



MASS READINGS ARE ON THE SCREEN

First reading: Isaiah 40, 1-5.9-11

Second reading: 1 Peter 3, -14

Gospel: Mark 1, 1-8

### Comfort

“There’s good news, and there’s bad news”. A whole body of jokes begins this way, and we laugh ruefully because that statement is generally true. The news is hardly ever good or bad, but rather an amalgam of results better for some than for others. One ball team beats another; is this good news or bad? John the Baptist preaches repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Good news or bad? It’s great news for sinners who repent. It’s good news for people who yearn to be forgiven and know they have reason to be. It’s not so good for people who have no intention of leaving their sin behind. And it is positively bad news for the self-righteous, convinced of their innocence and resentful that sinful types are getting off the hook.

The message of John the Baptist is comfort with a catch. The catch is baptism, a drowning of the old way and a resurrection into gasping new life. We can’t find comfort in religion - not this religion! - if we intend to remain just as we are. John’s baptism is with water, bracing and cold. The Mighty One is coming along soon with fire and Spirit. Things are going to change.

***How does the message of John comfort you? How does it challenge you?***

Give a little comfort this season. Listen to someone who has a story to tell. Include the lonely at your table. Remember the poor.

***“His baptism will change you from the inside out”.***

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## Sacred Heart Parish Koorungal 5th/6th December, 2020

**Parish Sec:** Roxy Locke

(Mon. Thurs. Fri. 9am-2pm)

**Pastor:** Fr John Baptist (Mob 0415 371 627)

**Parish Council Sec:** Marsha Reilly

**Presbytery:** 71 White Avenue, Koorungal. 2650

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**Sunday Mass Times:**

Sat.Vigil:5:30pm Sunday: 8am and 10am

**Daily Mass Times:**

Monday, Wednesday: Friday 5:45pm

Tuesday-Thursday 7am. Saturday: 9.30am

Changes to Mass times will be on Chapel door.

Reconciliation: Sat. 10.00am-10.30am

**Parish Pastor Email:** koorungalchurch@sacredheartparish.net.au

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/sacredheartkooringal/>

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### WE PRAY FOR:

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Fr. Wilfred Plunkett, Fr. Noel Connolly ssc, John Stout, Bill Matthews, Beverly Crouch., Vitas Mangahis, Bette Fitzpatrick, Bob Barclay, Beth Gillard, Eileen Gaynor, Theresa Gallucci, Rosalind Lim, Terry Phegan, Camilla McLaughlin (Dublin). Dorothy Waterford, Frances Melloney Wade.

**ANNIVERSARIES/ REMEMBRANCES:** Michele & Lisa Whittaker, Sonia Butts, John & Philomena Linnegar, Marie Aldridge.

**SICK:** Ilona Gortva, Laurence Roche, Dorothy Castle, William Trist, Miriam McCoy, Joanne Huckel, , Mary Condell, Shivaun Clifton, Barry Parnell, Hayden O’Callaghan, June Kimber, Denise Goonan, Adam Horsley, Finley Owens, Shirley Gabriel, Brianna Papworth, Harry Edmonds, Jeff Edwards.

### DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

The heart of the Church’s mission is prayer.

Prayer is the key for us to be able to enter into dialogue with the Father.

Every time we read a short passage from the Gospel we hear Jesus speaking to us. We have a conversation with Jesus. We listen to Jesus and we reply.

And this is prayer.

By praying, we change reality. And we change our hearts. Our heart changes when we pray.

We can do many things, but without prayer, it does not work.

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer. (*Pope Francis*)

## Christmas Mass Times

6:30pm	Christmas Eve Mater Dei Primary Max 400 people
8:30pm	Christmas Eve Sacred Heart Parish Centre Max 300 people
8am	Christmas Day Sacred Heart Parish Centre Max 300 people
10am	Christmas Day Sacred Heart Parish Centre Max 300 people

### Bookings are required for Christmas Masses

**Ticket will be required for entry**

#### To obtain a ticket go to:

<a href="https://6-30pm.eventbrite.com.au">https://6-30pm.eventbrite.com.au</a>	6:30pm
<a href="https://8-30pm.eventbrite.com.au">https://8-30pm.eventbrite.com.au</a>	8:30pm
<a href="https://8-00am.eventbrite.com.au">https://8-00am.eventbrite.com.au</a>	8am
<a href="https://10-00am.eventbrite.com.au">https://10-00am.eventbrite.com.au</a>	10am

If you are unable to obtain a ticket contact the parish secretary with you details the amount of tickets required. Tickets will be printed on your behalf.

## QR Code

We now have a QR Code for registration at mass

1. Open the QR Code reader or camera on your phone.
2. Hold your device over a QR Code so that it's clearly visible within your smartphone's screen.

Two things can happen when you correctly hold your smartphone over a QR Code.

1. The phone automatically scans the code.
2. On some readers, you have to press a button to snap a picture, not unlike the button on your smartphone camera.
3. If necessary, press the button.

Your smartphone reads the code and navigates to the intended destination, where you fill in your contact details. This may NOT happen instantly. It may take a few seconds on most devices.



## MASS ROSTER

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Date	Time	Commen-tator	Lector	Music	Minister	Minister	Data
12-Dec	5:30pm	Gash	Walker	Dewhirst	Cooke	Munn	Goonan
13-Dec	8:00am	Burgess	Burgess Peter	Edis	Carrol	Volunteer	Reilly
	10:am	Locke	Martens	Adams	Terry	Brown	Locke
19-Dec	5:30pm	Goonan	Sutton	Adams	Edis	Mullins	Moses
20-Dec	8:00am	Harris	Lieschke	Dewhirst	Gibson	Lieschke	Brady
	10:am	Martens	Donebus	McAuliffe	Baker	Martens	Locke
26-Dec	5:30pm	Goonan	Sutton	Adams	Edis	Mullins	Moses
27-Dec	8:00am	Hollis	Reilly	McAuliffe	Harris	Gibson	Volunteer
	10:am	Temple-Brown	Locke	Dewhirst	Brown	Terry	Locke

*Volunteers required for Christmas Masses  
Please put your name on the list in the foyer.*

### LAST WEEKS COLLECTIONS INCLUDING DIRECT GIVING

**1st Collection \$741.30      2nd Collection \$1,110.00**

## SVDP CHRISTMAS HAMPERS.

Please take an envelope from the tree & bring back an un-wrapped donation to leave under the tree. As we are packing hampers on Monday 14th December we would like all donations to be in by weekend of 12/13th.

If there are no envelopes on the tree please just bring a donation of festive non perishable food. Thank you.

Any questions contact Maryanne 0428389090.