

MASS ROSTER							
Date		Commentator	Lector	Organist	M of C	M of C	DPO
11-Dec	5:30pm	Studdert J	Masterson	Dewhirst	Goonan J	Goonan T	Moon
12-Dec	8:00am	Harris	Lieschke	Carroll	Gibson	Tooth	Volunteer
	10:am	Temple-Brown	Martens	Edis	Brown	Terry	Locke
18-Dec	5:30pm	Munn	Maloney	Adams	Cooke	Adams	Evans
19-Dec	8:00am	Hollis	Reilly	Mcauliffe	Carrol	Burgess Peter	Brady
	10:am	Martens	Donebus	Dewhirst	Martens	Vanlierop	Locke

PARISH CALENDAR

Tuesday 7th December mainly music families and team Christmas Picnic from 9:30-11:00 at Day Care Park- Botanic Gardens (adults need to be double vaccinated).

Thursday, December 9: Anointing Mass Sacred Heart Parish Centre 10am

Thursday, December 9: Friendship Group Christmas Lunch. Guests and volunteers are most welcome. Reply to Mary 69214770 or Fay 69226883.

Weekend December 11/12: Vinnies Christmas Appeal

LAST WEEK COLLECTIONS

1st Collection \$717.30 — 2nd Collection \$1,367.00

PLEASE CONSIDER DIRECT GIVING

VINNIES CHRISTMAS TREE

Please take an envelope from the Christmas Tree and return your donation of non perishable food for the Vinnies hampers by weekend of 11/12th December. We are delivering hampers on Sunday 19th from Equex Centre. The packing date has not been finalised yet.

Volunteers required for Christmas Masses

Please put your name on the list in the foyer.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

6:30pm Christmas Eve Mater Dei Primary Max 400 people
 8:30pm Christmas Eve Sacred Heart Parish Centre Max 300 people
 9.00am Christmas Day Sacred Heart Parish Centre Max 300 people

RECONCILIATION IN PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS:

Tuesday 21 Dec. South Wagga Wagga 10am - Sacred Heart 7.00pm



Sacred Heart Parish Koorinal 4th/5th December, 2021

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 of Mass times on Chapel door.

Reconciliation: Sat. 10.00am-10.30am

Pastor: Fr John Baptist Pham

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

Web Site: <https://kooringalchurchsacredheartparish.net/>

Parish Council Sec: Marsha Reill

Parish Council Email: shkparishcouncil@gmail.com

Safeguarding Officer; Anne Brown Phone 6926 2937 Email annie1.temple@gmail.com

PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Norm Corbett, Sr. Carmel Clancy pbvm, Steven Bourke, Joan Druett (Marian Pitura's mother), Dorothy Castle, Edmond Dearn, Debbie Cox, Mary Kennedy (Trish Goonan's sister in law) and Andrew Winslett (Marg and Harry Edmonds' grandson), Francis B. Conlan., Margaret Matthews (SHP Principal's mother), William Longmore, Lyle McPherson (Nola Baker's Brother-in-law), Ron Terry, Mike Fogarty, Sr. Barbara Hallam pbvm, David Pulver, Merle Simpson, Molly van Der Rijt, Leo Berben, Roger Milne, Kay Allcock, John Lowe, Elizabeth Karas

ANNIVERSARIES/ REMEMBRANCES: Sonia Butts, John & Philomena Linnegar.

SICK: Ilona Gortva, Laurence Roche, William Trist, Miriam McCoy, Joanne Huckel, Mary Condell, Shivaun Clifton, Barry Parnell, Hayden O'Callaghan, June Kimber, Denise Goonan, Adam Horsley, Shirley Gabriel, Brianna Papworth, Harry Edmonds, Jeff Edwards, Gwen Castle, Margaret Casey, Fran Ellis, Stephen Buchanan, Ian Buchanan, Liam Hatt (Claire Baker's grandson), Fr. Luke Fongi, Bruce Price, Cecilia Lim, Emily Davis, Brian Baker

PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit, with joy and much peace. (Pope Francis)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YR C

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 prophet *Baruch 5:1-9*

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps 125*

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. They go out, they go out, full of tears carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves.

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SECOND READING: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the *Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11*

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Luke 3:4.6*

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths; all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Luke 3:1-6*

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

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Iturea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

GOSPEL CONNECTION

Hope on the Horizon

Imagine the valleys of your life. Those times when yawning need was met by silence. When the desire for companionship found only absence. When there were bills to pay and only holes in your pockets.

Now reflect on the mountains. The tasks that seemed insurmountable. The illnesses that dragged on and on. The hurt that seemed to grow rather than diminish with time. The challenges that seemed to have been designed with someone bigger and stronger than you in mind.

The way of the Lord is the smooth way. No valleys, no mountains, just a journey through pleasant country. Never been there? Neither had Jesus on this earth. Jesus sums up his experience with a rather sad evaluation: "My kingdom is not of this world". This world has a rough topography, complete with sin, death, and crucifixion. Yet we trust the word of Jesus because he's travelled these same valleys and mountains on the road to salvation. We're never so lost that we can't be found on these wild roads.

Map out the prominent valleys and mountains of the past year. Where do you see hope in the smooth way?

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