



Sacred Heart Parish Church
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Mon & Fri 8am—1pm; Thurs 8am—12 noon

PARISH MASS TIMES

Sacred Heart Church Inverell

Saturday 6pm (5.30pm from May to August)
Sunday 9am

Monday, Tuesday and 1st Saturday 9.30am
Wed and Thurs 12noon
1st Friday Mass and Benediction 12.00pm
First Wednesday Anointing Mass 12noon
McLean Village Each Friday except 1st Friday 11.00

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4.30 to 5.30pm
Sunday 8.00am—8.30am

Tingha St. Francis' Church Saturday 4.30pm
Ashford St Patrick's Church Sunday 11.00am
Bundarra St Mary of the Angels 2nd & 4th Sunday 8.00am

Yetman St Joseph the Worker 5th Sunday 10am
Baptism (Saturday only) 11am; Marriages and Funerals by Appointment
For Emergencies please phone 0428126703 or 0410840359



PARISH SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

MONDAY:	Rosary Mass	9:00am 9:30am
TUESDAY	Rosary Mass	9:00am 9:30am
WEDNESDAY	Rosary Anointing Mass	11.30 12 noon
THURSDAY:	Rosary Mass	11.30 12 noon
FRIDAY	McLean Mass	11am
Team 2: Geoff Dodd, Brian Baldwin, Ross Tutt, Margaret Aiton, Colleen Cottell		

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*

Mass Intentions for the Week

Patricia McArdle, Barbara Wisemantle, Sr Leo (Josie) Clancy, Parents and family members of Pat Coleman, Joseph and Anthony Hanna

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK
Kerrie O'Keefe, Carmel Hooper, Sr Leo (Josie) Clancy, Alana Goldman, Lloyd Fleming, Rhonda Lee Watts (daughter of Phyllis Nichols) John Sanders, David Sanders, Rex Parry, Jeanette Rennie, John Lennon, Danny Dickins, Katrina Newbigin, Bob Kneipp. Brian Barker, Linda Redondo, Marie Ward, Margaret Wales, Dorothy Ball, Mary Porchedda, Denise Taveira, Joanne Essey, Graham Tom, Fred Boight, Bob Sullivan, Mary Jordan, Agnes Hannigan the sick members of our parish whose names are not listed here.

We Pray for the Recently Deceased & Anniversaries
Joseph Hanna, Anthony Hanna, Gregory Stephen, Terry Kelleher, Robert O'Brien, Patricia McArdle, Barbara Wisemantle, Margaret Spencer, Gladys Lanfranchi, Terry Manuel, Francis Aboud, Kevin Dickins, Barbara Tidswell, Peter Stieger, Maurie Moses, Peter & Michael Monie, George Johnstone, Frances Griffey, Warren Hooper, George Turner, Jim Sweeney, Allan Kennedy, Patricia Durkin, Sue de Ferranti, Chris Waters, Anne Migheli, Pat Clancy, Carol Moses (niece of Eileen Hanna) Joe Sanders, Peter Cloonan, Julie Higgins (daughter of Betty Leech)
Eternal life grant unto them Oh Lord May their souls and all the faithful departed rest in peace.

JAN 18/19 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / YEAR A

Meetings	Date & Time	Venue
Finance Committee	30/1/20 5.30pm	Meeting Room
Pastoral Council	10/2/20 5pm	Meeting Room

BUSHFIRE APPEAL: Across all parishes in Australia an appeal for bushfire victims will be made ON THE WEEKEND OF 25/26 January. This is an Australian Bishops' Conference Initiative in conjunction with Vinnies. All donated funds will be forwarded to Vinnies Bushfire Appeal.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S NARRABRI SCHOOL REUNION Organised for former pupils, staff & partners Saturday 14th March 2020 Narrabri RSL Club Maitland Street Narrabri. Reservation Contact: Sharon Goodhew Narrabri RSL Ph. 02-67921844 Registration 12 Noon Lunch 1.00pm Slide Show & reminiscences of school days at St Francis Xavier's

VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST THERESE AND HER PARENTS will take place from 12 noon on Feb 21 to 8am and Feb 22. A full program is in the glass case at the church door.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST— PARISH SECRETARY POSITION—14 HOURS PER WEEK.
Mrs Noela Turner will retire on May 29. We are inviting expressions of interest from anyone interested in filling this position. For information, please contact Fr James.

Prayer For Rain
Eternal God, in wisdom and love you created our earth to sustain us and give us life. We turn to you now in faith, hope and love, asking you to look with favour on our drought stricken land, on our starving animals, on our failing crops.
Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers and to all who are affected by drought; be with those who support them.
In your loving providence, send abundant rain and restore our parched earth.
Father of all compassion, hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son in whom the promise of new life has dawned, and through the power of the Holy Spirit the Lord and giver of life. Renew your faithful people; Renew the face of the earth.
Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Mary help of Christians—Pray for us.
St Mary of the Cross Mackillop—Pray for us.

The Parish Australia Day Committee have decided that this year's Peace Award will go to Jim Schliebs for his service to the Parish. An olive tree will be planted in the church grounds after the Mass on Australia Day to mark this

ROSTER ...	JAN 18-SAT 6PM	JAN 19—SUN 9AM	Jan 25—SAT—6PM	JAN 26 —SUN 9AM
GREETERS	VOLUNTEERS	A.O'BRIEN	ANTHONY & ROSIE MICHAEL	VOLUNTEERS
PROJECTOR	N.TURNER	MARY JANE GUEST	SR CORAL	P.GIRLE
READERS	N.McCOSKER, P.ARMSTRONG	S.HOLLIS. J.HARRIS	J.MONIE. J.KELLY	D.HANNIGAN. G.JOHNSON
COMMENTATOR/	PAT MATHER	M.ROBINSON	MARIE WARD	G.TAVEIRA
GIFTS	C.COTTELL. M.AITON	R.LONG. A.PUTZOLU	P.ARMSTRONG. P.CROFT	ALMOITE FAMILY
COMMUNION MINISTER	TRISH & ROD TRAVES. J.MONIE. VOLUNTEER	B.McGRATH. J.SAINT. R & T BENARES	A.MICHAEL. T.PEVY. VOLUNTEERS	R.GASCON. MARY JANE GUEST. C.BRUSE. J.GREEN
ALTAR SERVERS	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEER
MUSIC MINISTRY	A.TUBB GP	PHILLIPINO GP	A.TUBB GP	C.McCOSKER GP
CANTOR				
COLLECTION	F.NOBLE	R.WITHERDIN	B.GARDNER	N.COOK
MORNING TEA		CATECHIST GP		LANGSANG & TALAMPAS GP
COUNTERS		J.FRATER. D.HANNIGAN. T.KING		G.CHIE. M.SCHOFIELD. G.FLEMING

GOSPEL

Jn 1: 29-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit.'" Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**



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Reflections on the Gospel



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

19 JANUARY 2020

THE LAMB OF RECONCILIATION

In today's Gospel John the Baptist bears witness to Jesus and clarifies his own role and status.

John may well come 'before' Jesus in terms of arrival on the human scene. But, as the embodiment of God's creative Word (John 1:1-18), Jesus has a priority in eternity completely transcending human history. The One who comes 'after' John actually ranks 'before' him.

There is also difference in what each has to give. John's water baptism is a simple rite of conversion, disposing people for salvation. Jesus is going to 'baptise with the Holy Spirit'.

To understand what this means we have to look forward to the climax of the Gospel. The moment of Jesus' death upon the cross (19:30) is not simply a final expiration of breath. It is also a majestic imparting of the Spirit. The Beloved Disciple, who stands by the cross of Jesus and adopts his Mother as his own, represents all later believers, all who will constitute the later Church.

Because his legs are not broken, Jesus dies as the Paschal Lamb. Two days later, as risen Lord, he will stand among his disciples, breathe upon them and say, 'Receive, the Holy Spirit; whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven; whose sins you shall retain, they are retained' (20:22-23).

In the light of all this we can grasp the full meaning of John's hailing Jesus, as 'the Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world'. The Church is being empowered by the Spirit to take up Jesus' ministry of reconciliation and peace with God.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

FIRST READING

Isa 49: 3, 5-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 39: 2, 4, 7-10. R. vv. 8, 9

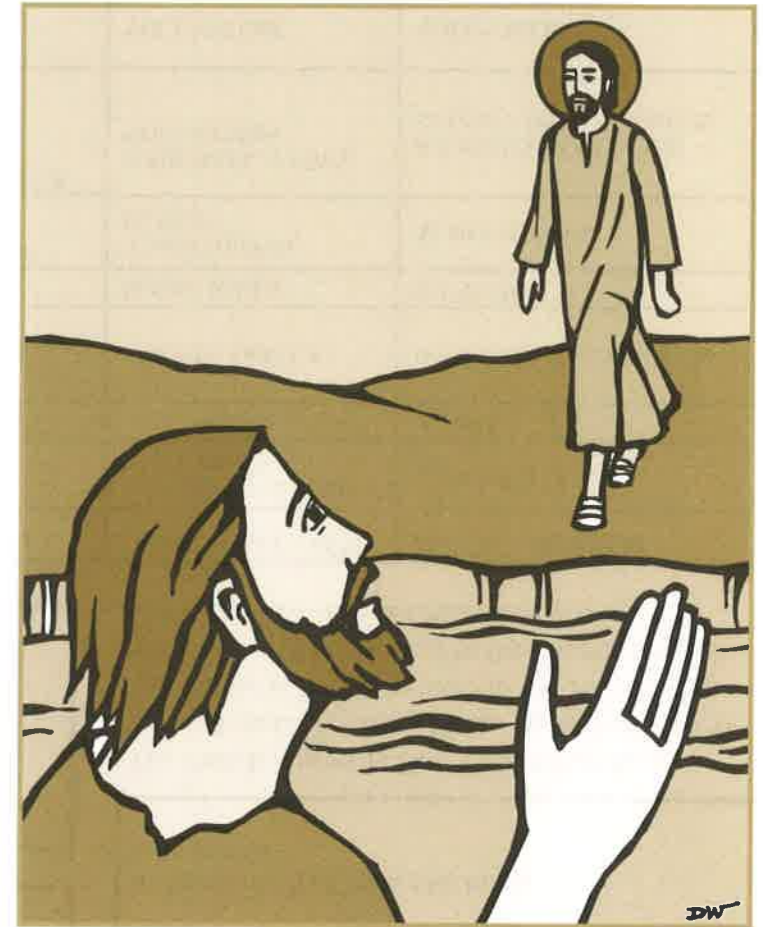
R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord/ and he stooped down to me;/ he heard my cry./ He put a new song into my mouth,/ praise of our God. **R.**

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,/ but an open ear./ You do not ask for holocaust and victim./ Instead, here am I. **R.**

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written/ that I should do your will./ My God, I delight in your law/ in the depth of my heart. **R.**

4. Your justice I have proclaimed/ in the great assembly./ My lips I have not sealed;/ you know it, O Lord. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Cor 1: 1-3

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

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 1: 14, 12

Alleluia, alleluia! / The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. / He enabled those who accepted him / to become the children of God. / Alleluia!