

Inverell Sacred Heart Parish Prayer

**Heavenly Father,
pour out your grace upon this place dedicated to the
Sacred Heart of Jesus, your Son.**

**Here Your word is proclaimed,
the Holy Sacraments are celebrated
and Your people are united in a family of believers.**

**We pray for our parish named in honour
of Your son Jesus' Sacred Heart.
Have mercy on us all and may every blessing of the
Holy Spirit be poured out on all members of our parish.**

**May our parish be filled with holiness and prayer,
with faith and love;
May it be a place where worthy and reverent worship
is offered to God,
and where we receive grace and power for our mission.**

**May all who come here find a welcoming home,
comfort in their needs and strength
for their journey of faith
until we reach our eternal home.**

**We make this prayer through Christ, Our Lord.
Amen.**

**Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.
Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.
St Joseph, protector of the Holy Family, pray for us.
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.**

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish, Inverell



Parish Pastoral Plan

We as a Parish, try to live out our Vision: To continually form a Catholic, 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.

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Goal A: We strive to grow in our own faith, share our knowledge of Jesus with others and support the faith development of our young people.

Activities within the Parish which already supports this goal:

- a) Devotional exercises e.g. Adoration, Rosary, Novena
- b) Parish school links
- c) Shared events and notices in school and parish newsletters
- d) Promotion of Diocesan youth and young adult initiatives
- e) Encouragement for young people to participate in youth movements
- f) Participation in school liturgies
- g) Sacramental Programs
- h) A published Parish Prayer
- i) ALPHA program in HTS

Future Strategies:

- a) ALPHA Program extended into Parish
- b) Youth Mass / Family Mass

Mission: To imbibe Christ's message of love and service.

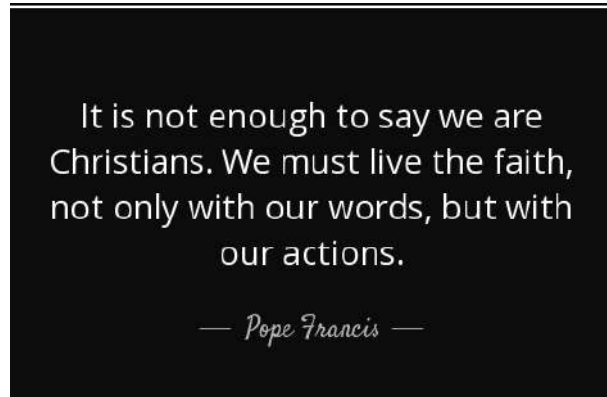
Goal B: We aim for a meaningful and prayerful liturgy, to be a welcoming community, embracing the different cultures among us.

Activities within the Parish which already supports this goal:

- a) A range of Mass times
- b) Regular celebrations of Sacraments (Holy Communion, Reconciliation)
- c) Sacramental Program for Sacraments of Initiation (RCIA), Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Holy Communion
- d) Regular Holy Hour
- e) Baptismal preparation
- f) Training of liturgical ministries e.g. Readers, Eucharistic Ministers
- g) Acceptance of cultural diversity and diverse expressions of faith
- h) Cuppa after some weekend liturgies and on special occasions
- i) Office staff, Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, Liturgy Committee
- j) RCIA Programs, Prayer Groups, Novenas
- k) Taking Communion to the sick, homebound and ministering to patients at local hospital
- l) Aged Care Facilities – taking Communion and celebrating Mass
- m) High quality priests
- n) First Friday Mass, Anointing of the Sick, Men's & Women's groups
- o) Wedding Anniversary Masses
- p) Parish Feast Day (Sacred Heart)
- q) Parish Picnic

Future Strategies:

- a) Investigate opportunities to welcome new members to our parish or those returning.



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Goal C: We strive to recognise and value the impact of our everyday Christian living on building a better world, effectively communicating the person and message of Jesus and the works of the Church and to become more aware of and committed to social justice and social welfare.

Activities within the Parish which already supports this goal:

- a) Parish website
- b) Advertise Christmas / Easter liturgies on Facebook and Parish website
- c) St Vincent de Paul Conference
- d) Project Compassion and Diocesan combined appeals
- e) Poor Boxes
- f) Care and concern to provide support for the elderly
- g) Promote marriage & family week

Future Strategies:

- a) Investigating ways to continue to better promote the Australian Bishops' Annual Social Justice Statement
- b) Investigating ways for the Parish to continue to further respond to Papal teachings in this area.