

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

cf. Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia! / Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, / you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. / Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

Mt 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*I am gentle and humble of heart.*

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**



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# Reflections on the Gospel



# THE SAVING WORD

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

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## TRUE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

Today's Gospel records a moment of joyful intimacy between Jesus and his heavenly Father. Jesus rejoices because he senses that he has managed to share with his disciples something of his own knowledge of God.

The 'knowledge' of which Jesus speaks goes well beyond knowing a great deal *about* another person. He has in mind the Semitic sense of 'knowing' that flows from deep intimacy. Such knowledge is not gained by learning or study about God. It is a gift that comes to those who set aside any claim to expertise and adopt before God the simplicity of a child.

Jesus goes on to present himself as one who has come to lift humanity's burdens, including but not confined to the burden of sin. In contrast to the interpretations of the Mosaic law given by the scribes and Pharisees (cf. Matt 23:4), his yoke is 'easy' and his burden 'light'. The ease and lightness do not stem from a lowering of standards but from the fact that mercy and love, rather than precise legal perfection, have become the supreme criterion. Twice in Matthew's Gospel Jesus quotes the prophet Hosea to this effect: 'What I (God) want is mercy, not sacrifice' (Hos 6:6; see Matt 9:13; 12:7; also 23:23).

The heart of that ease and lightness is the knowledge of which he spoke earlier. To those who worship God as a distant and fearful potentate religious rules and requirements can indeed appear burdensome. This ought not be the case for those who truly know the God Jesus reveals.

**Brendan Byrne, SJ**

## FIRST READING

Zech 9:9-10

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

*See how humbly your king comes to you!*

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

## RESP PSALM

Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14. R. v. 1

**R.** I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. ( *or Alleluia!* )

1. I will give you glory, O God my King, / I will bless your name for ever. / I will bless you day after day / and praise your name for ever. **R.**

2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, / slow to anger, abounding in love. / How good is the Lord to all, / compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, / and your friends shall repeat their blessing. / They shall speak of the glory of your reign / and declare your might, O God. **R.**

4. The Lord is faithful in all his words / and loving in all his deeds. / The Lord supports all who fall / and raises all who are bowed down. **R.**



## SECOND READING

Rom 8:9, 11-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.*

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

■ **The word of the Lord.**





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**PARISH MASS TIMES**

**Sacred Heart Church Inverell**  
 Saturday 5.30pm  
 Sunday 9.00am

Monday, Tuesday and 1st Saturday 9.30am  
 Wednesday and Thursday 12 noon  
 1st Friday Mass and Benediction 12 noon  
 First Wednesday Anointing Mass (suspended) 12 noon

**McLean Village** Each Friday except 1st Friday 11am  
 (suspended)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
 Saturday 8am - 9am  
 Sunday 8am - 8.30am

**Tingha** St. Francis' Church Saturday 4pm  
**Ashford** St Patrick's Church 1st & 3rd Sunday 11am  
**Bundarra** St Mary of the Angels 2nd & 4th Sun 11am  
**Yetman** St Joseph the Worker 5th Sunday 11.30am

**Baptism (Saturday only) 11am;**  
**Marriages and Funerals by Appointment**  
**For emergencies please phone 0428-126703**



**PARISH SCHEDULE THIS WEEK**

MONDAY:	Rosary	9.00am
	Mass	9.30am
TUESDAY:	Rosary	9.00am
	Mass	9.30am
WEDNESDAY :	Rosary	11.30am
	Mass at the Church	12noon
Home Rosary at the home of Bernie & Colleen Graham, 11 Diamond Street, Tingha each Wednesday at 4.30pm All welcome.		
THURSDAY:	Rosary	11.30am
	Mass	12noon
FRIDAY	Rosary	9.00am
	Mass	9.30am
<b>NOTE: Attendance at weekday Masses fulfil your Sunday obligation whilst social distancing applies due to Covid19.</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**  
 Peter Dickins, Bev Tufrey, Phillip Turner, Colin Harris, Phyllis (Gwen) Zemit, Patricia Clancy and members of the Clancy family, John Lennon.

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK**  
 Mary Kramer, Leo Germany, Baby Isabel Akhil, All those with the Corona Virus, Terry Hopgood, Joan Hiscox, Paul Saint, Debrah Brown, (sister of Margaret Jones) Kerrie O'Keeffe, Carmel Hooper, Sr Leo (Josie) Clancy, Alana Goldman, Rhonda Lee Watts (daughter of Phyllis Nichols) John Sanders, David Sanders, Rex Parry, Jeanette Rennie, Danny Dickins, Katrina Newbigin, Bob Kneipp. Brian Barker, Dorothy Ball, Denise Taveira, Joanne Essey, Graham Tom, Fred Boight, Agnes Hannigan **the sick members of our parish whose names are not listed here.**

**We Pray for the Recently Deceased & Anniversaries**  
 Kevin Pay, Rena Valiukas, Paul Vassallo, Martin Coleman (Narrabri), Dennis Rixon (son of Kath and Keith Rixon) Stan Jackson, Julie Ellis, Sr Margaret Gleeson rsm, Leslie Kennedy, Sue Spackman, Stephano Banchong, Sam Asara, Murray Marshall, Patricia Durkin,  
**Eternal life grant unto them Oh Lord ..... May their souls and all the faithful departed rest in peace.**

**COVID 19 SAFETY PLAN FOR OUR PARISH**  
 (authorised by the NSW Government for the State of NSW)

**Mass attendance and Weddings:** One person per 4 square metre distance. The Sacred Heart Church dimensions can accommodate 120 worshippers at a time. Feel to free use the Parish Meeting Room if you are concerned about the numbers.  
**Funerals:** up to 50 attendees without the 4 square metre rule, provided 'non-household' contacts can maintain 1.5 metre physical distance.  
**Contact Sheets:** placed at each opened entrance to the Church. Parishioners attending the Church are required to record their full names. Visitors are required to record their name and contact details. This is a health tracing requirement in case of a Corona Virus outbreak. The sheets will be removed after each Mass and kept confidential.  
**If you are unwell please stay at home.**  
**If you require Home Communion contact the office.**

**5TH JULY 2020 – 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / YEAR A**



**2020 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday - 5th July**  
 We will offer our Mass to remain 'Together in the Spirit' for this special event.  
 Also at 11.30am EST on Sunday 5th July, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mass will be livestreamed from St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Adelaide.

**HOME ROSARY REGISTER—INVERELL**  
 A Co-ordinator and interested persons to host Home Rosary in Inverell are invited to register their contact details in a folder at the front door of the Church. Thank you.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Finance Committee	POSTPONED	
Liturgy Committee (revised time)	Saturday 8th August	10.00am
Parish Council	Monday 3rd August	5.00pm

**Women's Breakfast Friday 10th July at 8:00am**, 2nd Friday of the month at the Bridge Coffee Lounge. Please phone Ann Barry on 67222858 or Marj Manuel on 67224772. Bookings essential.

**RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION**  
 Due to Covid19 'Social Distancing' rules, parishioners are asked to **process in one line** down the two narrow aisles, **returning** to their pew via the main centre aisle or far aisles, with a 1.5m distance between each other. Thank you.

Due to Covid19 we have suspended some of our Ministries and reduced numbers rostered in others. Thank you for understanding:

<b>ROSTER ...</b>	JULY 4— SAT 5.30	JULY 5—SUN 9AM	JULY 11— SAT 5.30	JULY 12— SUN 9AM
<b>GREETERS</b>	VOLUNTEERS	A.O'BRIEN	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS
<b>PROJECTOR</b>	S.SMITH	R.McGREGOR	SUE.SZUOMOWSKI	D.BRYANT
<b>READERS</b>	SR CORAL	M.ROBINSON	MIKE CASEY-RANSOM	BOB McGRATH
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	N.TURNER	I.HARRIS	IO KELLY	R.LONG
<b>GIFTS</b>	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED
<b>COMMUNION MINISTER</b>	J.TURNER	S.HOLLIS	P.CROFT	J.HARRIS
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED
<b>MUSIC MINISTRY</b>	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED
<b>CANTOR</b>				
<b>COLLECTION</b>	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED
<b>MORNING TEA</b>	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED
<b>COUNTERS</b>		N.TURNER, M.NBEWBIGIN		GEOFF & ROBIN JOHNSON

**ATTENTION PARISH CATECHISTS**  
 There will be a meeting of our Parish Catechists on Monday 6th July at 10.30am at the Parish Meeting Room with our CCD director, Rev Paul Manvell. Please attend.

**RETIREMENT MORNING TEA**  
 Noela Turner has recently retired from the position of Parish Secretary after 45 years of faithful service. We will have a special morning tea for Noela after 9am Mass on Sunday 26th July. All welcome to attend. Please bring a plate to share.

**If you are admitted to hospital and wish to be visited by a priest, please indicate in the hospital admittance sheet that you are a Catholic.**

Due to Covid19 the ACBC **National Catholic Men's Gathering** for 2020 is now being offered as an online event for registered participants. Go to [www.catholicmensgathering.com.au](http://www.catholicmensgathering.com.au)

**ALTAR SOCIETY FOR JULY**  
 Linda Redondo, Suzette Dizon,  
 Grace Almoite, Nhel Gascon