

Prayer for Humility

O Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto Thine. Grant me the grace to be truly humble and to always seek Your will above my own. Help me to recognise my dependence on You and to trust in Your providence. Give me the right wisdom so that I may remain childlike before You, because it is through humility that I will be able to serve the poor and the sick, the lonely and the destitute, and to discern and to do all that You desire me to do. Amen.



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

The second overt announcement of His Passion was after the Transfiguration and the driving out of the demon from the young boy. The Master and His Apostles had turned toward Capharnaum. The many miracles that Our Blessed Lord had worked between Caesarea Philippi and Capharnaum put the Apostles in a high state of excitement. 'All were amazed at this great evidence of God's power' (Luke 9:44). The Apostles began translating this power into the hope of an earthly royalty and human sovereignty, despite the severe lessons they were given about the Cross.

Our Lord repeated clearly the prediction of Calvary so that when it did take place, His disciples would not be weak in their faith or abandon Him. The repeated declarations also assured them that He was not going to the Cross by constraint, but as a willing sacrifice.

The second announcement of His death and glory provoked the second quarrel. As they walked back to Capharnaum, they disputed among themselves, but not within the hearing of Our Blessed Lord. 'And the question arose among them, which of them was the greatest' (Luke 9:46). How superficial must have been the impression that Our Lord made upon them about His death, as they still inquired among themselves about priority in what they imagined to be a political and economic setup called the Kingdom of God! From the lips of the Divine Master, they had heard something of His sufferings, but now they wrangled about rank. Possibly the high position given to Peter at Caesarea Philippi intensified the dispute. In any case, they quarrelled as they always did whenever He unveiled the Cross.

Knowing that the crisis was at hand when He would establish the Kingdom, they were stirred by ambition. But Our Blessed Lord knew what was in their hearts; and when they came into the house at Capharnaum where they usually enjoyed hospitality, probably Peter's: 'He asked them, What was the dispute you were holding on the way? They said nothing, for they had been disputing among themselves which should be the greatest of them' (Mark 9:32). Tongues that were loud on the roadway where they disputed were now silent when the Master read their thoughts and when their own consciences accused them. The little attention they paid to His words about the Cross might be the reason for their not grasping why One full of the power they had seen in His miracles and in the resurrection of the dead should ever be so seemingly powerless. Why should He submit Himself to a death from which at any moment He could extricate Himself? It was a mystery that could not be understood until it was accomplished; and even after its accomplishment, it still remained a scandal to unbelievers among the Jews and the Greeks

Evidently, the natural or carnal man was geared to receive Him as One Who came to give a moral code such as could be posted on church lawns; but to take Him for One coming into the world as a 'ransom' for mankind required a higher wisdom. As St. Paul suggested: 'Mere man with his natural gifts cannot take in the thoughts of God's Spirit; They seem mere folly to him, and he cannot grasp them, because they demand a scrutiny which is spiritual' (I Corinthians 2:14).

This time, in order to correct their false ideas of superiority, with great solemnity He called a child to Himself. Since the Apostles had disputed as to who was highest in the Kingdom, Our Lord now gave the answer to their ambitious minds. The greatest of all His disciples would be those who would be like little children; for a child stands as a representative of God and His Divine Son upon the earth. There was a nobility in His Kingdom, but it was opposite to the rank of the world. In His Kingdom one rose by sinking; one increased by decreasing. He said that He came not to be ministered to, but to minister. In His own Person, He was exemplifying humiliation as ascending to the depths of defeat of the Cross. Since they understood not the Cross, He bade them to learn of a child whom He embraced to His heart. The greatest are the least, and the least are the greatest. Honour and prestige are not to him who sits at the head of the table, but to him who girds himself with a towel and washes the feet of those who are his servants. He who is God became man; He who is Lord of heaven and earth humbled Himself to the Cross; this was the incomparable act of humility which they were to learn. If for the moment they could not learn it from Him, they were to learn it from a child.

(Life of Christ)



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B 22 SEPTEMBER 2024



"Our Lord needs from us neither great deeds nor profound thoughts. Neither intelligence nor talents. He cherishes simplicity."
- St Thérèse of Lisieux

Entrance Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to Me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

A reading from the book of Wisdom

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after - we have his word for it.'

♦ **The word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm Ps 53:3-6, 8

R: The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by Your name; by Your power, uphold my cause. O God, hear my prayer; listen to the words of my mouth. **R.**
2. For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life. They have no regard for God. **R.**
3. But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will sacrifice to You with willing heart and praise Your name for it is good. **R.**

Second Reading James 3:16-4:3

A reading from the letter of St James

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom

that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

♦ **The word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation cf. 2 Thess 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Mark 9:30-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

After leaving the mountain Jesus and His disciples made their way through Galilee; and He did not want anyone to know, because He was instructing His disciples; He was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put Him to death; and three days after He has been put to death He will rise again.' But they did not understand what He said and were afraid to ask Him.

They came to Capernaum, and when He was in the house He asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So He sat down, called the Twelve to Him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put His arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in My name, welcomes Me; and anyone who welcomes Me welcomes not Me but the One Who sent Me.'

♦ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon: You have laid down Your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping Your statutes.

Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible



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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:

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

the sick:

Shirley Thompson, Pat Gurr, Jim Hanlon, Craig Johnston, Brenda McPhee, 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 23rd

Feast Day of St Pio of Pietrelcina
Funeral of Jeanette Keightley - 10.30am

TUESDAY 24th

Feast Day of Our Lady of Mercy
No Mass - Church open from 8am to 12 Noon

WEDNESDAY 25th

Feast Day of Bl. Herman of Reichenau
No Mass - Church open from 11am to 12 Noon

THURSDAY 26th

Feast Day of Sts Cosmas & Damian, martyrs
No Mass - Church open from 11am to 12 Noon

FRIDAY 27th

Feast Day of St Vincent de Paul, priest
No Mass - Church open from 8am to 1pm

SATURDAY 28th

Feast Day of St Wenceslaus, martyr
Holy Mass of Sunday - 3.30pm at Tingha

Rosary - 5.30pm

Holy Mass of Sunday - 6.00pm

SUNDAY 29th

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

54th International Eucharistic Congress: At the recent 53rd International Eucharistic Congress in Quito, Ecuador, the Papal Legate, announced what the church of Sydney had been hoping for: that we will host the 54th International Eucharistic Congress in 2028, 100 years since Sydney last hosted this great event and twenty years since it hosted World Youth Day. To read Archbishop Anthony Fisher's pastoral letter in full go to www.catholicweekly.com.au/pastoral-letter-to-the-priests-religious-and-people-of-the-archdiocese-of-sydney-regarding-the-international-eucharistic-congress-in-sydney-2028/

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

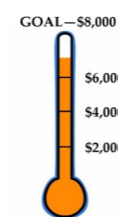


"How beautiful is the family that recites the Rosary every evening." - Pope St John Paul II

Bernie & Colleen Graham
11 Diamond Street, Tingha
Wednesday 25 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.

The 100 Club Fundraiser Poster is now up in the Meeting Room. \$2 per number box. Instructions are on the poster. Please place entry money into the money container provided.

FOR SALE

- 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	21Sept-Sat 6.00pm	22Sept-Sun 9am	28Sept-Sat 6pm	29Sept-Sun 9am
Projector	M Gaukroger	R McGregor	Sr Coral	MJ Guest
Readers	J Monie & S O'Brien	G Johnson & M Robinson	M Casey-Ransom & J Harris	J Rainger & J Monie
Commentator	J Kelly	J Rainger	P Armstrong	M Robinson
Offertory	Volunteer	Guest Family	Volunteer	Volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	P Moroney	M Robinson	A Michael	S Hollis
Counters		N Turner & P Armstrong		R & G Johnson

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary for her Seven Sorrows

O Blessed Mother Mary, your Immaculate Heart was afflicted seven times with a deep anguish. In your great sorrow you never doubted God's Divine Wisdom, but joined your Will to His. We beseech you to stand by us in our trials and teach us to follow your example of patience, love, and charity. Pray for us, now and at the hour of our death. 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 Mercy

On 24 September the Sisters of Mercy celebrate the feast day of their patroness, Our Lady of Mercy. We encourage all parishioners to make a special act of thanksgiving on this day as the Sisters of Mercy play an important role in the education history of Inverell.

133 years ago on the 12th of January in 1891 the Sisters of Mercy commenced teaching in Inverell after the departure of the Sisters of St Joseph in 1890. Since that time Inverell has been particularly blessed to have had the continuous presence of the Sisters.

Prayer to Our Lady of Mercy (St Augustine of Hippo)

Blessed Virgin Mary, who can worthily repay you with praise and thanks for having rescued a fallen world by your generous consent. Receive our gratitude, and by your prayers obtain the pardon of our sins. Take our prayers into the sanctuary of heaven and enable them to make our peace with God. Holy Mary, help the miserable, strengthen the discouraged, comfort the sorrowful, pray for your people, plead for the clergy, intercede for all women consecrated to God. May all who venerate you feel now your help and protection. Be ready to help us when we pray, and bring back to us the answers to our prayers. Make it your continual concern to pray for the people of God, for you were blessed by God and were made worthy to bear the Redeemer of the world, who lives and reigns forever. Amen.

We thank Fr Richard Gleeson who is our celebrant again this weekend during Fr Paul Chandler's absence.