



# Sacred Heart Parish Koorinal

16th/17th May, 2020

### Sunday Mass Times:

Sat. Vigil: 5:30pm Sunday: 9am, 5:30pm

### Daily Mass Times:

Monday / Wednesday / Friday: 5:45pm

Tuesday / Thursday: 7.00am

Saturday: 9.30am

**Parish Sec:** Roxy Locke  
(Mon. Thurs. Fri. 9am-2pm)  
**Pastor:** Fr John Baptist (Mob 0415 371 627)  
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*Changes to Mass times will be on Chapel door.*  
Reconciliation: Sat. 10.00am-10.30am

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### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Jack J. McGlynn, Robert Larkin, Joan Lowe, Margaret Hogan, Thomas (Kerry) McDonnell, Mary McInnes, Dr. Phil Zammit, John Loth CFC, Brian Connolly, Mary Desira, Frank Corbett, John Hosie, Beryl Pearson, Gerard Davis, Gerard Gaynor, Sr. Ann McRae pbvm, Thea Bowen, Fr. Frank Bell, John Maloney, Laurent Stout, Michael W. Flett, Tony Madigan.

### ANNIVERSARIES/ REMEMBRANCES:

**SICK:** Theresa Gallucci, Ilona Gortva, Laurence Roche, Dorothy Castle, William Trist, Miriam McCoy, Joanne Huckel, Terry Phegan, Mary Condell, Genevieve Keogh, Dorothy Waterford, Shivaun Clifton, Barry Parnell, Hayden O'Callaghan, June Kimber, Bob Barclay, Denise Goonan, Adam Horsley, Finley Owens, Fr. Wilfred Plunkett.

### MASS AT SACRED HEART CHURCH STARTING MONDAY

**Weekday Mass:** Monday to Friday at 5:45pm

Saturday at 9:30am

**Sunday Mass: through Zoom at 10am**

### COVID-19 Latest protocols for NSW parishes

The NSW Premier has announced changes to COVID-19 restrictions effective Friday, 15 May 2020.

Please note the following:

1. Churches may now be open but will be restricted to no more than 10 people in the building at any time.
2. Mass may be celebrated for no more than 10 people, excluding those conducting the service.
3. Funerals celebrated inside the church building are restricted to 20 people, excluding those conducting the service.
4. Funerals celebrated outside the church building are restricted to 30 people, excluding those conducting the service.
5. Weddings may now be celebrated with 10 people, excluding those conducting the ceremony.

These gatherings are permitted with the physical distancing rule of 1.5 metres. No physical sign of peace is permitted and the current protocols for Holy Communion remain in place.

Rev Kevin O'Reilly  
Apostolic Administrator - Delegate

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To prepare for next Sunday's Mass go to St Louis Jesuits – The Centre for Liturgy website: <http://liturgy.slu.edu> and/or Jerusalem Bible Translation of Readings: <http://www.universalis.com/>

**FIRST READING:** A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8.14-17  
Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 65: 1-7, 16, 20

*Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name.

O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!'

'Before you all the earth shall bow, shall sing to you, sing to your name!'

Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men.

He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod.

Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might.

Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul:

Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me.

*Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

**SECOND READING:** A reading from the first letter of Peter 3:15-18  
Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** John 14:23

*Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!*

**GOSPEL:**

John 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you forever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me, and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## GOSPEL CONNECTIONS

### Love and Evidence

When Jesus says, "*If you love me, you will keep my commandments*" one might think Jesus is giving the disciples some sort of ultimatum (*Jn 14: 15*). If you love me, you will keep my commands. We must remember, however, that Jesus does not force us to do anything. Rather, Jesus continually offers an invitation to follow him. With this, Jesus' words sound much more like a simple statement of fact. The disciples will keep Jesus' commandments because of their love for Jesus. Similarly, we will keep the commandments of Jesus because we love Jesus. There is no force or threat behind these words. That is not how God operates.

The love that Jesus describes is much more than an emotion. In Jesus, love requires self-gift. When we are called to love, we are called to offer ourselves. This love requires personal investment and sacrifice, things that are not always easy. We become vulnerable when we give of ourselves. We open our hearts to criticism and judgement. Sometimes we experience disappointment and hurt. But this is part of being disciples of the Risen Christ. This is how we participate in Christ's life, death and Resurrection. This is how we live the Paschal Mystery.

Part of self-giving love is saying *yes* even when we would rather not. We are called to say *yes* dozens of times each day. How do we respond? What are some of the things God invites you to say *yes* to today? These *yesses* are not necessarily complicated, and can be as simple as spending time with a friend or helping a younger student with her homework. What can you say *yes* to today? Be courageous and grow in Christ with each *yes* you proclaim. ([gpbs.com.au](http://gpbs.com.au))