

MASS ROSTER							
Date		Commentator	Lector	Organist	M of C	M of C	DPO
1-Jan	5:30pm	Sutton	Gash	Dewhurst	Masterson	Studdert	Goonan J
2-Jan	8:00am	Burgess	Gibson	Mcauliffe	Lieschke	Harris	Volunteer
	10:am	Baker	Temple-Brown	Edis	Graham	Baker	Locke

DIOCESAN COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

NO RESTRICTIONS IN NUMBER—SINGING IS ALLOWED.
KEEP CHECKING IN WITH QR.

PARISH CALENDAR

Wednesday 22nd December: CHOIR PRACTICE at 7pm. New voices are welcome.

Eucharistic adoration: Close Friday 17th December and resumes first week of February 2022.

LAST WEEK COLLECTIONS

1st Collection \$723.75 — 2nd Collection \$921.50
PLEASE CONSIDER DIRECT GIVING

VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPER

Vinnies are packing hampers this Friday 17th December at 9 am.
Venue: the Rugby League rooms at McDonald Park at the Equex Centre. Delivery of hampers starts at 9am on Sunday 19th from the same venue. Please contact Maryanne on 0428389090 if you are able to help. Thanks.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Christmas Eve at Mater Dei Primary 6:00pm
Christmas Eve Sacred Heart Parish Centre 8:00pm
Christmas Day Sacred Heart Parish Centre 9.00am

Reconciliation second rite in preparation for Christmas:

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

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



Sacred Heart Parish Koorinal

18th/19th 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

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

PRAY FOR:

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, Brian McGrane, Sr. Andre Guthrie rsj.

ANNIVERSARIES/ REMEMBRANCES: Elizabeth Gaynor, Kevin Munro, Beryl Pearson (24th December)

SICK: Ilona Gortva, Laurence Roche, William Trist, Miriam McCoy, Joanne Huckel, Mary Codell, Shivaun Clifton, Barry Parnell, Hayden O'Callaghan, June Kimber, Denise Goonan, 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, Robin Nugent.

SAVE THE DATE: JANUARY 16th 2022

FAREWELL TO FR. JOHN AND WELCOME TO FR. PADDY

AT 9AM MASS CUP OF TEA FOLLOWED

(no 8am Mass)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR 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 Micah 5:1-4

The Lord says this: You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 79

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might. O Lord, come to our help.
God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted.
May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 10:5-10

This is what he said, on coming into the world: You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.' Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Lk 1: 38

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord; may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah.

She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy.'

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

GOSPEL CONNECTION

Small is Beautiful

At our parish we call them L.O.L.s: Little Old Ladies. They're the backbone of the community. They come to meetings, bake cakes for functions, crochet for fundraising, pray for a storm, drop their money in the baskets, bringing communion to the sick, volunteer for everything. They go about their work almost invisibly, but what they accomplish is enormous. Without L.O.L.s, someone once observed, you could close the doors of most parishes.

Elizabeth was a Little Old Lady. To look at her, one might not expect much more to come from a person of her advanced years. Certainly, the contribution of new life was biologically behind her. Yet God's grace proved that assumption wrong, as often explodes our careful theories and plans. God's grace can overshadow us and bring new life from the "too old," the "too young," and every other place where we've closed a door in our minds. God may be opening a door for you right now, in the place you least expect.

What aspect of your life have you already determined is fruitless or barren? Do you believe God can act there?

'Tis the season to be generous. As we wrap those last presents and send those last cards, remember those who will receive no gift and no friendly greeting. Give a gift that won't be returned in kind, just as God gave Jesus to us. Merry Christmas.

He will stand tall in his shepherd-rule by God's strength, centred in the majesty of God-Revealed. And the people will have a good and safe home.

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*Come Lord Jesus and bring joy and laughter among us.
Come with the music of eternity and the songs of the earth.
Come among us and make us truly grateful for your birth and your love.*