



Prayer to Our Lady, Help of Christians - Patroness of Australia

O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of Heaven and earth, Patroness of Australia, tender Mother of humanity, and refuge of sinners, to you we entrust our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country. We commit to your intercession all the members of our community,

beginning with the weakest ones, from the unborn to the sick, the disabled and the elderly. We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable.

To you, O Mother Most Pure, we consecrate ourselves, our country, and all that we have. And in order that this consecration may be truly effective and lasting, we renew today the promises of our Baptism and Confirmation; and we undertake to live as good Christians - faithful to God, the Church, and the Holy Father. We desire to pray the Rosary, partake in the Holy Eucharist, attach special importance to the first Saturday of the month and to work for the conversion of sinners. Furthermore, we promise, O most holy Virgin, that we will zealously spread devotion to you, so that through our consecration to your Immaculate Heart and through your own intercession the coming of the Kingdom of Christ in the world may be hastened.

Reign over us, Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you. Amen

Prayer in Honour of the Holy Name of Jesus

May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most mysterious and ineffable Name of Jesus be always praised, blessed, loved, and glorified, in heaven, on earth and under the earth, by all creatures visible and invisible, now and for all eternity. Amen.

Prayer for a New Bishop

God our Father in Jesus, your Son, You have given to your Church the perfect model of priest, prophet and king.

You have saved us through His sacrifice, taught us through His Word, and govern us through His rule.

Enlighten and guide those who will be tasked with helping to choose the next bishop of our diocese.

May the man they choose be a man of deep and true prayer, a man of compassionate heart and a firm resolve in the faith, and a man of joy and peace, who desires above all to do Your will.

We entrust our prayers to our Patroness, Mary, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, and ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen

A reflection for Australia Day by the Venerable Servant of God, Archbishop Fulton J Sheen

Do you live wholly for yourself? ‘No man is an island.’ This is one of the most quoted lines of the poet John Donne. To him every man is part of a vast continent. When, therefore, there is a death, one should not ask ‘for whom the bell tolls’ – whence Hemingway derived the title of one of his novels. Donne says, ‘It tolls for thee.’

In days of individualism when everyone proclaims ‘I must live my own life,’ there is apt to be a forgetfulness that there is no one whose life concerns himself alone. ‘None of us lives for oneself and no one dies for oneself.’

It is this fact of our oneness with all human beings which invests life with such tremendous significance. If we could shut up within ourselves, so that what we did was nothing but that of an individual nomad whirling in space, we would then be truly individual, but this is not the case. Great forces have streamed into our lives from others, either to make us good or evil, also powerful influences flow out of our lives to contribute to the character formation of others.

A question that was asked of man at the very beginning was: ‘Where is your brother?’ It was Cain who tried to be an island to himself by asking: ‘Am I my brother’s keeper?’ We cannot turn away from a beggar without feeling that we have done wrong and failed in our duty. Every living man bears a relationship to all humanity.

His having lived will never cease to be felt throughout the universe. We own each other and God owns us all. A man never stands alone, unrelated to anything, because of his close relationship to the Creator Who made all. A Willow tree may stand far from the stream, but its roots are burrowing down into the ground to gather its growth and strength. As Plato said: ‘I was not born for myself alone, my country claims a part, my relations claim a part and my friends claim a part in me.’

The sun, moon and stars are related and even the moon moves all the tides of the world. Scientists today agree that the universe is organic. As one of them told us, even the rattle that is dropped by a child from its cradle affects even the most distant star. If the physical universe is organic, then so much more are men organic one to another. Society is a vast network of reciprocal influences.

The Eastern people tell us that we are part of all we meet, and all we do becomes part of us:

*There is a destiny which makes us brothers
None makes his way alone;
All we send into the lives of others
Comes back into our own.*

In a cemetery, a little white stone marks the grave of a little girl, and on the stone were chiselled these words: ‘A child of whom her playmates said: “It was easier to be good when she was with us.”’

(Walk With God)



AUSTRALIA DAY / 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 26 JANUARY 2025

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 - “PILGRIMS OF HOPE”



“Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father Who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day.”
- St Francis de Sales

Entrance Antiphon: I will praise You, Lord, among the peoples, among the nations sing psalms to You, for Your mercy reaches to the heavens, and Your truth to the skies.

First Reading Isaiah 32:15-18

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Once more there will be poured on us the spirit from above; then shall the wilderness be fertile land and fertile land become forest. In the wilderness justice will come to live and integrity in the fertile land; integrity will bring peace, justice give lasting security. My people will live in a peaceful home, in safe houses, in quiet dwellings.

♦ **The word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm Ps 84:9-14

R: The Lord speaks of peace to His people.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear Him and His glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before Him and peace shall follow His steps. **R**

Second Reading Romans 12:9-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Do not let your love be a pretence, but sincerely prefer good to evil. Love each other as much as brothers and sisters should, and have a profound respect for each other. Work for the Lord with untiring effort and with great earnestness of spirit. If you have

hope this will make you cheerful. Do not give up if trials come; and keep on praying. If any of the saints are in need you must share with them; and you should make hospitality your special care.

♦ **The word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation cf. Matthew 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 Luke 12:22-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to His disciples, ‘That is why I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and how you are to clothe it. For life means more than food, and the body more than clothing. Think of the ravens. They do not sow or reap; they have no storehouses and no barns; yet God feeds them. And how much more are you worth than the birds! Can any of you, for all his worrying, add a single cubit to his span of life?’

‘If the smallest things, therefore, are outside your control, why worry about the rest? Think of the flowers; they never have to spin or weave; yet, I assure you, not even Solomon in all his regalia was robed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the grass in the field which is there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, how much more will He look after you, you men of little faith! But you, you must not set your hearts on things to eat and things to drink; nor must you worry. It is the pagans of this world who set their hearts on these things. Your Father well knows you need them. No; set your hearts on His kingdom, and these other things will be given you as well.

‘There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.’

♦ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, my soul, and never forget all His benefits.

Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible



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Wednesday 29 Jan - 8am to 12pm

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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:

Colleen Bourke, Jim Hanlon, Shirley Thom, Danny Dickins.

the sick:

Stephen Tubb, Straton Kennedy, Tony King, Maureen Rolfe, Sue O'Brien, Julie Daley, Pat Gurr, Peter Moroney, Christopher Pay, Neville Barwick, Fr Barry Leech, Lara Bentley, Elizabeth Albany, Fr David Crabb, Rebecca Lane, Brian Barker, and all the sick members of our parish.

Please contact the priest on 67221103 for home visits to the homebound and the sick.

Baptism - Saturdays & Sundays at 10.30am
Marriages and Funerals by Appointment

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

1st Collection: Presbytery (for support of priest)

BSB 082105 Account No. 001023550

Account Name: Sacred Heart Presbytery Inverell Savings Ac.

2nd Collection: Church upkeep, maintenance, expenses

BSB 082105 Account No. 001013072

Account Name: Sacred Heart Parish Inverell

For those on the Planned Giving Program could you please quote your surname and envelope number for the reference.

JANUARY - THE MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

MONDAY 27th

Feast Day of St Angela Merici, virgin & Sts Timothy & Titus, bishops, martyrs

No Mass

TUESDAY 28th

Feast Day of St Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

Holy Hour - 4.30pm to 5.30pm

WEDNESDAY 29th

Weekday of 3rd week of Ordinary Time

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

Home Rosary - 4.30pm, 11 Diamond St, Tingha

THURSDAY 30th

Weekday of 3rd week of Ordinary Time

Rosary - 11.30am

Holy Mass - 12 Noon

Adoration - 12.30pm to 1.30pm

FRIDAY 31st

Feast Day of St John Bosco, priest

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

Holy Hour - 4.30pm to 5.30pm

FEBRUARY - THE MONTH OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

SATURDAY 1st

First Saturday

Confession - 8.00am

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

Rosary - 5.30pm

Holy Mass of Sunday - 6.00pm

SUNDAY 2nd

The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas Day)

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

Sacrament of Confession

Sunday: 8.00am to 8.30am

Tuesday: 5.00pm to 5.30pm

Thursday: 1.00pm to 1.30pm

Friday: 5.00pm to 5.30pm (except First Fridays)

Saturday: 5.15pm to 5.45pm (and at any time upon request)

OTHER MASSES:

McLean Village Each 4th Thursday - 10.00am

2nd Saturday - Bundarra, St Mary of the Angels - 3.30pm

3rd Saturday - Ashford, St Patrick's Church - 3.30pm

4th Saturday - Tingha, St. Francis' Church - 3.30pm

5th Saturday - Yetman, St Joseph the Worker - 3.00pm

ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER FOR JANUARY

Ann Tubb & Rhonda McGregor

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Finance Committee - Wed 5 Feb 2025, 5.00pm

Sunday Morning Tea - Sun 9 Feb 2025, after Mass

Pastoral Council - Wed 12 Feb 2024, 5.00pm

Liturgy Committee - Sat TBA 2025, 8.30am

February 2nd Candlemas

Next Sunday is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord and the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, known by its lovely traditional name CANDLEMAS. This feast marks 40 days since CHRISTMAS, the birth of our Saviour. It reminds us of Christ's first entry into His Temple in Jerusalem and the obedience of Mary and Joseph to the requirements of the Jewish law.

On Candlemas candles are blessed at the beginning of Mass in a liturgical ceremony that reminds us Christ is the light of the world. If you would like blessed candles in your home for prayer and protection bring them with you to Holy Mass and place them on the table provided near the front door of the church.

What does the Church say about patriotism?

The Church's teaching on patriotism emphasises a balanced and virtuous love for one's country, rooted in Christian principles and moral obligations. This understanding is articulated through various documents and teachings, which highlight the importance of patriotism while cautioning against its potential excesses.

Patriotism is defined as the virtue of love for one's country, which is seen as a natural extension of the love for family and community. Love for one's country is derived from the Fourth Commandment, which calls for honouring one's parents and, by extension, one's homeland. This love is not merely emotional but is expressed through active participation in the preservation and development of national culture.

Christians are called to contribute positively to their countries, as their faith encourages them to channel devotion towards the common good. The Church teaches that Christians benefit their country by fostering a sense of

citizens. This civic engagement is seen as a fulfillment of the Christian mission, where the road to the heavenly homeland is intertwined with responsibilities towards the earthly homeland.

While patriotism is a virtue, the Church warns against its distortion into extreme nationalism or chauvinism, which can lead to hatred or belittlement of other nations. Pope Pius XI cautioned that when patriotism becomes an inordinate love for one's own nation, it can result in grave injustices and international rivalries. True patriotism must be rooted in the recognition of the common humanity shared among all people, as all nations have an equal right to life and prosperity.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church outlines the duty of citizens to contribute to the good of society in a spirit of truth, justice, solidarity, and freedom. This includes a commitment to obey just laws and to engage in civic life, reflecting a love for one's country that is aligned with Christian values. The duty of civil allegiance is seen as a natural and religious obligation, where citizens are called to respect and support their country's rulers, provided that their authority is exercised justly.

In summary, the Church teaches that patriotism is a noble virtue that should be exercised with a spirit of justice and charity. It encourages a love for one's country and encourages the faithful to engage actively in their communities, contributing to the common good while upholding the moral principles of their faith.



We are One,
but we are Many.
We are Australian!

HAPPY AUSTRALIA DAY!

If you are using a Sunday Missal:

- * Proper of Mass is on Page 1087 (2nd option for 2nd Reading, Gospel Acclamation, and Gospel)
- * Preface Page 1091
- * Eucharistic Prayer No. 1 Page 61

MASS ROSTER	25Jan-Sat 6.00pm	26Jan-Sun 9am	01Feb-Sat 6pm	02Feb-Sun 9am
Projector	M Gaukroger	MJ Guest	Sr Coral	H Rossel
Reader 1 (1st R. & Ps)	S O'Brien	S Hollis	S Szumowski	G Johnson
Reader 2 (2nd R.)	J Harris	J Thivakon	R Moffitt	M Robinson
Reader 3 (Intercessory Prayers)	N McCosker	M Robinson	J Harris	G Taveira
Offertory	-	M Wales & volunteer	-	S Kenny & volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	A Michael	S Hollis	J Monie	R Johnson
Counters		G Chie & G Fleming		N Turner