by Divine illumination did Peter or anyone else know Him to be the Son of God; but it took another Divine illumination for Peter or anyone else to know Him for the Redeemer. Peter would have kept Him a Teacher of humanitarian ethics—but so would Satan.

Peter never forgot this rebuke. Years later, with the idea of a stumbling block still in his mind, he wrote about those who refused to accept the suffering Christ as he had at Caesarea Philippi: 'He is something other to those who refuse belief; The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief stone at the corner, a stone to trip men's feet, a boulder they stumble against.' (1 Peter 2:7)

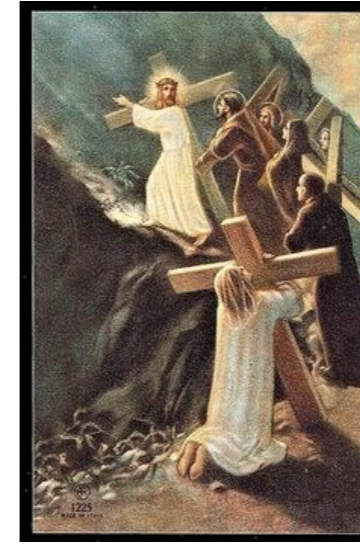
That the Apostles had their eloquent spokesman in Peter, and that they were all equally shocked at their Master's suffering, is evident from the fact that after personally rebuking Peter, He spoke to all of His disciples and bade even the multitude to heed His remarks. To all who would ever profess to be His followers He enumerated three conditions: 'If any man has a mind to come My way, let him renounce self, and take up his cross, and follow Me' (Mark 8:34). The Cross was the reason of His coming; now He made it the earmark of His followers. He did not make Christianity easy; for He implied not only must there be a voluntary renouncement of everything that hindered likeness with Him, but also there must be the suffering, shame, and death of the Cross. They did not have to blaze a trail of sacrifice themselves, but merely to follow His tracks zealously as the Man of Sorrow. No disciple is called to the task that is untried. He had taken the Cross first. Only those who were willing to be crucified with Him could be saved by the merits of His death and only those who bore a Cross could ever really understand Him.

There was no question of whether or not men would have sacrifice in their lives; it was only a question of which they would sacrifice, the higher or the lower life! 'He who tries to save his life will lose it; It is the man who loses his life For My sake, that will save it (Luke 9:24)'. If the physical, natural, and biological life was saved for pleasure, then the higher life of the spirit would be lost, but if the higher life of the spirit was chosen for salvation, then the lower or physical life had to be submitted to the Cross and self-discipline. There might be some natural virtues without a Cross, but there would never be a growth in virtue without it.

(Life of Christ)



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B
15 SEPTEMBER 2024



"Follow after Christ and carry your cross for your salvation, as Christ carried His Cross for your salvation."
- St Anthony of Padua

Entrance Antiphon: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for You that Your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of Your servant, and of Your people Israel.

First Reading Isaiah 50:5-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

♦ **The word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm Ps 114:1-6, 8-9

R: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

1. I love the Lord for He has heard the cry of my appeal; for He turned His ear to me in the day when I called Him. **R.**
2. They surrounded me, the snares of death, with the anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name. O Lord my God, deliver me! **R.**
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so He saved me. **R.**
4. He has kept my soul from death, my ears from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. **R.**

Second Reading James 2:14-18

A reading from the letter of St James

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds - now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

♦ **The word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation Galatians 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Mark 8:27-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus and His disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way He put this question to His disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told Him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' He asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to Him, 'You are the Christ.' And He gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about Him.

And He began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and He said all this quite openly. Then, taking Him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with Him. But, turning and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind Me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and His disciples to Him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of Mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for My sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

♦ **The Gospel of the Lord.**



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

We pray for: Repose of all those whose anniversaries occur at this time; Repose of all souls in Purgatory; the health and recovery of Craig Johnston.

the Recently Deceased:

Margaret Kahler, Kaylene Maybury, Sr Agnes Sasagawa (visionary of Our Lady of Akita in Japan), Helen Baldwin.

the sick:

Pat Gurr, Jim Hanlon, Craig Johnston, Brenda McPhee, Danielle Irwin, Sue Barwick, Bob McGuire, Peter Moroney, Christopher Pay, Neville Barwick, Fr Barry Leech, Lara Bentley, Danny Dickins, Elizabeth Albany, Fr David Crabb, Rebecca Lane, Brian Barker, 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.

SEPTEMBER - THE HOLY MONTH OF THE SEVEN SORROWS OF OUR LADY

MONDAY 16th

Feast Day of Sts Cornelius, pope, martyr, and Cyprian, bishop, martyr

Funeral Mass for Margaret Kahler - 11.30am

Celebrant: Fr Deleep Antony

TUESDAY 17th

Feast Day of Sts Hildegard of Bingen, virgin, doctor, and Robert Bellarmine, bishop, doctor

No Mass - Church open from 8am to 12 Noon

WEDNESDAY 18th

Feast Day of St Joseph of Cupertino

No Mass - Church open from 11am to 12 Noon

THURSDAY 19th

Feast Day of Our Lady of La Salette and St Januarius, bishop, martyr

No Mass - Church open from 11am to 12 Noon

FRIDAY 20th

Feast Day of Sts Andrew Kim Taegön, priest, Paul Chöng Ha-sang & companions, martyrs

No Mass - Church open from 8am to 1pm

SATURDAY 21st

Feast Day of St Matthew, apostle, evangelist

No Mass at Ashford

Rosary - 5.30pm

Holy Mass of Sunday - 6.00pm

SUNDAY 22nd

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

Sacrament of Confession

Sunday: 8.00am to 8.30am

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 - 3.00pm

Baptism - Saturdays & Sundays at 10.30am

Marriages and Funerals by Appointment

We welcome Fr Richard Gleeson who will be our celebrant during Fr Paul Chandler's absence this weekend and next.

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 SEPTEMBER

Pat Mather, Judy Harris & Yvonne Campbell

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 18 September at 4.30pm

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Liturgy Committee - Sat 21 Sept 2024, 9.00am

Finance Committee - Wed 9 Oct 2024, 5.00pm

Sunday Morning Tea - Sun 13 Oct 2024, after Mass

Pastoral Council - Wed 16 Oct 2024, 5.00pm

Thank you to those who have donated 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. Use "air-conditioning" as the reference.

Over the coming weeks the **100 Club Fundraiser** to raise the last \$2000 for the air conditioning will be taking place at the Sacred Heart Church. An A3 poster will soon be located at the main entrance of the church before and after Mass each weekend, participants can enter their names in the numbered boxes and it is \$2 per box. Stay tuned for further updates regarding finalised details and prizes.

St Vincent de Paul Armidale and North Eastern Regional Council Festival/Commissioning Mass: Northern Eastern Regional Council president Tony Dale and new members to the region will be commissioned at the 10am Mass on Sunday 22 September in Sts Mary & Joseph Cathedral, Armidale.

Sick Visit / Last Rites: A reminder that if you have a Catholic relative in hospital or aged care who is in need of a priest, please inform the parish office or Fr Paul so he may visit them.



Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows

Feast Day - 15 September

O Mary, Mother of Love, Mother of Sorrows and Mother of Mercy! We beg you, whose heart was pierced seven times in sorrow, to unite your petition with ours so that your Divine Son, Jesus, to Whom we now turn in the name of your Mother Tears, answers our prayers

and, with the graces we ask for, grants us the kingdom of eternal life. Amen.

Seven Sorrows: The Prophecy of Simeon, The Flight into Egypt, The Loss of the child Jesus in the Temple, Mary meets Jesus on the way to Calvary, Mary stands at the foot of the Cross, Mary receives the dead body of Jesus, Jesus is laid in the tomb.



Feast Day of Our Lady of La Salette Thursday 19 September

In our Diocese we are privileged to have several La Salette Missionary Priests, including our previous parish priest Fr James Poovathinkal.

Please pray for all the La Salette

Missionaries that they may be strengthened by God's grace and that Our Lady of La Salette will keep them and us under her maternal mantle.

FOR SALE

- **12 black plastic chairs** (like the ones in the meeting room) are housed in the presbytery garage. They no longer seem to be needed. Would you like some for your house/ outdoor dining/or just to have spare? **\$5 each!**
 - The Rinnai Energysaver **gas heaters** in the church. These will no longer be needed when the air conditioners are operative. One parishioner has already expressed interest in one of them. The other is going for **\$100 or nearest offer.**
 - **2 pre-cut kitchen bench tops (brand new - never used)** - KABOODLE brand available at Bunnings - each 600mm wide, 38mm deep, 3380mm long - Oyster Swirl colour - selling at 50% of retail price - **\$300 each!**
- Sales Cash only. Contact Parish Office during office hours for inspection and collection.**

MASS ROSTER	14Sept-Sat 6.00pm	15Sept-Sun 9am	21Sept-Sat 6pm	22Sept-Sun 9am
Projector	J Kelly	P Girle	M Gaukroger	R McGregor
Readers	J Harris & S Szumowski	D McMahon & J Thivakon	J Monie & S O'Brien	G Johnson & M Robinson
Commentator	J Monie	MJ Guest	J Kelly	J Rainger
Offertory	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Guest Family
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	M Gaukroger	B McGrath	P Moroney	M Robinson
Counters		G Chie & G Fleming		N Turner & P Armstrong