

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.

Beatitudes Prayer

Lord, make me poor in spirit, so I can receive the kingdom of heaven.

Lord, when I mourn, help me find comfort.

Lord, make me meek, so that I may inherit the land.

Lord, help me to hunger and thirst for righteousness, so I may be satisfied.

Lord, make me merciful, so I may obtain Your mercy.

Lord, make me pure of heart, so I may see You.

Lord, help me to make peace, so I may be called Your child.

Lord, when I am persecuted for righteousness' sake, show me Your kingdom. Amen.

Prayer for a New Bishop

God our Father in Jesus, your Son, You have given to your Church the perfect model of priest, prophet and king.

You have saved us through His sacrifice, taught us through His Word, and govern us through His rule.

Enlighten and guide those who will be tasked with helping to choose the next bishop of our diocese.

May the man they choose be a man of deep and true prayer, a man of compassionate heart and a firm resolve in the faith, and a man of joy and peace, who desires above all to do Your will.

We entrust our prayers to our Patroness, Mary, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, and ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.



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

The Beatitudes cannot be taken alone: they are not ideals; they are hard facts and realities inseparable from the Cross of Calvary. What He taught was self-crucifixion: to love those who hate us; to pluck out eyes and cut off arms in order to prevent sinning; to be clean on the inside when the passions clamour for satisfaction on the outside; to forgive those who would put us to death; to overcome evil with good; to bless those who curse us; to stop mouthing freedom until we have justice, truth and love of God in our hearts as the condition of freedom; to live in the world and still keep oneself unpolluted from it; to deny ourselves sometimes legitimate pleasures in order the better to crucify our egotism—all this is to sentence the old man in us to death.

Those who heard Him preach the Beatitudes were invited to stretch themselves out on a cross, to find happiness on a higher level by death to a lower order, to despise all the world holds sacred, and to venerate as sacred all the world regards as an ideal. Heaven is happiness; but it is too much for man to have two heavens, an *ersatz* one below, and a real one above. Hence the four 'woes' He immediately added to the Beatitudes.

Woe upon you who are rich, you have your comfort already. Woe upon you who are filled full; you shall be hungry. Woe upon you who laugh now; you shall mourn and weep. Woe upon you when all men speak well of you; their fathers treated the false prophets no worse.

Crucifixion cannot be far away when a Teacher says 'woe' to the rich, the satiated, the gay and the popular. Truth is not in the Sermon on the Mount alone; it is in the One Who lived out the Sermon on the Mount on Golgotha. The four woes would have been ethical condemnations, if He had not died full of the opposite of the four woes: poor, abandoned, sorrowful, and despised. On the Mount of the Beatitudes, He bade men hurl themselves on the cross of self-denial; on the Mount of Calvary, He embraced that very cross. Though the shadow of the Cross would not fall across the place of the skull until three years later, it was already in His Heart the day He preached on 'How to be Happy.'

(Life of Christ)



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

16 FEBRUARY 2025

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 - "PILGRIMS OF HOPE"



"If we endure all things patiently and with gladness, thinking on the sufferings of our Blessed Lord, and bearing all for the love of Him: herein is Perfect Joy." - St Francis of Assisi

Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For You are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of Your name.

First Reading Jeremiah 17:5-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The Lord says this: 'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

♦ **The word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm Ps 1:1-4

R: Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

1. Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders His law day and night. **R.**

2. He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. **R.**

3. Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **R.**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

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

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead?

For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

♦ **The word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation Luke 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Luke 6:17, 20-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of His disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear Him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing His eyes on His disciples He said: 'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

♦ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

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:

Parackal Antony (Fr. Deleep's father), 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.

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 17th

Feast Day of the Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

No Mass - Church open from 8am to 1pm

TUESDAY 18th

Weekday of 6th week in Ordinary Time

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

Holy Hour - 4.30pm to 5.30pm

WEDNESDAY 19th

Weekday of 6th week in Ordinary Time

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

Home Rosary - 4.30pm, 11 Diamond St, Tingha

THURSDAY 20th

Feast Day of Sts Francisco & Jacinta Marto

Rosary - 11.30am

Holy Mass - 12 Noon

Adoration - 12.30pm to 1.30pm

FRIDAY 21st

Feast Day of St Peter Damian, bishop, doctor

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass (Yr 5 HTS) - 9.30am

Funeral Mass for Paul Saint - 11:30am

Holy Hour - 4.30pm to 5.30pm

SATURDAY 22nd

Feast Day of the Chair of St Peter, apostle

Holy Mass of Sunday - 3.30pm at Tingha

Rosary - 5.30pm

Holy Mass of Sunday - 6.00pm

SUNDAY 23rd

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

Morning Tea for Sr Coral Hedley - 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

PARISH NOTICES & EVENTS

ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER FOR FEBRUARY

Melissa Newham & Hugueth Rossel

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Liturgy Committee - Sat 15 Feb 2025, 9.00am

Morning Tea for Sr Coral - Sun 23 Feb 2025, after Mass

Sunday Morning Tea - Sun 9 March 2025, after Mass

Pastoral Council - Wed 12 March 2025, 5.00pm

Finance Committee - Wed 2 April 2025, 5.00pm

Missionary Religious Order Special Collection: Thank you to all those who donated to the special collection last weekend. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Community announcement: Danthonia is hosting a group for Gather 25, with live streaming, from 12:00 pm March 1st (Dinner available) to 1:00 pm March 2nd (Breakfast available). Please RSVP if you plan to join in for meals or any other hours: events@danthonia.com.au

Address: 4188 Gwydir Hwy, Elsmore NSW 2360

For more info, visit: <https://www.gather25.com/>

Sr Coral Hedley Special Collection:

This Sunday you are invited to contribute to a Special Collection for Sr Coral to acknowledge her years of service to and presence in our Parish. Please use the envelopes provided. Our gift will be presented to her next Sunday.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 - PILGRIMS OF HOPE

The Vatican Apostolic Penitentiary that deals with granting indulgences has decreed that during this Jubilee Year 2025, *"[T]he faithful who have carried out an act of charity on behalf of the souls in Purgatory, if they receive Holy Communion at Holy Mass a second time that day, can obtain the plenary indulgence twice on the same day, applicable only to the deceased."*

This is a powerful spiritual opportunity that every Catholic should pursue and seek for themselves and for their beloved dead. A plenary indulgence can be gained for oneself and then, by visiting someone who is sick or housebound, in hospital or aged care, gain a *second* plenary indulgence for a loved one who has died.

This double indulgence is something unprecedented in other Jubilee Years. The Church is being particularly generous with her spiritual treasury during this Jubilee Year so that God's lavish Divine Mercy may be experienced.

The requirements for a plenary indulgence during the Jubilee Year are as follows:

MASS ROSTER	15Feb-Sat 6.00pm	16Feb-Sun 9am	22Feb-Sat 6pm	23Feb-Sun 9am
Projector	N Turner	R McGregor	M Gaukroger	MJ Guest
Reader 1 (1st R. & Ps)	N McCosker	MJ Guest	J Kelly	J Monie
Reader 2 (2nd R.)	S O'Brien	G Taveira	J Harris	D McMahon
Reader 3 (Intercessory Prayers)	J Monie	M Robinson	N McCosker	G Taveira
Offertory	-	M Wales & volunteer	-	S Kenny & volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	A Michael	MJ Guest	R Moffitt	J Rainger
Counters		L MacDonald & P Girle		B Baldwin & J Frater

"All the faithful, who are truly repentant and free from any affection for sin, who are moved by a spirit of charity and who, during the Holy Year, purified through the Sacrament of Penance and refreshed by Holy Communion, pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff [usually an Our Father and Hail Mary (and Glory Be)], will be able to obtain from the treasury of the Church a plenary indulgence, with remission and forgiveness of all their sins. The indulgence can be applied in suffrage to the souls in Purgatory".

The specific Jubilee requirements include many options, beginning with making a pilgrimage to Rome and its four major basilicas or other specifically designated churches there.

Pilgrims do not have to travel abroad though. They can obtain the indulgence in many ways and places near them. Performing works of mercy and penance are also acceptable routes.

The Jubilee Vatican decree lists the corporal and spiritual works of mercy and presents many ways to put them into practice, such as visiting "for an appropriate amount of time, their brothers and sisters who are in need or in difficulty (the sick, prisoners, lonely elderly people, disabled people...), in a sense making a pilgrimage to Christ present in them. The faithful can repeat these visits throughout the Holy Year, even daily, acquiring a plenary indulgence each time.

The indulgence can also be obtained "through abstaining, in a spirit of penance, at least for one day of the week from futile distractions (real but also virtual distractions, for example, the use of the media and/or social networks), from superfluous consumption (for example by fasting or practicing abstinence), as well as by donating a proportionate sum of money to the poor; by supporting works of a religious or social nature, especially in support of the defence and protection of life in all its phases, but also by supporting the quality of life of abandoned children, young people in difficulty, the needy or lonely elderly people, or migrants" or giving "a reasonable portion of one's free time to voluntary activities that are of service to the community."

If you are using a Sunday Missal:

- * Proper of Mass, Page 888
- * Preface I of Sunday in Ordinary Time, Page 40
- * Eucharistic Prayer No. 1, Page 61
- * Daily Missal uses Year One (weekday Mass)