

angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, “Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening.”

“The father said, “My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.””

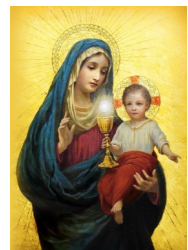
◆ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Communion Antiphon:** You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

**Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible**

**Prayer of St. Alphonsus Liguori to St Joseph, for a Happy Death**

St. Joseph, by that assistance which Jesus and Mary gave you at death, I beg you to protect me in a special way at the hour of my death, so that dying assisted by you, in the company of Jesus and Mary, I may go to thank you in Heaven, and in your company sing God’s praises for all eternity. Amen.



**First Friday and Saturday Prayer of Reparation for Offenses Made Against the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

O Merciful Jesus, my King and my God, I worship You. O Blessed Mother, Mary Immaculate, I cherish you. For those who offer you insult, I offer you praise. For those who offer you mocking, I offer you honour. For those who offer you disbelief, I offer you trust. For those who offer you hate, I offer you love. For those who offer you cursing, I offer you blessing. For those who offer you ridicule, I offer you loving gazes. For those who offer you blasphemy, I offer you adoration. For those who offer you rebellion, I offer you obedience. For those who offer you indifference, I offer you devotion. For those who offer you obstinate pride, I offer you a contrite heart. For those who offer you scorn, I offer you fidelity. Soften the hearts of those who offend you, that they may come to know you and love you as you deserve. Make my heart more fervent so I may pray without ceasing for the conversion and salvation of souls. Amen.

**Indulgences**

A reminder of the Plenary Indulgences available for the Jubilee Year 2025, particularly those obtained by praying with Pope Francis using the Click and Pray App.

As well as the Jubilee indulgences, it is worthwhile to be reminded that a plenary indulgence, with the usual conditions, can be obtained at any time when:

- ◆ devoutly making the Stations of the Cross
- ◆ saying of the Holy Rosary in a church or oratory or when recited in a family or religious community or a pious association
- ◆ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for at least half an hour.
- ◆ the Reading of Sacred Scripture for at least half an hour.

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

A person is merciful when he feels the sorrow and misery of another as if it were his own. Disliking misery and unhappiness, the merciful man seeks to dispel the misery of his neighbour just as much as he would if the misery were his own. That is why, whenever mercy is confronted not only with pain, but with sin and wrongdoing, it becomes forgiveness, which not merely pardons, but even rebuilds into justice, repentance, and love.

Mercy is one of the dominant notes in the preaching of Our Lord. His parables were parables of mercy. Take, for example, the hundred sheep, the ten pieces of money, and the two sons. Of the hundred sheep, one was lost; of the ten pieces of money, one was lost; of the two sons, one led a life of dissipation.

It is interesting to note that the lost sheep is the one that was sought, and the shepherd, finding it, places it upon his shoulders and brings it into the house rejoicing. But there is no record in the Gospels of any such attention being paid to the ninety-nine sheep who were not lost.

When the woman lost a piece of money and found it, she called in her neighbours to rejoice. But there is no record that she ever called in her neighbours to rejoice in the possession of the other nine, which were never lost.

One son went into a foreign country and wasted his substance living riotously. And when he came back, he was given the fatted calf. But the brother who stayed at home was not so rewarded. All these illustrations Our Lord followed with the simple truth: ‘There shall be more joy in heaven upon one sinner that doth penance than upon ninety-nine just who need not penance.’

Some were scandalised at Him because He ‘dined with publicans and sinners,’ but He never ceased to remind us that we should be merciful because the heavenly Father was merciful.

Mercy is a compassion, which seeks to unburden the sorrows of others as if they were our own. But if we have no such compassion, then how can compassion ever come back to us?

Unless there is an action, there can never be a reaction; unless we give, it shall not be given to us; unless we pardon evil, our evil shall not be forgiven; unless we are merciful to others, God cannot be merciful to us.

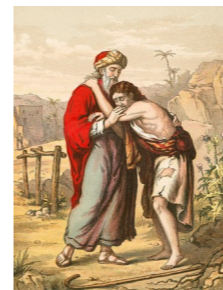
If our heart is filled with the sand of our ego, how can God fill it with the fire of His Sacred Heart? If there is no ‘for sale’ sign on the selfishness of our souls, how can God take possession of them?

(The Cries of Jesus From the Cross)



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT / LAETARE SUNDAY - YEAR C**  
**30 MARCH 2025**

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



“When you think about death, do not be afraid, in spite of your sins. God already knows that you love Him ... If you seek Him, He will welcome you as the father welcomed the prodigal son; but you have to seek Him!”  
- St Josemaria Escriva

**Entrance Antiphon:** Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

**First Reading** Joshua 5:9-12

**A reading from book of Joshua**

The Lord said to Joshua, ‘Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.’ The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

◆ **The word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 33:2-7

**R: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**
2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise His name. I sought the Lord and He answered me; from all my terrors He set me free. **R.**
3. Look towards Him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

**Second Reading** 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

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

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God’s work. It was God who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on His reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to Himself, not holding men’s faults against them, and He has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ’s name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in Him we might become the goodness of God.

◆ **The word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation** Luke 15:18

**Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!** I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. **Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**Gospel** Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what He had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. ‘This man’ they said ‘welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ So He spoke this parable to them:

‘A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, “Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me.” So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

‘When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, “How many of my father’s paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.” So he left the place and went back to his father.

‘While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.” But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.” And they began to celebrate.

‘Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. “Your brother has come,” replied the servant, “and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.” He was





# Sacred Heart Parish

(Canonically Erected 1868)

Roman Catholic Diocese of Armidale

Fourth Sunday of Lent / Laetare Sunday - Year C  
March 30, 2025



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Monday 31 March & Friday 4 April - 8am to 1pm  
Tuesday 1 April - 8am to 12pm  
**Administrator:** Fr Paul Chandler  
**PPC Chair:** Mr Matthew Rennie  
**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:

Straton Kennedy, Danel Djan Soares, Anthony About, Peter Tome.

### the sick:

Pope Francis, Stephen Tubb, 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.

## MARCH - THE MONTH OF SAINT JOSEPH

### MONDAY 31st

Monday of the 4th week of Lent

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

## APRIL - THE MONTH OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

### TUESDAY 1st

Tuesday of the 4th week of Lent

**Rosary - 8.30am**

**Holy Mass - 9.00am**

**Confessions at HTS - 10.10am**

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

### WEDNESDAY 2nd

Commemoration of St Francis of Paola, hermit

**Holy Mass - 6.30am**

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

### THURSDAY 3rd

Thursday of the 4th week of Lent

**Rosary - 11.30am**

**Holy Mass - 12 Noon**

**Adoration - 12.30pm to 1.30pm**

### FRIDAY 4th

**First Friday, Commemoration of St Isidore of Seville, bishop, doctor**

**Yr 2D Liturgy - 9.15am at HTS**

**Rosary - 11.30am**

**Holy Mass - 12 Noon**

**Adoration - 12.30pm**

**Benediction - 1.20pm**

**Stations of the Cross - 5.30pm**

### SATURDAY 5th

**First Saturday, Commemoration of St Vincent Ferrer, priest**

**Confession - 8.00am**

**Rosary - 8.30am**

**Holy Mass - 9.00am**

**Rosary - 5.30pm**

**Holy Mass of Sunday - 6.00pm**

### SUNDAY 6th

**5th Sunday of Lent**

**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

## PARISH NOTICES & EVENTS

### ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER FOR APRIL

Margaret Robinson & volunteer

### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Holy Trinity School Easter Fair - Fri 4 April, 5-8pm

Liturgy Committee - Sat 5 April 2025, 10.00am

Pastoral Council - Wed 9 April 2025, 5.00pm

Finance Committee - Thurs 10 April 2025, 5.00pm

Sunday Morning Tea - Sun 13 April 2025, after Mass

### Six-Weekend Ministry Roster

This is displayed on the table at the main entrance to the Church.

### Palm Sunday and the Sacred Paschal Triduum - Volunteer Ministry Roster

Beginning on Palm Sunday and throughout the Triduum, there is the need for more readers, as well as the usual roles that are needed at Sunday Mass. There are volunteer sign-up forms available at the entrances to the church. Please consider if you can serve our Parish by accepting one of the ministry roles needed, and add your name and contact details to the list. Thank you.

### Chrism Mass - St Mary and St Joseph Cathedral, Armidale, 15th April at 11am

The blessing of the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens and the consecration of the Chrism takes place each year within Holy Week. It is a significant event in the life of a diocese because the bishop and the priests concelebrate the Mass and the priests renew the promises made solemnly on the day of Ordination.

Since we await the episcopal consecration and installation of our Bishop-elect, Fr Peter Murphy, Bishop Geoffrey Jarrett, Emeritus of Lismore, will be the principal celebrant and bless and consecrate the oils.

All Sacred Heart parishioners are invited to attend.

### Liturgy Schedule for the Sacred Paschal Triduum

#### Holy (Maundy) Thursday, April 17th

Confession 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 6pm

#### Good Friday, April 18th

Stations of the Cross 10am

Confession 11am-12noon

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 3pm

Confession 4pm - 5pm

#### Holy Saturday, April 19th

Confession 11am - 12noon

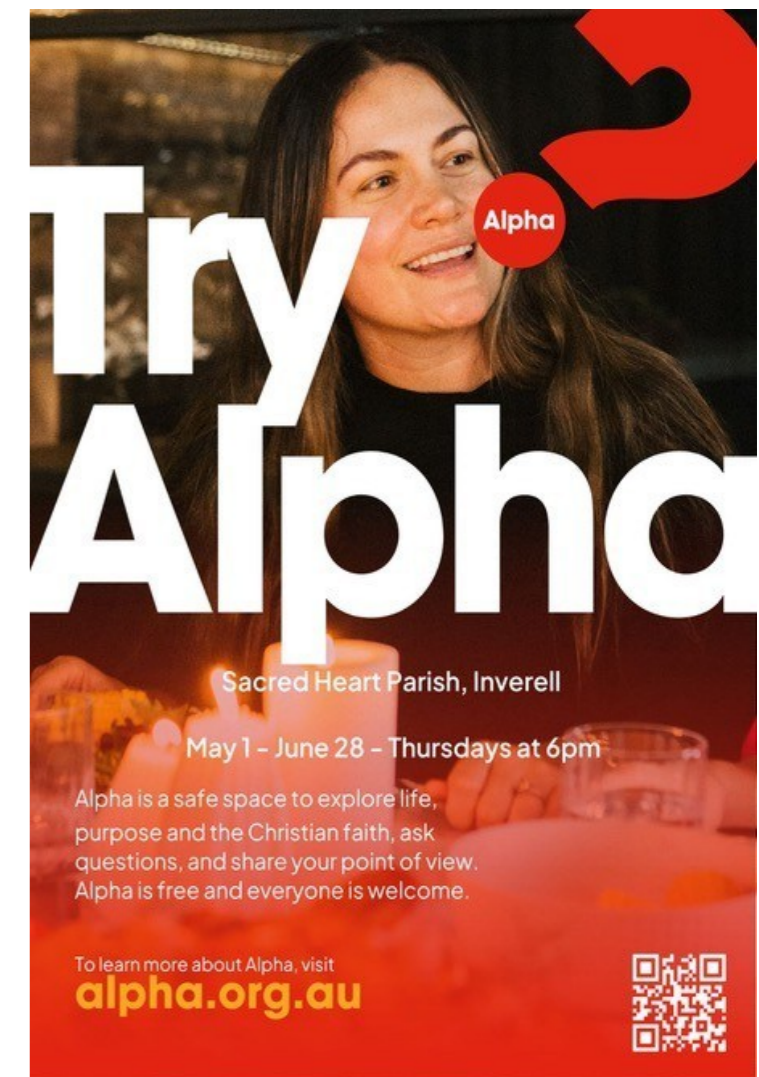
The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night 6pm

#### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Day Mass 9am

### Laetare Sunday

The fourth Sunday of Lent marks the halfway point of our preparation for Easter and is celebrated with rose vestments instead of the usual violet. Laetare means "to rejoice" in Latin, and the lighter vestments signify a brief celebration in expectation of Easter, even in the midst of Lent.



### How can you be involved in the Alpha program?

- ◆ Come along, even if you can't attend every week.
- ◆ Invite people to come (invitation cards will be available from this Sunday)
- ◆ Pray for the success of Alpha and all those who need to come do come.
- ◆ Support by preparing and/or serving food at the dinner beforehand.
- ◆ If you did Alpha last year, consider being a host.

### If you are using a Sunday Missal:

- \* Proper of Mass, Page 811
- \* Preface I of Lent, Page 30
- \* Eucharistic Prayer No. 1, Page 61
- \* Daily Missal uses Year One (weekday Mass)