



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

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GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY / 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A - 26 APRIL 2026



“It is fitting that Christ should be a shepherd, for just as a flock is guided and fed by a shepherd so the faithful are fed by Christ with spiritual food and with His Own body and blood.”

- St Thomas Aquinas

Entrance Antiphon:

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 2:14, 36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: ‘The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus Whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.’

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, ‘What must we do, brothers?’ ‘You must repent,’ Peter answered, ‘and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to Himself.’ He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, ‘Save yourselves from this perverse generation.’ They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22:1-6

R: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where He gives me repose. Near restful waters He leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

2. He guides me along the right path; He is true to His name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these You give me comfort.

3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head You have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

Second Reading 1 Peter 2:20-25

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way He took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in His mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when He was tortured He made no threats but He put His trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in His own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through His wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know My sheep, and Mine know Me. **Alleluia!**

Gospel John 10:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said: ‘I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.’

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what He meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: ‘I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through Me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon: The Good Shepherd has risen, Who laid down His life for His sheep and willingly died for His flock, alleluia.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Mon, 27 April - Closed. Friday, 1 May - 8am to 1pm

Tues, 28 April - 8am to 12pm

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: Robert McCabe (brother of Fr Paul)

the sick: Shayne O'Brien, Bernice Murray, Jennifer Wheeler, 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/remove names to/from the Sick List and if you know a sick parishioner who would appreciate a visit from the priest.**

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Mon 27th: No Mass — Church open 8am to 1pm

Tues 28th: 8.30am Rosary, 9am Holy Mass

Wed 29th: 6.30am Holy Mass

Thurs 30th: 11.30am Rosary, 12 Noon Holy Mass, 12.30pm Ladies Lunch

May

Fri 1st: 9.30am Yr1W Liturgy, 11.30am Rosary, 12 Noon Holy Mass, 12.30pm Holy Hour, 12.45pm - 1.15pm Confession, 1.20pm Benediction

Sat 2nd: 8am Confession, 8.30am Rosary, 9am Holy Mass 4.45pm - 5.15pm Confession, 5.00pm Rosary, 5.30pm Holy Mass - Inverell

Sun 3rd: 8am Confession, 8.30am Rosary, 9am Holy Mass

Detailed Weekday Liturgy Schedule: This can be found on the noticeboards in the church and on the parish website.

PARISH NOTICES & EVENTS

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Ladies Lunch: Thurs 30 April 2026, 12.30pm. Location Country Kitchen Courtyard Café, 120 Otho Street (opposite Post Office)

Sunday Morning Tea: Sun 10 May 2026, after Mass

Men's Breakfast: Wed 13 May 2026, 8.00am The Haven Café, 140 Byron Street (across the alley from the Telstra shop)

Liturgy Committee: Sat 16 May 2026, 9.00am

Altar Society Roster For April: Margaret Robinson & volunteer

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

Bottles of Holy Water

Bottles of Holy Water are available at the side of the Altar. A gold coin donation is requested to help cover the cost of the Paschal Candle and other Easter expenses. You may fill any holy water bottle you own from the holy water vessel.

Winter Mass Times

A reminder that commencing next weekend the vigil Mass on Saturday evening will begin at 5.30pm. During the winter months, all out-station parish Masses will be at 3pm.



May - The Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The month of May is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a tradition that dates back at least 700 years. A time of springtime and renewal in the Northern Hemisphere where the tradition began, May is a suitable time in which to honour the Blessed Virgin who brought life into the world by giving birth to her Son, Jesus, Who brought about a new spring.

Prayer: Hail Mary, White Lily of the Glorious and always serene Trinity. Hail brilliant Rose of the garden of heavenly delights: O you, by whom God wanted to be born and by whose milk the King of Heaven wanted to be nourished! Nourish our souls with effusions of divine grace. Amen.

St Joseph the Worker - 1 May

We join with our Yetman parishioners as they celebrate the feast day of their church patron, St Joseph the Worker, this Friday, 1 May.

Men's Breakfast Correction

I do apologise for the error and incorrect date in last week's bulletin it was advertised that the men's breakfast will be 8 April at 8:30am. The correct date and time is 13th May at 8am. Should you wish to attend please contact David McMahon on: 0427 089 560 to confirm your attendance for booking purposes.

Invitation to State School Students for Confirmation

Any parents/guardians of Confirmation age students (Year 6) in the State Schools who wish to have their child receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sat 13 June are invited to contact the parish office to have their child added to the enrolment list. A formal enrolment date will be set at a later date. Meeting dates/times will be advertised soon.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CLERGY AND THE PARISH

1st Collection: Presbytery (for support of priest)

BSB No. 082105 Account No. 001023550

Ac. Name: Sacred Heart Presbytery Inverell Savings Ac.

2nd Collection: Church upkeep, maintenance, expenses

BSB No. 082105 Account No. 001013072

Ac. 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.

Sunday Missal (Red Missal) for Sunday Mass:

* Proper of Mass, Page 352

* Preface I-V of Easter Pg 36-38

* Eucharistic Prayer No. 1, Pg 61 or No. 3 Pg 72

Weekday Missal (Blue Missal) for Weekday Masses:

Fourth Week of Easter commences on Pg 347