

"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.



"This fair olive-tree, led to the temple and thenceforward planted in the House of God and cultivated by the Spirit, she, as a fruitful olive-tree, became the abode of all virtues."

- St. John Damascene, Doctor of the Church

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 21 November

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, celebrated every year on November 21, commemorates (in the words of the Liturgy of the Hours, the daily prayer of the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church) "that dedication of herself which Mary made to God from her very childhood under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit who filled her with grace at her Immaculate Conception."

The feast of the presentation of Mary dates back to the 6th century in the East, where it is called the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos Into the Temple, and the 15th century in the West. It is based on an ancient tradition and early Christian texts that say Mary was taken by her parents to the temple in Jerusalem when she was 3-years-old and dedicated to God. What we celebrate on this day is the fact that God chose to dwell in Mary in a very special way. In response, Mary placed her whole self at the service of God.

Prayer: O God, Who did will that on this day the Blessed Ever Virgin Mary, the dwelling-place of the Holy Spirit, should be presented in the temple: grant, we beseech Thee, that through her intercession, we may be made worthy to be presented in the temple of Thy glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

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

Are you in the valley of despair? Then learn that the Gospel of Christ can be heard as good news even by those whose lives have been shattered by bad news, for only those who walk in darkness ever see the stars.

All trusting implies something you cannot see. If you could see, there would be no occasion for trust. When you say you trust a man only insofar as you can see him, you do not trust him at all. Now, to trust God means to hold fast to the truth that His purposes are good and holy, not because you see them, but in spite of appearances to the contrary.

The reason, therefore, why some souls emerge purified from catastrophe while other souls come out worse, is because the first had One in whom they could trust and the second had none but themselves. The atheist, therefore, is properly defined as the person who has no invisible means of support.

Have you ever noticed, as you talk to your fellow men, the difference in the reaction to crisis on the part of those who have faith in God and His purposes and of those who have not? The man without faith was generally greatly surprised at the dark turn of events with two world wars in twenty-one years, the resurgence of barbarism and the abandonment of moral principles. But the man with faith in God was not so surprised. The sun came out just as he had expected; chaos was in the cards though they had not yet been dealt, for he knew that 'unless the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it' (Psalm 126:1).

Have you also observed that the person without faith finding his world of 'progress' becoming so unprogressive, often reacted by blaming religion, by criticising the Church, and even blaspheming God for not stopping the war? Such egotists have some sense of justice, and since they refuse to blame themselves, then they must find a scapegoat.

But the man with faith, in the midst of taunts like that which came from the haughty monarch, 'Who is the God that shall deliver you out of my hand?' (Daniel 3:15), answers as did the three youths in the fiery furnace: 'For behold our God, whom we worship, is able to save us from the furnace of burning fire and to deliver us out of thy hands, O King. But if He will not, be it known to thee, O King, that we will not worship thy gods nor adore the golden statue which thou hast set up' (Daniel 3:17-18). 'Although He should kill me, I will trust in Him' (Job 13:15).

You see the difference! Now choose. Will you slip down into abysmal despair, or will you, like Christ in a blackness at high noon, and like Mary ere her Tree of Life had seen the earth, trust in God, His mercy and His victory?

(The Cries of Jesus from the Cross)



33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B 17 NOVEMBER 2024



"Whenever some act of wondrous power must be performed, Michael is sent, so that his action and his name may make it clear that no one can do what God does by his superior power."

- St Gregory the Great

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon Me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading Daniel 12:1-13

A reading from the prophet Daniel

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

◆ **The word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm Ps 15:5, 8-11

R: Keep me safe, O God; You are my hope.

1. O Lord, it is You Who are my portion and cup; it is You Yourself Who are my prize. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since He is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**
2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For You will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let Your beloved know decay. **R.**
3. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in Your presence, at Your right hand happiness for ever. **R.**

Second Reading Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Hebrews

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken His place for ever, at the right hand of God, where He is now waiting until His enemies are made into a footstool for Him. By virtue of that one single offering, He has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom He is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

◆ **The word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation Luke 21:36

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful, pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Mark 13:24-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to His disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too He will send the angels to gather His chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that He is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

◆ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible





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Administrator: Fr Paul Chandler
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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:

Craig Johnston, Darrin Charter, Dorothy Single, Mario Tilocca, Sr Mavis Dick rsm, Shirley Gleeson.

the sick:

Sue O'Brien, Julie Daley, Pat Gurr, Jim Hanlon, 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

Recently baptised: Joseph & Benjamin Lennon; Sophia Ivey

MONDAY 18th

Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul, apostles

No Mass - Church open from 8am to 1pm

TUESDAY 19th

No Mass - Church open from 8am to 12 Noon

WEDNESDAY 20th

Wednesday of 33rd week of Ordinary Time

Holy Mass - 5.00pm

Home Rosary - 4.30pm, 4 Diamond St, Tingha

THURSDAY 21st

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rosary - 11.30am

Holy Mass - 12 Noon

Adoration - 12.30pm to 1.30pm

Alpha Program - 6.00pm

FRIDAY 22nd

Feast Day of St Cecilia, virgin, martyr

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

Holy Hour - 4.30pm to 5.30pm

SATURDAY 23rd

Feast Day of St Clement I, pope, & St Columban, abbot

Holy Mass of Sunday - 3.30pm at Tingha

Rosary - 5.30pm

Holy Mass of Sunday - 6.00pm, followed by Benediction

SUNDAY 24th

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am, followed by Benediction

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

Liturgy Committee - Sat 16 Nov 2024, 9.00am

Sunday Morning Tea - Sun 8 Dec 2024, after Mass

Finance Committee - Wed 11 Dec 2024, 5.00pm

Pastoral Council - Wed TBA 2024, 5.00pm

Prize Raffle. Congratulations to the winners of our prize raffle.

The winners are:

1st Prize: Maurice Rossel

2nd Prize: Maree Chie

3rd Prize: Clarry

Thank you to all those who supported this fundraising effort.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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 Friday 13 December at 7pm. There will be one more practice on Friday 29 November, 6.30pm for 7pm start. All are welcome. No RSVP required.

Solemnity of Christ the Universal King

The last Sunday of the Liturgical Year directs our attention to the Kingship of Christ, which is universal; that is Christ has authority of all time, all history, all people, and every nation.

We honour our King by concluding both Sunday Masses (6pm on Saturday 23rd and 9am on Sunday 24th) with Benediction. This is not an add-on to Holy Mass but a way of continuing the Mass so as to receive the blessing, which always ends Holy Mass, not from the priest but directly from Christ Who is present in the Blessed Sacrament. It is a fitting way to acknowledge the universal kingship of Christ and to pledge our allegiance to Him as our Lord and King.

Christmas Mass times

Tuesday 24 December

5pm - Vigil Mass of Christmas at St Patrick's Church, 45 Duff Street, Ashford

8pm - Christmas Mass During the Night at Sacred Heart Church, Inverell

Wednesday 25 December

9am - Christmas Mass During the Day at Sacred Heart Church, Inverell

MASS ROSTER	16Nov-Sat 6.00pm	17Nov-Sun 9am	23Nov-Sat 6pm	24Nov-Sun 9am
Projector	Volunteer	P Girle	J Kelly	R McGregor
Readers	J Kelly & J Harris	MJ Guest & K Hutchings	M Gaukroger & S Szumowski	D McMahon & S Hollis
Commentator	N McCosker	G Taveira	J Monie	J Rainger
Offertory	Volunteer	M Robinson & volunteer	Volunteer	M Wales & volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	P Moroney	S Hollis	A Michael	R Johnson
Counters		B Baldwin & J Frater		G Chie & G Fleming

Missal Orders: Parishioners who have ordered one or both Missals will be informed once they are received at the parish office.

Divine Mercy 2025 Calendars: A generous parishioner has donated several of these calendars to the parish. These are available for free at the side entrance table near the priest sacristy.

World Day of the Poor: We join with Pope Francis in praying for those affected by both material and spiritual poverty. For those who lack the basic necessities such as food, clothing, shelter, and medicine, and those whose souls are un nourished by faith and love of God, and those who feel abandoned by the world.

Red November: Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Australia sponsors RED NOVEMBER where parishes around Australia pray and support persecuted and suffering Christians around the world. You can find out more and what you might be able to do at www.aidtochurch.org.

November: Holy Month of the Souls in Purgatory. November is a special time to pray for the dead. 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 the Turner & Sanders families, 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; John Damien Gaukroger, John Francis & Margaret Sybil Gaukroger, members of the Gaukroger & Vanags families; Jim Noble, Bob Mather Kelleher; Members of the Bailey & Koel families; Parents of Margaret Robinson & deceased members of her family; Members of the Casey family, Kelly family, Griffin family, Savoy family, Armstrong family, Placette family, McCarthy family, MacMahon family, Ranallo family, Davis family, Ducette family; Members of the O'Brien & Stephen families; Members of the Migheli & Casula families; Robert Dasey, Relatives & friends of the Dasey family.