

Sacred Heart Parish (Canonically Erected 1868) Roman Catholic Diocese of Armidale

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JUBILEE YEAR 2025 - "PILGRIMS OF HOPE"

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"Christ's kingdom is not just a figure of speech. Christ is alive, He lives as a man, with the same body He took

when He became man, when He rose after His death, the glorified body which subsists in the person of the Word together with His human heart. Christ, true God and true man, lives and reigns. He is the Lord of the universe. Everything that lives is kept in existence only through Him." - St Josemaria Escrivá

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 2 Samuel 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look,' they said, 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of My people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel." So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 121:1-5

R: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

- 1. I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**
- 2. Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. **R.**
- 3. For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. **R.**

Second Reading Colossians 1:12-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians
We give thanks to the Father Who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what He has done: He has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that He loves, and in Him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in Him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignties, Powers - all things were created through Him and for Him. Before anything was created, He existed, and He holds all things in unity. Now the Church is His body, He is its head.

As He is the Beginning, He was first to be born from the dead, so that He should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in Him and all things to be reconciled through Him and for Him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when He made peace by His death on the cross.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Mark 11:9, 10

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 Luke 23:35-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at Him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let Him save Himself if He is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked Him too, and when they approached to offer Him vinegar they said, 'If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself.' Above Him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused Him. 'Are You not the Christ?' he said. 'Save Yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as He did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when You come into Your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' He replied, 'today you will be with Me in paradise.'

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon, 24 November & Fri, 28 November - 8am to 1pm Wed, 26 November - 8am to 12pm

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.

If you wish to join the planned giving program, please contact the parish office.

PARISH FINANCES

Thank you to all who contribute each week to the collections, either electronically or in person.

Here is month-to-date comparison of <u>Parish</u> total costs against the income from the <u>Second Collection</u>.

Income v. Expenses Was a deficit of \$2468.34

This deficit could be covered by an increase of \$12 per capita per week.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

We pray for: Repose of the souls of all those whose death anniversary occurs at this time; Repose of all souls in Purgatory.

the Recently Deceased: Guiseppina Fenu

the sick: Margaret Wales, Jennifer Wheeler, Coralie Stewart, Francis McPhee, Christina O'Brien, Chris Perceval, Sue O'Brien, Julie Daley, Pat Gurr, Christopher Pay, Lara Bentley, Elizabeth Albany, Rebecca Lane, Brian Barker, and all the sick members of our parish.

Please contact the Parish Office to add or remove names to/from the Sick List.

Visits to the Homebound and the Sick: Please contact Fr Paul at email frpchandler@armidale.catholic.org.au on call 02 6722 1103.

PARISH NOTICES & EVENTS

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Sunday Sausage Sizzle: Sun 23 Nov 2025, after Mass **Sunday Morning Tea:** Sun 14 Dec 2025, after Mass

Pastoral Council: Wed Dec 10, 5.00pm Liturgy Committee: Sat 17 Jan 2025, 9.00am Finance Committee: Wed TBA 2025, 5.00pm

Altar Society Roster For November: Victoria Talampas

& Neroli O'Brien

Reflection: This Sunday's reflection may be read on the parish website or on the parish Facebook page on Sunday morning.

Weekday Liturgy Schedule (including Confession times):

This can be found at the noticeboards in the church, on the parish website, and is also emailed out with the parish bulletin.

November - Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory: Mass offering envelopes are available at the Church entrances.

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

To mark the Solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe, the 9am Mass will end with Exposition and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

During the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the **Act of Dedication to Christ the King** will be prayed.

When this Act of Dedication is recited publicly on this day, a *plenary indulgence* is granted to the faithful under the usual conditions of a sacramental confession, reception of Holy Communion, detachment from sin and prayer for the Pope's intentions.

IMMACULATA MISSION SCHOOL 2026

What is it? A wonderful opportunity to grow in faith through daily Mass, Adoration and times of prayer, fantastic Catholic speakers (including international speakers Steve and Katey Norman from Renewal Ministries), share groups, fun activities, friendship and lots more.

What is the theme? "Our Father"

When is it? 1-7 Jan for youth and young adults (14 years and up); 1-5 Jan for married couples and families (includes children's ministry)

Where is it? Armidale, NSW

For costs, more information and to register visit www.immaculata.org.au/ims

Registrations close 23rd Dec, early-bird prices finish 30th November.

OUR LADY AND THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

November 27th 1830 is when Our Lady appeared to St Catherine Laboure and gave to her the images that were to be pressed to make the Miraculous Medal.

Our Lady promised that "all those who wear it, around the neck, will receive great graces. Graces will abound for all those who wear it with confidence".

Miraculous Medals (that have been blessed) will be available at the main door and near the rosary beads, from Nov 27th to Dec 30th, or until all are taken.

If you are using a Sunday Missal:

- * Proper of Mass, Pg 1007
- * Preface of Christ, King of the Universe, Pg 48
- * Eucharistic Prayer No. 1, Pg 61
- * Daily Missal uses Year One (weekday Mass)