



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

81 Vivian St. Inverell, NSW 2360 (P. O. Box 107)

Email: [inverellparish@armidale.catholic.org.au](mailto:inverellparish@armidale.catholic.org.au)

Website: [www.sacredheartinverell.org.au](http://www.sacredheartinverell.org.au)

Facebook: Sacred Heart Catholic Church Inverell

Phone: 02 6722 1103

Administrator: Fr Juvi Coronel

Parish Secretary: Mr Peter Turner

PPC Chair: Mr Matthew Rennie

Holy Trinity School Ph 6722 4066

Principal: Mrs Jillian Rainger

### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YEAR A - 11 JANUARY 2026

“See, Fire and Spirit in the womb that bore you! See, Fire and Spirit in the river where you were baptised! Fire and Spirit in our Baptism; in the Bread and the Cup, Fire and Holy Spirit! Christ, the Light of the World, dwelt first in the womb of the Virgin - who was thus ‘baptised’ by her Son - and then in the womb of the Jordan; he emerged from both as the Incarnate Word, the Saviour of mankind. Those who are baptised thus become the children of Mary and partakers of the body, blood, soul, and divinity of her Son.” - St Ephrem

**Entrance Antiphon:** After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon Him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased.

**First Reading** Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

Thus says the Lord:

Here is My servant Whom I uphold, My chosen One in Whom My soul delights. I have endowed Him with My spirit that He may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make His voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully He brings true justice; He will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting His law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 28:1-4, 9-10

**R: The Lord will bless His people with peace.**

1. O give the Lord you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of His name. Adore the Lord in His holy court. **R.**

2. The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. **R.**

3. The God of glory thunders. In His temple they all cry: ‘Glory!’ The Lord sat enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits as king for ever. **R.**

**Second Reading** Acts 10:34-38

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: ‘The truth I

have now come to realise,’ he said, ‘is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to Him.

‘It is true, God sent His word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how He began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with Him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.’

**The word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation** cf. Mark 9:8

**Alleluia, alleluia!** The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is My beloved Son, hear Him.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** Matthew 3:13-17

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade Him. ‘It is I who need baptism from You,’ he said, ‘and yet You come to me!’ But Jesus replied, ‘Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.’ At this, John gave in to Him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised He came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on Him. A voice spoke from heaven, ‘This is My Son, the Beloved; My favour rests on Him.’

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold the One of Whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

**Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible**



### PARISH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Mon, 12 January & Fri, 16 January - 8am to 1pm

Tues, 13 January - 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.

### 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:** Justin O'Brien, Sue O'Brien.

**the sick:** Jennifer Wheeler, Francis McPhee, Christina O'Brien, Chris Perceval, Julie Daley, Christopher Pay, Lara Bentley, Elizabeth Albany, Fr David Crabb, 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 Juvi at email [fr.j.coronel@armidale.catholic.org.au](mailto:fr.j.coronel@armidale.catholic.org.au) or call 02 6722 1103.

### PARISH NOTICES & EVENTS

#### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

**Welcome Morning Tea for Fr Juvi:** Sun 11 Jan 2026, 10am

**Liturgy Committee:** Sat 17 Jan 2025, 9.00am

**Pastoral Council:** Wed TBA, 5.00pm

**Finance Committee:** Wed TBA 2025, 4.00pm

**Altar Society Roster For January:** Ann Tubb & Rhonda McGregor

**Reflection:** This Sunday's reflection may be read on the parish website (Resources>Parish News) or on the parish Facebook page on Sunday morning.

#### **Weekday Liturgy Schedule (including Confession times):**

This can be found at the noticeboard in the church, on the parish website, and is also emailed out with the parish bulletin. **If you would like to be added to the email list, please send an email to the parish office with your request.**

#### **Welcome to Fr Juvi Coronel**

We welcome Fr Juvi as Administrator of our parish. There is a Morning Tea after the 9am Mass this Sunday so parishioners may meet Fr Juvi and welcome him to the parish. All are welcome to attend.

**Important Notice:** Please note that Fr Juvi is allergic to pineapple. When preparing dishes for morning tea please do not include it.

#### **Holy Communion**

If a parishioner is unable to come up for communion due to mobility impairment and is missed by Fr Juvi or the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please raise your hand. Fr Juvi will look before reposing the Blessed Sacrament to check if anyone has been missed.

#### **Major Moveable Feasts in 2026**

11 January - Baptism of the Lord

18 February - Ash Wednesday

29 March - Palm Sunday

5 April - Easter Sunday

17 May - Ascension Sunday

24 May - Pentecost Sunday

31 May - Trinity Sunday

7 June - Corpus Christi

12 June - Sacred Heart of Jesus

22 November- Christ the King

#### **Significant Feast Days**

Fr Juvi invites parishioners to inform him of the feast day of any saint that holds significant importance to their particular culture/nationality (i.e. 18 January Feast of Santo Nino/Child Jesus) so he may celebrate the Mass for that particular saint.

#### **Anointing of the Sick**

Anointing of the Sick will be given during the First Friday Mass.

#### **Monthly Blessing for Birthday & Wedding Anniversaries**

On the First Sunday of each month, Fr Juvi will include a blessing for those celebrating their birthday or a wedding anniversary during that month.

#### **Australia Day Mass**

This year on Monday 26 January the Australia Day Mass will be celebrated at 9.00am.

#### **Monday 2 Feb: Candlemas/The Presentation of the Lord**

There will be no Mass on this feast day due to the Diaconal Ordination in Armidale. The blessing of candles will therefore occur during the Sunday Masses of 21 Jan and 1 Feb. Parishioners may bring their own candles to have them blessed.

#### **Sunday Missal (Red Missal) for Sunday Mass:**

\* Proper of Mass, Pg 181

\* Preface of the Baptism of the Lord, Pg 44

\* Eucharistic Prayer No. 1, Pg 61

#### **Weekday Missal (Blue Missal) for Weekday Masses: Year**

**2 Ordinary Time** (Mon) Pg 438/950; (Tues) Pg 438/952 or Pg 1538; (Wed) Pg 438/954; (Thurs) Pg 438/957; (Fri) Pg 438/959; (Sat) Pg 438/962 or Pg 1541