

“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

‘Art Thou the King of the Jews?’ (John 18:33)

The charge was only that He was a king. Pilate knew that if Christ was setting Himself up as a rival king to the Romans, the Gentiles would be there to testify against Him. So he asked if He were King of the Jews. Our Lord in answer to the question penetrated the conscience of Pilate; He asked him if he was saying that because his suspicions had been aroused by the false charge of His enemies. Pilate had expected a direct answer. Our Lord now made clear that a distinction had to be made between a political and religious kingship; political kingship, which was the only interest Pilate had in the case, the Master rejected; religious Kingship which meant that He was the Messiah, Our Lord admitted. To the sceptical Pilate, Our Blessed Lord had to make clear that His Kingship was not that of an earthly kingdom obtained by military power; it was rather a spiritual Kingdom to be established in truth. He would have only moral subjects, not political ones; He would reign in hearts, not in armies.

‘My Kingdom does not belong to this world. If My Kingdom were one which belonged to this world, My servants would be fighting, to prevent My falling into the hands of the Jews; but no, My Kingdom does not take its origin here’ (John 18:36).

Pilate’s worry about a challenge to Roman power was, for the moment, put at ease. Christ’s Kingdom was not of this world; therefore He was not like Judas the Galilean, the son of Ezechias, who had led a rebellion against Rome a few decades before by inciting the people not to pay taxes. Pilate may have heard that the night before, when Peter had argued with the sword, Our Lord had reprimanded the wielder of the weapon and had healed the injured man. If His Kingdom were of the world, Our Lord argued, He would need the help of armies of men; but a Heavenly Kingdom was sufficient unto itself, for its power came from above. His Kingdom was in the world, but not of it.

The quiet and dignified bearing of the One before him so helplessly bound with ropes —His face marred with the beatings after the first trial, His assertion that His Kingdom was not of this world, that He had servants who would not use the sword, and that He was to establish a Kingdom without fighting—all this puzzled Pilate, who changed his question. The first time Pilate had asked, “Art Thou King of the Jews?” Now he asked: ‘Thou art a King, then?’

The religious trial centred on Christ the Prophet, the Messiah, the Son of God. The civil trial revolved about His Kingship. Strange how the Gentiles were associated with Christ under this royal title! The Magi at His birth asked where the King was born; it was the imperial edict of Caesar that fulfilled the prophecy of Micheas that He would be born in Bethlehem.

Pilate, satisfied that Christ was not a political rival, in wonderment prodded a little deeper into the mystery of His Kingly claim. Our Lord, having already avowed His Kingly state, acknowledged the inference which Pilate had somewhat scornfully drawn and answered: ‘It is thy own lips that have called Me a King. What I was born for, what I came into the world for, is to bear witness of the truth. Whoever belongs to the truth, listens to My voice.’

All during Our Lord’s life He had spoken of Himself as coming into this world; this was the only time that He ever spoke of being born. Being born of a woman is one fact, coming into the world is another. But He immediately followed up this reference to His human birth with the reaffirmation that He had come into the world. When He said that He was born, He was acknowledging His human temporal origin as the Son of Man; when He said He came into the world, He affirmed His Divinity. Furthermore, He Who came from heaven, came to bear witness, which meant to die for the truth. He laid down the moral condition of discovering truth and affirmed that it was not only an intellectual quest; what one discovered depended in part on one’s moral behaviour. It was in this sense, Our Lord said once, that His sheep heard His voice.

(Life of Christ)



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE YEAR B - 24 NOVEMBER 2024



“The Cross is the paradoxical sign of His kingship, which consists in the loving will of God the Father in response to the disobedience of sin. It is in the very offering of Himself in the sacrifice of expiation that Jesus becomes King of the universe.”
- Pope Benedict XVI, 22 Nov 2009

Entrance Antiphon: How worthy is the Lamb Who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To Him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading Daniel 7:13-14

A reading from the prophet Daniel

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, One like a son of man. He came to the One of great age and was led into His presence. On Him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became His servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will His empire ever be destroyed.

◆ **The word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm Ps 92:1-2, 5

R: The Lord is king; He is robed in majesty.

1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed Himself with might, He has girded Himself with power. **R.**
2. The world You made firm, not to be moved; Your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, You are. **R.**
3. Truly Your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to Your house, O Lord, until the end of time. **R.**

Second Reading Apocalypse 1:5-8

A reading from the book of Apocalypse

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with His blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve His God and Father; to Him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is He Who is coming on the

clouds; everyone will see Him, even those who pierced Him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over Him. This is the truth. Amen. ‘I am the Alpha and the Omega,’ says the Lord God, Who is, Who was, and Who is to come, the Almighty.

◆ **The word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation Mark 11:9

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is He Who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord. **Alleluia!**

Gospel John 18:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

‘Are You the king of the Jews?’ Pilate asked. Jesus replied, ‘Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about Me?’ Pilate answered, ‘Am I a Jew? It is You own people and the chief priests who have handed You over to me: what have You done?’ Jesus replied, ‘Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if My kingdom were of this world, My men would have fought to prevent My being surrendered to the Jews. But My kingdom is not of this kind.’ ‘So You are a king then?’ said Pilate. ‘It is you who say it,’ answered Jesus. ‘Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to My voice.’

◆ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon: The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless His people with peace.

Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible



Prayer to Christ the King: O Jesus Christ, I acknowledge Thee to be the King of the universe; all that has been made is created for Thee. Exercise over me all Thy sovereign rights. I hereby renew the promises of my Baptism, renouncing Satan and all his works and pomps, and I engage myself to lead henceforth a truly Christian life. And in an especial manner do I pledge myself to labour, to the best of my ability, for the triumph of God and Thy Church. Divine Heart of Jesus, to Thee do I proffer my poor services to obtain the acknowledgement by every heart of Thy sacred Kingly power, and that thus the reign of Thy peace be firmly established throughout the whole universe. Amen.



Sacred Heart Parish

(Canonically Erected 1868)

Roman Catholic Diocese of Armidale

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November 24, 2024

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Tuesday 26 Nov - 8am to 12pm
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.

Baptism - Saturdays & Sundays at 10.30am
Marriages and Funerals by Appointment

NOVEMBER - THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

MONDAY 25th

Feast Day of St Catherine of Alexandria, virgin, martyr

No Mass - Church open from 8am to 1pm

TUESDAY 26th

Tuesday of 34th week of Ordinary Time

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

Holy Hour - 4.30pm to 5.30pm

WEDNESDAY 27th

Wednesday of 34th week of Ordinary Time

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

Home Rosary - 4.30pm, 11 Diamond St, Tingha

THURSDAY 28th

Thursday of 34th week of Ordinary Time

Holy Mass at McLean - 10.00am

Rosary - 11.30am

Holy Mass - 12 Noon

Adoration - 12.30pm to 1.30pm

Alpha Program - 6.00pm

FRIDAY 29th

Friday of 34th week of Ordinary Time

Rosary - 7.00am

Holy Mass - 7.30am

Holy Hour - 4.30pm to 5.30pm

SATURDAY 30th

Feast Day of St Andrew, apostle

Baptism of Addison Heagney - 10.30am

Holy Mass of Sunday - 3.00pm at Yetman

Rosary - 5.30pm

Holy Mass of Sunday - 6.00pm

DECEMBER - THE MONTH OF THE DIVINE INFANCY

SUNDAY 1st

1st Sunday of Advent - Year C

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

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

ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER FOR NOVEMBER

Victoria Talampas & Neroli O'Brien

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Sunday Morning Tea - Sun 8 Dec 2024, after Mass

Pastoral Council - Wed 10 Dec 2024, 5.00pm

Finance Committee - Wed 11 Dec 2024, 5.00pm

Liturgy Committee - Sat 21 Dec 2024, 9.00am

Benediction will conclude each of the Inverell Masses this weekend. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is different from a normal priestly blessing. The priest is not the one blessing the people. Rather, the priest holds the Blessed Sacrament Who is the Lord Jesus Christ, and it is Christ Himself alone directly blessing the people. To signify this, the priest drapes the humeral veil over his shoulders and hands. We should receive every blessing with love, reverence, and humility. When Christ Himself bestows the blessing, our reception of it should echo the words of St Thomas: "My Lord and my God" as befits the King of kings and Lord of lords.

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 Nov, 6.30pm for 7pm start.** All are welcome. No RSVP required.

Accommodation Available: One bedroom unit [unfurnished] available for rent at St Mary's SVDP Accommodation Units on Ross Hill. Social housing - attractive rental rate. Recently refurbished. Excellent condition. Opposite Wade Street shops. Close to bus stop. Suit single person. Independent. Must be on aged pension or other Centrelink payment. Contact Sacred Heart SVDP Care & Support Team: 0400 699 610. Leave name and contact details. The team will arrange a time to view the unit and discuss the application process etc. Please let eligible friends and acquaintances know of the availability of this rental property.

Virtual Advent Series: Tuesday 26 Nov, 3, 10 & 17 Dec 2024. Prepare for Christmas by participating in these Advent talks via Zoom. For more information or to register visit <https://www.garrattpublishing.com.au/event/advent-series-24-november-17-december-2024/>.

Attention all singers & musicians! Would you like to help out at the Christmas Masses? Two rehearsals only Sat 14 and 21 Dec at 9am in the Church. Please call Sue Davis, 0408 280 237, if interested so resources can be organised. Hope to see you there.

| MASS ROSTER | 23Nov-Sat 6.00pm | 24Nov-Sun 9am | 30Nov-Sat 6pm | 1Dec-Sun 9am |
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| Projector | J Kelly | R McGregor | M Gaukroger | MJ Guest |
| Readers | M Gaukroger & S Szumowski | D McMahon & S Hollis | C Roberts & J Monie | J Thivakon & G Johnson |
| Commentator | J Monie | J Rainger | P Armstrong | M Robinson |
| Offertory | Volunteer | M Wales & volunteer | J Kelly & volunteer | S Kenny & volunteer |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | A Michael | R Johnson | J Monie | G Johnson |
| Counters | | G Chie & G Fleming | | N Turner |

Copies of the Christmas Catalogue of *That Catholic Shop* are available at the entrances to the Church. All proceeds assist the work and mission of *Aid to the Church in Need*. You can visit www.thatcatholicshop.com to see the entire range and order online.

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 & Kelleher family; Members of the Bailey & Koch 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; Peter & Michael Monie; Wilson, Joan & Michael Bull; Relatives & friends of the Monie family.

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