



**Sacred Heart Parish Church**  
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**PARISH MASS TIMES**

**Sacred Heart Church Inverell**

**SATURDAY:** 6:00 pm (5:30 pm Months of May to August)  
**SUNDAY:** 9:00 am  
 Monday, Tuesday and 1st Saturday 9:30 am  
 Wednesday, Thursday and (1st Friday Anointing Mass) 12:00 noon  
 1st Friday Adoration and Benediction 12:30 pm

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**SATURDAY** 4:30 to 5:30 pm  
**SUNDAY** 8:00 to 8:30 am

McLean Retirement Village **FRIDAY** (except 1st Friday) 11:00 am

**TINGHA ASHFORD** St. Francis' Church Saturday 5:00 pm  
 St. Patrick's Church Sunday 10:30 am

**BUNDARRA YETMAN** St. Mary of the Angels' Church 2nd & 4th Sunday 8:00 am  
 St. Joseph the Worker's Church 5th Sunday 10:00 am

Nota bene: You may contact the Parish Priest on 0412771516



**PARISH SCHEDULE THIS WEEK**

**MONDAY:** Rosary 9:00 AM  
 Mass at the Church 9:30 AM  
 HOSPITAL VISITATION 3:00 PM

**TUESDAY:** Rosary 9:00 AM  
 Mass at the Church 9:30 AM

**WEDNESDAY:** Rosary & Angelus 11:30 AM  
 Mass 12:00 PM  
**HOME ROSARY: (TINGHA)**  
 Bernie & Colleen Graham  
 (11 Diamond street) 4:30 PM

**THURSDAY:** Rosary & Angelus 11:30 AM  
 Mass 12:00 PM

**FRIDAY** HTS Infant Liturgy @ Church 9:15AM  
**FIRST FRIDAY:** Rosary & Angelus 11:30AM  
 Mass, Anointing & Adoration 12:Noon

**Saturday** First Saturday, Rosary & Reconciliation 9:00am  
 Mass of Blessed Virgin Mary 9:30am

ROSTER/ DATE	Feb 23 – SAT 6.PM	Feb 24 – SUN 9am	March 2– SAT 6.PM	MARCH 3 – SUN 9am
<b>GREETERS</b>	ANTHONY & ROSIE MICHAEL	P.CONSTABLE, VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS	P.CONSTABLE, VOLUNTE.
<b>PROJECTOR</b>	S.SMITH	R.McGREGOR	N.TURNER	VOLUNTEER
<b>READERS</b>	S.O'BRIEN, D.McMAHON	J.RAINGER, R.McGRATH	F.RENNIE, D.DASEY	D.HANNIGAN, G.JOHNSON
<b>COMMENTATOR/</b>	P.ARMSTRONG	G.TAVEIRA	J.KELLY	J.SAINT
<b>GIFTS</b>	CASEY-RANSOM FAMILY	ALEXANDER, LUCYANNA	JIM AND KAY HARMON	GASCON FAMILY
<b>COMMUNION MINISTER</b>	TRISH & ROD TRAVES, J.MONIE VOLUNTEER.	R.GASCON, R.LONG J.FLEMING, M.WALES	S.HOLLIS, SR. CORAL, A.MICHAEL, VOLUNTEER	M.WALES, VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER, R.LONG
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
<b>MUSIC MINISTRY</b>	A.TUBB GP	RENNIE GP	C.McCOSKER GP	A.TUBB GP
<b>CANTOR</b>	A.TUBB			A.TUBB
<b>COLLECTION</b>	B.McGUIRE	N.COOK	A.TALAMPAS	B.DEMPSEY
<b>MORNING TEA</b>		TALAMPAS & LANGSANG GP		PASTORAL COUNCIL
<b>COUNTERS</b>		G.CHIE, M.SCHOFIELD, G.FLEMING, C.HOYT		N.TURNER, M.NEWBIGIN

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Esmeria Ignacio, Mary Porchedda, Denise Taveira, Margaret Kahlr, Elsie Marie Tan, Gregory Stephen, Joanne Essey, Bob Kneipp, Terry Kelleher, Margaret Goldman, Graham Tom, Peter Stieger, Fred Boight, Bob Sullivan, Rodney Parry, Mary Jordan, Agnes Hannigan, Len Fidler, Rebecca King, Tony Seitz, Veronica Ticehurst, Rose Kennedy, Brett Romer, Dolores (Tootie) Rolfe, Margaret Polock, David Sanders, Anthony Simpson, Irene Dasey, Gwen Zemit, Brian Barker, Mary Schembri, Anne Di Costanzo, Edwin Valencia, Wilfreda Gascon and all the sick members of our parish whose names are not listed here.

**We Pray for the Recently Deceased**

Patricia (Pat) Wyatt, Doug McCosker, Fr Russell Herdiman, Therese Lanfranchi, Yvonne Hawkins, Terry Manuel, Jeffrey Ray Lawlor, Fr Tom Shanahan, Dale Hayes, Patrick Ashe, Eternal life grant unto them Oh Lord .... May their souls and all the faithful departed rest in peace.

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

FOR THE RECOVERY OF OUR SICK parishioners.

For the happy repose of the SOULS of:  
 Fr Russell Herdiman, Fr Tom Shanahan,  
 \* Pat Colman: Thanksgiving.  
 \* The Parish memorial Benefactors  
 \* Holy Souls in Purgatory

**OUR VISION AND OUR MISSION:**  
 We as a PARISH, try to live out our  
**VISION:** To continually form a Christ-centred community based on the Gospel Values expressed through SERVICE in peace, justice and love.

**MISSION:** To know Christ more, His life and His teachings. To imbibe Christ's message of love and service. To try to share generously what graces and blessings we have and to be instruments of the Gospel message.

Special Collection & Appeal for MISSIONARY RELIGIOUS ORDERS is this weekend 24th February. The collection is to support Missionary Orders who have priests in ministry in the Diocese. Please give your generous support. Envelopes are now available.

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME/C**

**BE MERCIFUL,** THE LORD IS KIND AND MERCIFUL.  
 EVEN AS YOUR FATHER .....  
**IS MERCIFUL.** I GIVE YOU A NEW COMMANDMENT:  
 LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU.



**PRAYER FOR RAIN**

Heavenly Father, maker of all things and protector of all your people: look upon us in your love and give us the rain we need. Teach us to live for you and to share your gift with others. Ease our burdens, Father, and give us your strength. Hear us in our need for we come to you through Christ our Lord ... Amen



There will be a Combined Church Service to pray for rain this SUNDAY, 24th February at 4.00pm in the Inverell Town Hall. Parishioners are urged to join with fellow Citizens of Inverell to lift our hearts and minds to God and to ask him to send life giving rain to our parched land.

**FAREWELL AND TESTIMONIAL FOR FR. THADDEUS.**

We will have a farewell for Fr Thaddeus at the meeting room on Sunday, 10 March following 9am Mass. Please bring a plate. Envelopes available for his testimonial.



\*\*\* HAPPY WEDDING CELEBRATION \*\*\*  
 We happily welcome into the Church Mr & Mrs Alexander & Lucyanna Makunsai who had their wedding celebrated over the weekend. We pray for God's abundant blessings upon them and their families.

We appreciate the efforts of the people who attend the daily Rosary and Masses. They come together praying for everyone. You are welcome to join anytime.  
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**We sympathise with all those affected by the bushfires in the Tingha and surrounding area. We hold these people in our thoughts and prayers.**

We also acknowledge and appreciate the generosity of all those providing assistance and protection to them at this hard time. May God bless and strengthen them.



**SACRED HEART 150TH ANNIVERSARY VIDEOS AND OTHER EVENTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE.**

Each disc \$20, a set of 5 different discs \$50. Please contact Bernie Graham for details and collect some copies for yourself and your friends. Proceeds will go to charity.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
 You are welcome to join in the First Friday; MASS, ANOINTING & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ...  
 Friday March 1, 12Noon – 1:00PM



**PRAY THE ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE**

"O blessed among women, who surpassest the angels in purity, and the Saints in piety"  
 (St Anselm)

**LENTEN PRAYER GATHERING; STARTS THURSDAY 7/03/19. BOOKS NEED TO BE ORDERED NOW SO IF YOU WISH TO JOIN THE GROUP OR HAVE A BOOK ONLY PLEASE SIGN UP NOW. FURTHER INFO. PHONE SR. CORAL—67225977.**

**MARCH 6** is Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent. Please bring forward the blessed palm fronds of the previous years.

Keep it at any visible sports in the Church from now until March 4 .

**The World Day of Prayer 2019** will be hosted by St Augustine's Anglican Church, Rivers St. Inverell on Friday 1st March at 10.00am. You are welcome.

**Collections Last Weekend**

1st Collection : \$ 952.95  
 2nd Collection : \$ 866.00  
 Loose Collections : \$ 154.05  
 Direct Debit : \$ 250.00

Thank you for your continued Generosity ...

**Women's Breakfast Friday March 8 at 8:00am,** 2nd Friday of the month at the Bridge Coffee Lounge.

We would love to have other ladies of the parish to join us. Please phone Ann Barry on 67222858 or Marj Manuel on 67224772. Everyone welcome.

**Men's Breakfast: March 9th, Saturday 7:30 am** at the New Australian Café Corner Otho & Evans St. Contact Bernie Cook at 67224387 by Wednesday Night 6th February. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

The Sacred Heart Parish acknowledges the Kamilaroi people, the traditional owners and custodian of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them and for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully upon this land. And we pray that peace and harmony prevail. **GOD BLESS AUSTRALIA.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*Be merciful as your Father is merciful.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

 **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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# Reflections on the Gospel

## BEING GENEROUS AS GOD IS GENEROUS

Jesus puts before his disciples the the extraordinary command to 'love your enemies'. He goes on to give some illustrations of what this might mean in practice. All involve responding to injury or to unreasonable demand with nothing but generosity and the abandonment of all claim to recompense.

Taken by itself, such behaviour seems contrary to common sense. But Jesus is not laying down maxims to be followed literally. There is a measure of prophetic exaggeration in the examples he cites. All flow from a fundamental attitude in which one is prepared to be vulnerable to a degree deemed foolish by the standards of the world, because such vulnerability and generosity is what one both discerns in God and experiences from God.

Jesus tells the disciples, 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate'. The key term here is the little word 'as'. As children are 'like' their parents, so, by loving their enemies, by being compassionate and generous to a 'foolish' degree, they will be 'children of the Most High, who is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked'. Such a vulnerable way of life disarms violence and humanises the world.

It has a future effect as well. People who are generous in giving and forgiving open themselves up to even greater divine generosity in return. It is not that God waits to see if we are generous before pouring gifts upon us. But God can only give us what we have the capacity to receive. And the measure of that capacity is our own generosity towards others.

**Brendan Byrne, SJ**



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

24 FEBRUARY 2019

**FIRST READING** 1 Sam 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

*The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.*

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

 **The word of the Lord.**

**RESP PSALM** Ps 102: 1-4, 8, 10, 12-13. R. v. 8

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, / all my being, bless his holy name. / My soul, give thanks to the Lord / and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, / who heals every one of your ills, / who redeems



your life from the grave, / who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

3. The Lord is compassion and love, / slow to anger and rich in mercy. / He does not treat us according to our sins / nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

4. As far as the east is from the west / so far does he remove our sins. / As a father has compassion on his sons, / the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

1 Cor 15: 45-49

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

*Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.*

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

 **The word of the Lord.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Jn 13: 34

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia!**