

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

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Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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**31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
- YEAR B
31 October 2021**

**This week we welcome
The Most Reverend Gregory Homeming,
Bishop of Lismore,
to our Parish
as he celebrates the
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION.**

God's law is about love

As part of a structured community or society, we need regulations, 'norms' or laws to provide the conditions for a productive, well-ordered and peaceful community. To achieve its mission and to continue to support people in their lives and with their faith, the Church also needs structures.

Church laws have been created by people of faith and good will over many centuries, based on the scriptures of the Old and New Testament and guided by the Holy Spirit. But, while there were times when Jesus found the application of the laws of his time not entirely to his liking, he never talked about simplifying or abolishing the laws.

He once said; *"do not think that I have come to abolish the laws or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them"* (Matt 5:17).

Yet, by answering the scribe's question in today's gospel, *"which is the first of all the commandments?"* Jesus gives us a clear picture that God's law is about LOVE. He sums up all the laws in this one word: LOVE. Jesus takes us to the heart of the matter because he realises that the observance of the laws has gone awry.

Jesus said to the scribe: *"you load people with burdens which they cannot bear, and you yourselves will not lift one finger to help them"* (Luke 11:46). Jesus highlights this so we understand that LOVE is at the heart of God's Commandments. It is love that is to permeate our actions and it is love that gives profound meaning to our lives.

It is love that moved God, like the Good Shepherd to go out and search for each one of us. He sent his Son to be one like us, even to the extent of giving his own life, dying on the cross and rising from the dead to give us a new life. Love led Jesus to obey his Father's Will and fulfill the plan of salvation.

Jesus has refocused us all on love and placed it as the heart of all God's commandments. Jesus thus invites us to have his love in our hearts and in our discipleship journey. This same love will enable us to live our faith with greater commitment and sensitivity in all our changing situations.

Let us remember that God's love continues to burn in our hearts as his Holy Spirit inspires and accompanies us on our faith journey. We are called to share this love with those around us, particularly the wounded, the troubled and the needy. May God bless you.

Redempt Jawa CSsR @ Majellan Media 2021

This week in the Parish 31 Oct-7 Nov

Saturday 30	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 31	31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass
NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS	
Monday 1 Nov	ALL SAINTS DAY - Yr B 9:00 am - Rosary & Prayers - Sacred Heart Chapel 5:30 pm - Mass
Tuesday 2	The COMMEMORATION of ALL the FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Soul's Day) 5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 3	11:30 am - Confirmation Retreat 5:15pm - CONFIRMATION 6:30 pm - CONFIRMATION
Saturday 6	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 7	32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass



SEATING IN THE CHURCH

Please remember to turn over the small 'Please Sit Here' card where you sit in the church during Mass. This tells the volunteer cleaners where someone has been sitting during Mass.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 5.30pm - 5.50pm
Sunday: 7.30am - 7.50am

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Moya Tunsted, Frank Mills, Madonna Marshall, Bede Shortis

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mary Lever

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Vince Kean, James Wallace



WELCOME

During the week, we welcomed

*Tiana Grace Grosse,
Abbey Ellie Raymond,
Jack Alexander Raymond
& Thomas James Raymond*
to our faith community.

Readings for today and next Sunday:

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B

Deut 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28-34

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B

1 Kg 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL RAFFLE...

Tickets for the Christmas Carnival Parish Raffle will be available soon.

To be drawn on the first weekend in December.

READING ROSTER

6/7 October - 32nd Sunday in Ord Time - Yr B

6pm Vigil: Grace Molloy

Sunday 8am: Kay Ryder

Sunday 10am: Lorraine Green

WEDNESDAY WORD

Copies of Wednesday Word, with this weekend's readings, are available for you in the Church.

JOSEPHITE CALENDARS

2022 Josephite Calendars have arrived.

On sale at the Parish Office.

\$10.00 each.

2021 HSC EXAMS

Please keep all Year 12 students in your prayers as they prepare to sit for their Higher School Certificate examinations next month.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to acknowledge the Bundjalung people who are the Traditional Owners of this land on which we gather and pray today. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging, and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people past, present and emerging.



Next Wednesday evening, Bishop Gregory Homeming will administer the **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** to twenty-six children in our Parish.

Thank you to parents, teachers and catechists who helped prepare the children for this sacrament, and to our parish community, for the prayers and support that you offered the children and their families.

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD | Deacon Prodencio Bognay

It was announced this week that Bishop Greg Homeming will ordain Deacon Prodencio Bognay on Wednesday 8 December at St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore at 6pm.

More details will be issued later.

Please keep Prodencio in your prayers over the coming weeks as he makes his final preparations for Ordination to the Priesthood.

REFLECTION - LIVING THE GOSPEL - LOVE

Jesus reminds us 'You must love your neighbour as yourself.' There's an unspoken, underlying idea here that is absolutely crucial. Before you can love your neighbour, you must first love yourself. To say that you love yourself today can imply a level of boastfulness or ego. However, what is required is a genuine love of self – an acceptance; a respect; a true valuing of self. Only then can we know how to treat others. When we ask ourselves how we would want to be treated it points us towards how we should treat others. What is summed up so simply by Jesus is a very tough ask! - Greg Sunter

PLEASE NOTE

The Vocation Discernment Retreat that was to be held on 5-7 November, has been cancelled.

MASS TIMES

ALL SAINTS DAY

MONDAY, 1 NOVEMBER

5:30 PM MASS in Sacred Heart Church

ALL SOULS DAY

TUESDAY, 2 NOVEMBER

5:30PM MASS in Sacred Heart Church

OFFER MASSES FOR THE HOLY SOULS & SUPPORT PRIESTS IN NEED

The Church dedicates the month of November to praying for our deceased loved ones. Offering Masses is the greatest gift we can give to them.

Because of our close relationship with the Solomon Islands, our November Masses are generally sent to Archbishop Chris Cardone in Honiara, and from there Mass Intentions are distributed to priests in the various parishes who have limited sources of income.

Masses can be offered for those we knew and loved, or for the souls that have nobody to pray for them.

Please ensure all names are clearly printed.

Prayers during November may also be requested for deceased relatives and friends by writing their names on the yellow cards (at the Church entrance) and placing the card on the Church noticeboard.

MISSION SUNDAY - THANK YOU

For we **CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING** about what we have **SEEN & HEARD**
ACTS 4:20

Thank you so much for your generous support of Church-run mission programs like the Mother and Babies Home in Thailand through last week's Catholic Mission Appeal.

Your gift helps to continue the work of Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters as they support vulnerable mothers and their babies, as well as many other mission programs around the world.

To learn more about the impact of your support, visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work, where you can also sign-up for our regular newsletter.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/thailand



Envelopes are still available in the Church this weekend. Please POST envelope directly to address listed on envelope or place in 1st or 2nd Collection Plates

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (17)

R: I love you, Lord, my strength.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my father will love them, and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

'Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee.' - St. Augustine

WEARING OF MASKS

A reminder to everyone:

you are required to wear a mask indoors when attending Mass

If you have an exemption from wearing a mask, you are required to carry the exemption from your doctor or a statutory declaration, and to produce this exemption when asked by a regulatory officer.

* Please be respectful to people who are not wearing a mask as the reasons for not wearing a mask are not always visible or obvious.

MASS - What you need to know

- ◆ all Masses are celebrated in Sacred Heart Church (*entry via main entrance only*) – country churches remain closed
- ◆ QR check in on arrival or give your name and contact details to our hospitality team
- ◆ you are required to wear a mask inside
- ◆ please use the hand sanitiser provided
- ◆ seats are marked where you can sit
- ◆ please observe 1.5 m social distancing when coming forward for communion
- ◆ distribution of communion is strictly **BY HAND** only
- ◆ no congregational singing
- ◆ church cleaned after each Mass
- ◆ covid-19 safety plan of action in place

Queries or concerns, please contact Mary-Ann in the Parish Office.

VIEW MASS AT HOME -

There are several options to tune into Mass at home when you can't join us:

- Bishop Greg continues to online-stream Sunday Mass on the [Diocesan YouTube](#) channel - 9:00 am.
- Freeview TV - Channel 10 Sunday 6 am

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried;

he descended into hell;

on the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father

almighty;

from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and life everlasting.

Amen.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.



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