



### 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 11.00am

##### 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 <b>Mass</b>	<b>9:00am</b> <b>9:30am</b>
TUESDAY	Rosary <b>Mass</b>	<b>9:00am</b> <b>9:30am</b>
WEDNESDAY	Rosary Mass	<b>11.30</b> <b>12 noon</b>
THURSDAY:	Rosary Mass	<b>11.30</b> 12 noon
FRIDAY	<b>Infants Prayer Celebration 9.30</b> <b>McLean Mass 11.00am</b>	
<b>Team 1: P.Croft, R.Kenny, C.Cottell, M.Aiton</b>		

**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

**Sr Leo (Josie) Clancy, Joseph and Anthony Hanna, Yvonne Hawkins, Peter Hoynes, Susan Hoynes, Mary Robbins, intentions of Pat Coleman**

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK**  
Debrah Brown, (sister of Margaret Jones) John Harmon (brother of the Harmon family) Kerrie O'Keeffe, 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, 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**

**We Pray for the Recently Deceased & Anniversaries**  
Sr M. Bernard Morton, Phil Harris, John Moore, Alan Matthews, Thomas Hanley, Paul Witherdin, Mary Robbins, Peter Hoynes, Susan Hoynes, Kath Denovan, Yvonne Hawkins, Lindsay Dale (father of Tony) John Lennon, Veronica Hutchins, Joseph Hanna, Anthony Hanna, Gregory Stephen, Terry Kelleher, Robert O'Brien, 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, **Eternal life grant unto them Oh Lord ..... May their souls and all the faithful departed rest in**



Our Lady of Lourdes—Pray for us

### FEBRUARY 8/9- FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / YEAR A

Meetings	Date & Time	Venue
Pastoral Council	10/2/20 5pm	Meeting Room
Finance Committee	26/3/20	Presbytery

February 11—Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes.  
World Day of Prayer for the Sick. Mass at 9.30am

**Lenten Prayer Gathering** will begin on Thursday, 27/2/20 Books need to be ordered now, so if you wish to join the group or have a book only, please sign the sheet at the church door now. For information please contact Sr Coral on 67225977

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 state your intention in writing prior to Feb 15

ROSTER ...	FEB 8—SAT 6PM	FEB 9—SUN 9AM	FEB 15-SAT 6PM	FEB 16-SUN 9AM
<b>GREETERS</b>	VOLUNTEERS	REDONDO FAMILY	VOLUNTEERS	A.O'BRIEN
<b>PROJECTOR</b>	S.SZUMOWSKI	D.BRYANT	N.TURNER	MARY JANE GUEST
<b>READERS</b>	MIKE & ANN CASEY-RANSOM	BOB McGRATH, J.MONIE	NOEL McCOSKER, PATSY ARMSTRONG	S.HOLLIS, J.HARRIS
<b>COMMENTATOR/</b>	JO KELLY	R.LONG	PAT MATHER	M.ROBINSON
<b>GIFTS</b>	JIM & KAY HARMON	C.BRUSE, J.SAINT	C.COTTELL, M.AITON	R.LONG, A.PUTZOLU
<b>COMMUNION MINISTER</b>	P.CROFT, R.TUTT VOLUNTEERS	J.HARRIS, M.ROBINSON, D.HANNIGAN, VOLUNTEER	TRISH & ROD TRAVES J.MONIE, VOLUNTEER	B.McGRATH, J.SAINT R & T BENARES
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
<b>MUSIC MINISTRY</b>	A.TUBB GP	TRINITY SINGERS	A.TUBB GP	PHILLIPINO GP
<b>CANTOR</b>				
<b>COLLECTION</b>	K.MIDDLETON	F.NOBLE	B.GARDNER	R.WITHERDIN
<b>MORNING TEA</b>		ALTAR SOCIETY		ALMOITE & DIZON GP
<b>COUNTERS</b>		R & G JOHNSON		G.HENRY, P.GIRLE, L.MACDONALD, T.NEWBERRY

**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.

**Women's Breakfast Friday Feb 14 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.

**ALTAR SOCIETY FOR FEBRUARY: Lyn O'Brien, Bev McCudden and Doloretta Migheli**



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia! / I am the light of the world, says the Lord; / the man who follows me / will have the light of life. / Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Mt 5:13-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*You are the light of the world.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.'

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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# Reflections on the Gospel



# THE SAVING WORD

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

09 FEBRUARY 2020

## BE SALT AND LIGHT

To appreciate what Jesus has in mind in the images of 'salt' and 'light' we need to recall the setting of the sermon that continues in the Gospel for today. Jesus is addressing his disciples in the presence of a great crowd of burdened and afflicted people gathered on the plain below (Matt 4:23-25).

In the opening words of the sermon Jesus called 'blessed' people prepared to live in the vulnerable, non-grasping ways listed in the nine beatitudes. Now it becomes clear that they thereby become a blessing not just for themselves but for the burdened mass of humanity as well. As those who really lift other people's burdens, they become and remain the 'salt of the earth' and 'light of the world'.

Salt can hardly 'lose its taste'. Nevertheless, if it is contaminated and so (in the days before refrigeration) rendered useless for preservation, it is only good for salting the path outside the house, where it will be trampled underfoot. Disciples who fall away from their vocation may face a similar fate.

Jesus' comments in relation to 'light' fall into two parts. First, in biblical tradition Jerusalem was the archetypal 'city built on a hilltop'. When the Temple was illuminated at night, Jerusalem could well be described as 'the light of the world'.

Secondly—and more mundanely—one does not go to the trouble of lighting a lamp and then hiding it.

So we are to be like lamps kindled by God. Schooled by Jesus, our good works are to give light and hope in a darkened world.

**Brendan Byrne, SJ**

## FIRST READING

Isa 58:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*Your light will shine like the dawn.*

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,  
and shelter the homeless poor;

clothe the man you see to be naked  
and turn not from your own kin.

Then your light will shine like the dawn  
and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you  
and the glory of the Lord behind you.

Cry, and the Lord will answer;  
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke,  
the clenched fist, the wicked word,  
if you give your bread to the hungry,  
and relief to the oppressed,  
your light will rise in the darkness,  
and your shadows become like noon.

### ■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 111:4-9. R. v. 4

**R. A light rises in the darkness for the upright. (or Alleluia!)**

1. He is light in the darkness for the upright: / he is generous, merciful and just. / The good man takes pity and lends, / he conducts his affairs with honour. **R.**

2. The just man will never waver: / he will be remembered for ever. / He has no fear of evil news; / with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R.**

3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear; / open-handed, he gives to the poor; / his justice stands firm for ever. / His head will be raised in glory. **R.**



## SECOND READING

1 Cor 2:1-5

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

*I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.*

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

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