

‘Master,’ Simon replied ‘we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out a net.’ And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, ‘Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.’ For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon’s partners. But Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.’ Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed Him.

◆ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Communion Antiphon:** Let them thank the Lord for His mercy, His wonders for the children of men, for He satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry He fills with good things.

**Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible**



**Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes**

O ever Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comforter of the afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings; look with mercy on me. By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense your favours; and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with complete confidence to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests. Through gratitude for your favours, I will endeavour to imitate your virtues, that I may one day share in your glory. Amen.

**Tuesday 11 February - Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes, World Day of Prayer for the Sick:**

St Pope John Paul II designated the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes to be an annual day of prayer and consideration of the sick and of those who care for them. It is a day on which we reflect on the Christian meaning of illness, pain and suffering - whether we are healthy or not. People in the medical profession are invited through this day to recognise and value the spiritual dimension of their work. We pray for all those who are sick and for all those who care for them.

**Prayer in Honour of the Passion of Our Lord**

Hail, sweet Jesus! Praise, honour, and glory be to You, O Christ, Who of Your own accord did embrace death and yielded Your spirit to Your heavenly Father. Truly You have shown Yourself to be the good shepherd. By Your bitter death and Passion, give me grace and pardon. Grant to the faithful departed rest and life everlasting. Amen.

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

After being rejected in His own hometown of Nazareth, Our Blessed Lord directed His steps to Capernaum, which would henceforth be His base of operations. He found Himself so pressed by the crowds that He took refuge in a boat belonging to Simon. Floating off a little from the land, He began to teach the people. Then, when He had finished speaking, He turned to Simon and told him to launch out into the deep. ‘Let down your nets for a catch,’ He directed him.

Simon, however, was far from convinced. He was not prepared to challenge Him, but neither would he obey wholeheartedly. Even the word he used in answering Jesus reflected the ambivalence of his attitude. ‘Master,’ he said. It was the same word that Judas would use when betraying Him, a word without hint of recognition of the Divine, at most an admission of His status as a teacher, a rabbi. Simon’s words reveal his thoughts. ‘What does He, coming from Nazareth, know about the way to fish at Capernaum,’ he was surely thinking. ‘At this time of day, who would dream of catching fish? The professional fisherman knows that night is the time to fish, and we have worked all night yet found nothing.’

Peter knew all about fishing on the lake of Gennesaret. It was accordingly as a mark of respect to the Master – as one might say, to humour Him – that he agreed to go part way: ‘but at Thy word I will let down the net.’ Our Lord had asked for nets; Peter compromised with a net. Our Lord asks for complete obedience; the servant gives a begrudging response. The flesh is not spirit; reason is not faith. Peter, relying on reason, let down a net. He flung into the Lord’s face the bitter cry of life’s unfruitful hours. But when the net caught a quantity of fishes so great that it was near breaking, suddenly there appeared from behind the bulk of Simon the priestly form of Peter: Simon Peter fell down and caught Jesus by the knees; Leave me to myself, Lord, ... I am a sinner. Notice the double changes of name. Christ is no longer ‘Master’; He is ‘Lord.’ Simon is no longer ‘Simon’; he is ‘Simon Peter’. The priest’s nature asserts itself over that of the man under the impact of the miracle wrought by the High Priest for the benefit of Simon’s unworthy self. It was more than fish that Simon caught; it was the Lord.

So long as we think of Our Lord as ‘Master’, we feel that what we are doing is enough, that we can settle for a net when He calls for nets. The moment, however, the Holy Spirit makes us realise His Lordship, there comes over us the terrifying awareness of sin. The more we recognise the holiness of the High Priest, the more conscious we are of our own failings.

The moment that Simon Peter was struck by his unworthiness, it is likely that Our Lord took him by the hand – so at least the last words of the account suggest. But Jesus said to Simon, Do not be afraid; henceforth thou shalt be a fisher of men.

(The Priest is Not His Own)



**5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C**

**9 FEBRUARY 2025**

**JUBILEE YEAR 2025 - “PILGRIMS OF HOPE”**



“Humility is the mark of a genuine disciple.”

- St Thomas Aquinas

**Entrance Antiphon:** O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God Who made us, for He is the Lord our God.

**First Reading** Isaiah 6:1-8

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

In the year of King Uzziah’s death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; His train filled the sanctuary; above Him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way, ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.’

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: ‘What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.’

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: ‘See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.’ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: ‘Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?’ I answered, ‘Here I am, send me.’

◆ **The word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 137:1-5, 7-8

**R: In the sight of the angels I will sing Your praises, Lord.**

1. I thank You, Lord, with all my heart, You have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless You. I will adore before Your holy temple. **R.**
2. I thank You for Your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of You. On the day I called, You answered; You increased the strength of my soul. **R.**
3. All earth’s kings shall thank You when they hear the words of Your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord’s ways; ‘How great is the glory of the Lord!’ **R.**

4. You stretch out Your hand and save me, Your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of Your hands. **R.**

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that He was buried; and that He was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that He appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next He appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then He appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all He appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God’s grace that is what I am, and the grace that He gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

◆ **The word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation** Matthew 4:19

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Come, follow Me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of My people. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel** Luke 5:1-11

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round Him listening to the word of God, when He caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon’s – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When He had finished speaking He said to Simon, ‘Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.’





# Sacred Heart Parish

(Canonically Erected 1868)

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday 10 Feb & Friday 14 Feb - 8am to 1pm

Tuesday 11 Feb - 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:**

Paul Saint, Maureen Rolfe, Mervyn Burdekin, Colleen Bourke.

**the sick:**

Stephen Tubb, Straton Kennedy, Tony King, Sue O'Brien, Julie Daley, Pat Gurr, Peter Moroney, Christopher Pay, Neville Barwick, Fr Barry Leech, Lara Bentley, 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.

Baptism - Saturdays & Sundays at 10.30am

Marriages and Funerals by Appointment

## 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.

## FEBRUARY - THE MONTH OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

### MONDAY 10th

Feast Day of St Scholastica, virgin

**No Mass - Church open from 8am to 1pm**

### TUESDAY 11th

Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes

**Rosary - 8.30am**

**Holy Mass with Anointing of the Sick- 9.00am**

**Holy Hour - 4.30pm to 5.30pm**

### WEDNESDAY 12th

Weekday of 5th week in Ordinary Time

**Rosary - 8.30am**

**Holy Mass - 9.00am**

**Home Rosary - 4.30pm, 11 Diamond St, Tingha**

### THURSDAY 13th

Weekday of 5th week in Ordinary Time

**Rosary - 11.30am**

**Holy Mass - 12 Noon**

**Adoration - 12.30pm to 1.30pm**

### FRIDAY 14th

Feast Day of Sts Cyril, monk, & Methodius, bishop

**Holy Mass - 9.15am, Holy Trinity School Induction at HTS**

**Holy Hour - 4.30pm to 5.30pm**

### SATURDAY 15th

Weekday of 5th week in Ordinary Time

**Holy Mass of Sunday - 3.30pm at Ashford**

**Rosary - 5.30pm**

**Holy Mass of Sunday - 6.00pm**

### SUNDAY 16th

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**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

**Morning Tea** will be held after the 9am Mass this Sunday.

Please bring a plate of delicacies to share. There will also be a special Morning Tea on 23 February to honour Sr Coral Hadley.

## PARISH NOTICES & EVENTS

### ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER FOR FEBRUARY

Melissa Newham & Hugueth Rossel

### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Sunday Morning Tea - Sun 9 Feb 2025, after Mass

Pastoral Council - Wed 12 Feb 2024, 5.00pm

Liturgy Committee - Sat 15 Feb 2025, 9.00am

Finance Committee - Wed TBA 2025, 5.00pm

**Congratulations to Ken Middleton.** Ken was honoured on Australia Day by the Inverell Shire Council with the award of Citizen of the Year. Well done, Ken! Thank you for all your generous service to our city.

**Missionary Religious Order Special Collection:** For a number of years the diocese has taken up a special collection in support of the missionary work of the La Salette Missionaries in the Philippines, and the Rogationists of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in India; both Orders have priests ministering here in the Diocese of Armidale. The funds from these appeals have helped to support the marginalised people in the local areas where the La Salettes and Rogationists minister. Our Parish is asked to contribute **\$909** to this collection. Your assistance in reaching this target will be greatly appreciated. Whatever shortfall from that amount is paid from the Parish bank account. The Missionary Orders Special Collection will be held this weekend. Envelopes will be provided. Please donate generously.

**11 Feb - World Day of Prayer for the Sick:** On this day the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered during the 9am Mass. There may be some parishioners who may benefit from this sacrament and may need to be transported to this Mass through the generosity of others. You may wish to invite others to come and help them to get to the Church. Please note the criteria for receiving the Sacrament mentioned below.

**Did you know? The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** One of the seven sacraments of the Church is the Anointing of the Sick. With the Sacrament of Penance (Confession or Reconciliation) it is one of the healing sacraments and continues in time the healing and forgiving work of Christ through the ministry of priests.

*Who may receive the Sacrament?* A baptised member of the Church may receive this sacrament.

*When is it given?* It should be given whenever the health of a member of the Church is seriously impaired. Therefore, a minor or passing illness is not cause for the Sacrament but nevertheless should be commended to God through prayer and through patient endurance.

*What are the criteria to determine seriously impaired health?*

1. Whenever a person is in danger of death from sickness or old age. If death is close then with the addition of further prayers and the Apostolic Pardon, the Sacrament becomes part of the Last Rites of the Church.
2. Those who suffer from a chronic or ongoing illness.
3. A person may be anointed before major surgery.
4. Elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present.
5. Sick children may be anointed if they have sufficient use of reason to be strengthened by this sacrament.

*What are the effects of this Sacrament?* The first grace of the sacrament is one of strengthening, peace and courage to overcome the difficulties of a serious illness. This is a particular gift of the Holy Spirit. By this sacrament, the sick person receives the strength to unite one's sufferings more closely with Christ's redeeming Passion for the salvation of the world and in reparation for one's sins.

*What is Viaticum?* This is the last reception of Holy Communion given to person before death. It is for those who are about to leave this life and "pass over" to the Father. With the Sacraments of Penance and Anointing of the Sick, Viaticum constitutes the sacraments for the end of the Christian life, prepare us for our heavenly homeland and complete our earthly pilgrimage. Because a person must be conscious to make a good Confession and to receive Holy Communion, it is important that the family members call for the priest to come while the sick one is still conscious and not to leave it until "the last moment".

### If you are using a Sunday Missal:

- \* Proper of Mass, Page 884
- \* Preface II of Sunday in Ordinary Time, Page 608
- \* Eucharistic Prayer No. 1, Page 61
- \* Daily Missal uses Year One (weekday Mass)

MASS ROSTER	08Feb-Sat 6.00pm	09Feb-Sun 9am	15Feb-Sat 6pm	16Feb-Sun 9am
Projector	S Szumowski	P Girle	N Turner	R McGregor
Reader 1 (1st R. & Ps)	J Monie	B McGrath	N McCosker	MJ Guest
Reader 2 (2nd R.)	M Casey-Ransom	J Rainger	S O'Brien	G Taveira
Reader 3 (Intercessory Prayers)	M Gaukroger	MJ Guest	J Monie	M Robinson
Offertory	J Kelly & volunteer	M Robinson & volunteer	-	M Wales & volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	P Moroney	G Johnson	A Michael	MJ Guest
Counters		R & G Johnson		L MacDonald & P Girle