

“It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from their sins.” - 2 Maccabees 12:46

Prayer for the Souls in Purgatory

Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

Prayer for the Forgotten Dead

O Merciful God, take pity on those souls who have no particular friends and intercessors to recommend them to You, who, either through the negligence of those who are alive, or through length of time are forgotten by their friends and by all. Spare them, O Lord, and remember Your own mercy, when others forget to appeal to it. Let not the souls which You have created be parted from You, their Creator. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through Your mercy, rest in peace. Amen.



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

The two Commandments, love God and love neighbour, sum up the Ten Commandments which refer to love of God and love of neighbour. The first three Commandments are related to God; the last six Commandments are related to neighbour. Between the first three and the last six comes the Fourth, Honour thy father and thy mother. God put this in-between the two because the parents in the home take the place of God and obedience to parents is a very high form of justice related to neighbour and to God [...] it is a bond between both God and neighbour. The justice we owe our parents is close to the justice we owe to God and related to the justice we owe our neighbour. After God, it was our parents who gave us life and this Fourth Commandment is the Commandment which provides for the future of our civilisation.

In the other commandments, the Fifth to the Tenth, Our Blessed Lord said that we were to love our neighbour as ourselves. How do we love ourselves? We love ourselves very much. But there are also some things we do not like about ourselves. We hate ourselves when we are boorish, loud, and insulting to others, or make excessive demands upon our neighbour, or when we tell untruths that hurt our friends. You see we can love and hate ourselves.

But loving is in the will, not the glands; it is in that part of our being which is subject to moral command, and is not a

bodily reaction, like a wink. Hence, though we do not like certain medicines, we can put ourselves under the dictate of the will and take them. Liking is reciprocal, but love is not necessarily reciprocal. The friends we say we like, like us. But a mother can love a wayward son even though he does not return the affection. God can love us even when we spurn His graces.

The Divine Command was not ‘like thy neighbour’ but ‘love thy neighbour,’ because it is hard to like certain kinds of people, such as those who step on our toes or make funny noises when they drink soup. But they can be loved, at the beginning, sometimes only by a good deed done to them. That is why the urgency to love thy neighbour is followed by the command: ‘Do good.’ At first it may be very difficult when our feelings are contrary to the command, such as telling a six year old boy: ‘Now, go out and kiss your Aunt Sophie.’ But doing good deeds which love demands makes the heart warmer. When there is no spontaneous love, love begins only as a duty. But as we learn to write by writing, to cook by cooking, to be courteous by practicing kindness, so we learn to love by loving. The ‘I ought’ after a while passes to ‘I love.’

This becomes clearer as we grasp the mystery behind ‘love thy neighbour as thyself.’ First of all, the neighbour is not the one next door, or the one who borrows sugar. The neighbour is the one in need, or maybe even an enemy. But how can he be loved as I love myself? Well, how do I love myself? Do I love myself always, or at certain moments? Do I love myself when I do something embarrassing, or when I steal, or when I hurt my neighbour’s reputation? On the other hand, do I not love myself when I visit the sick, send money to lepers in Asia, or find a job for the father of a family?

When analysed, it becomes clear that I love myself when I do what is good, and I hate myself when I do what is wrong. There will be certain things in my neighbour which I love, and other things which I will not love, and they are the same things that were loved and hated in me.

Applying it in a general way, I will love the sinner, but hate the sin; love the thief, but hate the robbery; love the Communists, but hate Communism. The Church, therefore, will always accept the heretic back into the treasury of her souls, but never the heresy into the treasury of her wisdom.

It is easy to like and love those who love us. But when it comes to loving those who are not very likable, it takes the love of God to give the inspiration. Socialism is the love of neighbour without the love of God; it is the organisation of society on a technical, scientific basis, rather than charity. Love is not love unless it is directed to a person. Every human being ought to be loved in the unique mystery of his concrete personality. And when we come across many persons whom we do not ‘like,’ then we have to do what God does with us, who are not very lovable; He puts His love in us, and thus finds us very lovable.

(Your Life is Worth Living & The Power of Love)



31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B 3 NOVEMBER 2024



“Charity may be a very short word, but with its tremendous meaning of pure love, it sums up man’s entire relation to God and to his neighbour. As our Lord explained: ‘It is on charity that all the Law and the prophets depend.’” - St Aelred of Rievaulx

Entrance Antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation.

First Reading Deuteronomy 6:2-6

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: ‘If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all His laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

‘Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the One Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.’

◆ **The word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51

R: I love You, Lord, my strength.

1. I love You, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. **R.**

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God Who saves me, He has given great victories to His king and shown His love for His anointed. **R.**

Second Reading Hebrews 7:23-28

A reading from St Paul’s letter to the Hebrews

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this One, Christ, because He remains for ever, can never lose His

priesthood. It follows then, that His power to save is utterly certain, since He is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through Him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because He has done this once and for all by offering Himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son Who is made perfect for ever.

◆ **The word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love Me will keep my words, and My Father will love them, and We will come to them. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Mark 12:28-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to Him, ‘Which is the first of all the commandments?’ Jesus replied, ‘This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the One Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.’ The scribe said to Him, ‘Well spoken, Master; what You have said is true: that He is One and there is no other. To love with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.’ Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, ‘You are not far from the kingdom of God.’ And after that no one dared to question Him any more.

◆ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in Your presence, O Lord.

Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible





Sacred Heart Parish

(Canonically Erected 1868)

Roman Catholic Diocese of Armidale

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

November 3, 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 4 Nov & Friday 8 Nov - 8am to 1pm
Tuesday 5 Nov - 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 all those whose death anniversary occurs at this time; Repose of all souls in Purgatory.

the Recently Deceased:

Darrin Charter, Dorothy Single, Mario Tilocca, Sr Mavis Dick rsm, Shirley Gleeson, Brenda McPhee.

the sick:

Sue O'Brien, Julie Daley, Pat Gurr, Jim Hanlon, Craig Johnston, 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.

NOVEMBER - THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

MONDAY 4th

Feast Day of St Charles Borromeo, bishop

Church open from 8am to 1pm

TUESDAY 5th

Tuesday of 31st week of Ordinary Time

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

Prayer at Inverell Cemetery - 5.30pm

WEDNESDAY 6th

Wednesday of 31st week of Ordinary Time

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

Home Rosary - 4.30pm, 4 Diamond St, Tingha

THURSDAY 7th

Thursday of 31st week of Ordinary Time

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

Alpha Program - 6.00pm

FRIDAY 8th

Friday of 31st week of Ordinary Time

Prayer at Inverell Cemetery - 8.00am (includes Rosary)

HTS Holy Mass - 9.30am

Holy Hour - 4.30pm to 5.30pm

SATURDAY 9th

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Nuptial Mass of Jacinta Dickins & Ricky Sandral - 3.00pm

Rosary - 5.30pm

Holy Mass of Sunday - 6.00pm

SUNDAY 10th

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

Morning Tea - 10.00am

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 (except First Fridays)

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

ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER FOR NOVEMBER

Victoria Talampas & Neroli O'Brien

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Sunday Morning Tea - Sun 10 Nov 2024, after Mass

Pastoral Council - Wed 13 Nov 2024, 5.00pm

Liturgy Committee - Sat 16 Nov 2024, 9.00am

Finance Committee - Wed 11 Dec 2024, 5.00pm

Prize Raffle. Tickets are on sale for the prize raffle until 10 November when the winning tickets will be drawn. \$5 per ticket. 1st Prize - \$300 voucher from House to Home—Inverell Garden Centre. 2nd Prize - \$100 voucher from Lennon's Butchery. 3rd Prize - gift box to the value of \$50 from Campbell & Freebairn Chemist.

Morning Tea will be held after the 9am Mass next Sunday. Please bring a plate of delicacies to share.

November: Holy Month of the Souls in Purgatory. November is a special time to pray for the dead. From November 1st through to and including November 8th, a plenary indulgence can be obtained for the souls in Purgatory on each of these days by visiting a cemetery and devoutly praying for the dead. The reception of Holy Communion is fitting to be done on the same day but may be done within the same week. There is one plenary indulgence granted per reception of Holy Communion. The other conditions are: the exclusion of all attachment to sin; sacramental Confession (within 21 days); the recitation of the Our Father and the Creed; a prayer for the Pope's holy intentions.

November Masses for your deceased loved ones can be arranged through the Parish using the envelopes provided at the entrances of the church or through *Aid to the Church in Need* by calling 1800 101 201 or visiting www.aidtochurch.org/masses.

Holy Mass and Prayers have been requested for the souls of: George Turner (Jnr), George & Monica Turner, June & Noel Sanders, members of Turner & Sanders family, Douglas Rennie, Sasha Mansour, Jonathan Crombie, Stella Spalding, Patricia Traves; John, Kelvin, Patrick, & Elizabeth Hogan, Carmel Perrett, Mary McMahon; Phil Harris; A & H Koopelian, A & Z Koopelian; A & N Koopelian, A Koopelian, A & N Samuel, R Koopelian, V Samuel, Therese Samuel.

MASS ROSTER	2Nov-Sat 6.00pm	3Nov-Sun 9am	9Nov-Sat 6pm	10Nov-Sun 9am
Projector	Sr Coral	H Rossel	S Szumowski	M Gaukroger
Readers	C Roberts & M Casey-Ransom	G Johnson & M Robinson	N McCosker & S O'Brien	J Rainer & B McGrath
Commentator	J Kelly	M Gaukroger	J Harris	M Robinson
Offertory	Volunteer	S Kenny & volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteers
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	P Moroney	B McGrath	A Michael	M Robinson
Counters		R & G Johnson		L MacDonald & P Girle

St Pauls Weekday Missal

Enhance your participation in Daily Mass and your preparation for it.

Can be used year after year with no need to buy a new book for each year.

Uses two colours throughout and has marker ribbons. Contains the Order of Mass, along with the complete weekday cycle of Scripture readings and the Proper of Saints.

Includes a Treasury of Prayers

Especially prepared for Australia and New Zealand.

Normal retail price \$69.95.

Available through the Parish for \$60 and no shipping costs.

Use the order form available at the front door of the church. Orders must be lodged by November 13th. Take advantage of this offer now!

St Pauls Sunday Missal

Enhance your participation in Sunday Mass and your preparation for it. The Sunday Missal that can be used year after year!

The complete "popular" edition comes in a red hardcover, two-colour throughout with marker ribbons.

Contains all of the Prayers of the Missal, together with the full 3-year cycle of Scripture readings, and the complete Easter liturgies. Includes feasts of special importance for Australia and New Zealand: Australia Day, ANZAC Day, and St Mary MacKillop.

Normal retail price \$34.95.

Available through the Parish for \$30 and no shipping costs.

Use the order form available at the front door of the church. Orders must be lodged by November 13th. Take advantage of this offer now!

Christmas Highlights from Handel's Messiah: The Danthonia Community Choir have extended an open invitation to sing with them at Danthonia (4188 Gwydir Hwy, Elsmore) on Fri 13 December at 7pm. There will be two practices on Fri 8 and 29 November, 6.30pm for 7pm start. All are welcome. No RSVP required.