

PARISH MEETINGS:

PPC Meeting: Alternate Thursdays – 7pm. **Wings of Freedom Prayer Group:** Tuesdays – 7.30pm – 9pm
Immaculata Apostolate: 2nd & 4th Monday of the Month – 9:15am – 10:15am
Legion of Mary: Thursdays – 4:30 – 6pm **Church Choir:** 3rd Monday of the Month – 8pm
St. Vincent De Paul: 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the Month – 5.30pm – 6.30pm
Perpetual Help Novena Group: Wednesdays – 6pm **Youth Group:** First Friday of the Month 7pm – 9pm

LITURGY ROSTER 8 December 19 15 December 19

VIGIL (Sat 6pm):

Sacristan/Leader:	Ron Caldwell,	Justin McErlean
Welcome:	Marie Caldwell,	Yvonne McErlean
Readers:	Ron Caldwell,	Justin McErlean
Offertory:	Justin & Yvonne McErlean	
Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Ron Caldwell	Yvonne McErlean, Theresa Nicholas

SUNDAY 9am:

Sacristan/Leader:	Mick Pyke	Ron Jones
Welcome:	Maree Pyke	Anne & Ron Jones; Lyn Jones; MJ Tully
Readers:	Mick Pike; Denise Orton Paul Lucas	Anne & Ron Jones; Lyn Jones, Carmen English
Offertory:	M & M Pyke; M & S Sharkey; Michelle & Olivia Bannerman	English family Lyn Jones
Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Maree & Mick Pyke; Susie Sharkey	Ron & Anne Jones; Lyn Jones; Judy Eagle
Morning Tea:	Maree Pyke; M & S Sharkey; D Orton; M & O Bannerman	Carmen English & MJ Tully

SUNDAY 5.30pm:

Sacristan/Leader:	Ellen Morosini; Beatrice Lucas	Ellen Morosini; Beatrice Lucas
Readers:	Michael Taylor, Ellen Morosini	Michael Taylor, Ellen Morosini
Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Beatrice Lucas, Grahame O'Brien	Beatrice Lucas, Grahame O'Brien

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Our Sick:

Fr Murray,
 Helen George, June Rasmussen,
 Ava Bateman, Margaret Lewis
 David Armstrong, Wendy Heffernan,
 Therese Fitzpatrick, April Hitzke,
 Clayton Herron, Joseph Stafford,
 Dulcie Carey, Mabel Saad,
 Yvonne King, Oscar Javier,
 Theresa Hansen, Brendan Blatchly,
 Alfredo Bumatay, Christine Barron,
 Alfredo Yap-Buzon, Barry Hart,
 Kevin Prior, Pauline Mary,
 Kath Logan, Geraldine Erato,
 Angela Eastwood, Kevin Swain,
 Tony & Mary Lukie, Graham Ryan,
 Betty Carr, Tania Smith,
 Paul Stanley Holmes,
 Baby Austin Bliesner,
 Baby Joseph Giumelli,
 Greg Long, Carmel Burke,
 Matthew Ryan, Louise Nutt,
 Killian Scherger, Kateri Byrnes.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Sr. Aileen Marsh RGS
 Barry Gerber



ANNIVERSARY:

Irene and Pat Duggan



SACRED HEART PARISH, TOOWOOMBA

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Masses: **Sunday:** Vigil (Sat) 6pm, 9am, 5.30pm **Mon, Weds & Fri:** 6.30am
Tuesday: 6.30am, 12.10pm **Thursday:** 6.30am **Saturday:** 8.30am
Eucharistic Adoration: Mon – Fri: 5am – 6.30am (including the Angelus & Morning Prayer)
Tuesday: CONTINUOUS 24 hours from 6.30am Mass to Wednesday 6.30am Mass
First Friday: 7am – 8.30am Mass Saturday (for the sanctity of life)
Second Friday: 7am – 7pm with a Mercy Hour 7pm – 8pm
Other Fridays: 7am – 7pm 12 hours
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday: 8am, 5.30pm
Office Hours: Monday & Thursday 9am – 3:30pm; Tuesday & Friday 8am – 4:30pm
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Parish Priest: Fr. Roque MAGUINSAY (PACEM)
Chairperson Parish Pastoral Council: Ann Eyre **PH: 0432 421 962**
Safeguards Coordinator: Therese Swain **PH: 0438 303 783**
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8 December 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year A

Called to Be like John the Baptist

God calls us to live our life in union with Him. Therefore, He sent people to become instruments of our spiritual growth as persons who are destined for His love. His only desire is for all of us to be ONE with Him regardless of our status, religion, culture, or race.

In this season of Advent, God invites us again to live our life acceptable in His kingdom. He uses John the Baptist to be the forerunner of Christ. John's divine calling is to prepare the way of the Lord by preaching repentance to people, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. As his life is totally centred on God, we are called to also live our divine calling, which is to follow Jesus the Christ. Repentance is the core message of Jesus' preaching for it is the path toward encountering God.

Christ has come for us sinners that he may bring healing to our wounded souls, liberate us from sin, and offer us eternal life. How can He give his grace of healing, liberation, and eternal life if we ourselves are not ready to repent? As a matter of fact, the essence of our response to Christ lies in our ability to see within our hearts the power of His grace and love. It is difficult to welcome Him into our lives if our hearts are not contrite. Hence, we are called to admit our sins, turn away from them, and then embrace His loving mercy and live our divine calling.

LOST KEYS: A parishioner has lost their keys. If found, the Parish please advise Office on (07) 4634 8488

CHILDREN'S ROSARY: Children's Rosary group will meet at Sacred Heart at 10.15am on **Sunday 22 December**. This international prayer group (childrensrosary.org) is open to all school aged children.

ROSARY FOR RAIN:

Given the great need for rain, a Rosary for Rain will be held each Sunday afternoon until further notice. Holy Name Catholic Church at 2pm. Refreshments afterwards

CHRISTMAS MULTI DRAW RAFFLES:

Items for multi draw raffle, Please give to Parish Office or to Ann or Emilie.

IMMACULATA MISSION SCHOOL 2020 – FAMILY PROGRAM FOR UNDER 15s:

The **IMS family program** runs from 5th – 10th January and includes talks, children's ministry, Adoration and meals. If your family does not require accommodation, the cost for food and activities for the five days is \$180 per adult and \$90 per child (ages 4 – 14). Children 3 and under by donation (this contributes towards food, child minding, etc.). A \$30 surcharge per adult and child applies after 18th November (the closing date for early-bird registrations)

PPC MEMBERSHIP:

Fr Roque and the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) recently discussed membership of the PPC and have decided to make a few changes.

Currently members are elected/appointed for a 3-year term with 50% stepping down on 1.5 yearly rotations to allow for better management of the Council.

A 4-year membership term with 50% rotation each 2 years was considered easier to manage and better for succession planning.

As a consequence of this, the following changes will be made as of 31st December 2019

- Ann Eyre will continue as Council Chair until 31st Dec '21 (a 2 yr. extension on her current term)
- Two yearly rotations for 50% of members will also commence on 31st December 2021

'IMMACULATA' PIETY STALLS: Piety stalls at each of the 9am Masses 8th and 15th Dec. Christmas Items, Nativity Scenes, Cards, 2020 Calendars, Gifts and much more. Orders taken any time. Contact Ann: 0432 421 962 or Flora: 0401 635 168

CHERISH LIFE QLD: Movie: "UNPLANNED" Date: Wednesday 11th December Time: 6:30
Double Seminar Room, Level 3, City Library Building, Toowoomba, QLD. Please see Flyers in the foyer!

NATIVITY PLAY:

There will be practice after 9am Mass on Sunday, 15 Dec and on Monday, 23 Dec. We are encouraging all children to join. We have roles for you. Kindly see Fiona Webb for more details.

ADVENT PREPARATION:

There are Advent activities available this weekend. Please see Fiona and Emilie at the gazebo.

THE FLUTE, THE LANTERN & THE SPELL:

This exciting new musical is already happening this weekend, coming to the Empire Studio Toowoomba from December 11-13. Written by a Holy Name parishioner (who also comes to Sacred heart), Damian Dore, and presented by Empire Theatres' Homegrown Independents Program, The Flute, The Lantern & The Spell follows pirates and villagers on a journey of magic and wonder from the high seas to inland cotton-fields. Family friendly and suitable for ages 10+. Only 300 seats available in total - don't miss out and grab your tickets on empiretheatre.com.au.

NINE-DAY DAWN NOVENA MASSES:

Please be reminded that the Novena Masses start on Monday, 16th of December at 4:30am.

EUCHARIST ADORATION DURING DECEMBER AND NEW YEAR'S EVE:

Extra people are needed to spend time in Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament following the 4.30am dawn Rorate Caeli Mass on **Tues 17 Dec and Fri 20 Dec from 5am – 7am** and also Adoration on **New Year's Eve 11pm – 12 mn, then from after Midnight Mass until 9am Mass on New Year's Day**. Please add your name to the extra roster in the foyer if you are able to help. Contacts: Ellen Morosini 0412 435 030 and Emilie Yu-Yap 0420 542 508.

REQUESTS, APPOINTMENTS, SUGGESTIONS, and CONCERNS: Except for urgent situations

If you have any requests, including requests to visit the sick, Requests for Appointments, Suggestions or Concerns, please either email the Parish Office – info@sacredheartparish.com.au or complete a Communication Form in the Church foyer. Envelopes are provided. Please put completed form in the Green box. **FOR ALL URGENT MATTERS** – please contact Father immediately.

NO MERCY HOUR on the **2nd Friday** of the month of December.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL: The Christmas appeal will reach out to those who are finding it difficult to access those small luxuries and food items that help over this period. The SVDP conference in Sacred Heart has, over the last 3 months, assisted over 200 families with food, clothing and furniture. Envelopes will be available next weekend.

Want to understand your Catholic Faith in the context of History?



Institute of Catholic Culture is offering a FREE "live" online course "History of the Ancient & Biblical World (History 101)" with Dr. John Pepino, a professor of Greek, Latin, History, & Patristics at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary in Denton, Nebraska.

History 101 runs from Jan to Jun 2020, followed by History 102 from July to Dec 2020. Logon live to the class via your laptop, computer, iphone, ipad or tablet Friday mornings at 10.30am Qld time (changes to 9.30am in March when US time changes).

Registration closes DECEMBER 15. Register online at InstituteofCatholicCulture.org/Events.

Any queries or assistance with registering etc phone Madonna 0423 759 005

SACRED HEART PARISH ADVENT, CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR '19-'20

Novena Mon 16-Tues 24 Dec at 4.30am (Rorate Caeli Mass):

Mon 16th -	4.30am Mass
Tues 17th -	4.30 am Mass; Eucharistic Adoration 5am – 6:30am Wed 18 th ; 12:10pm Mass
Weds 18th -	4.30 am Mass; Reconciliation 7pm (visiting Priests will assist)
Thurs 19th -	4.30 am Mass
Fri 20th -	4.30 am Mass; Eucharistic Adoration 5am – 7pm
Sat 21st -	4.30 am Mass; NO 8.30am Mass; 5.30pm Reconciliation; 6pm Vigil Mass
Sun 22nd -	4.30 am Mass; 9am Mass 4 th Sunday of Advent; 5.30pm Mass PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY AFTER 9am MASS
Mon 23rd -	4.30 am Mass;
Tues 24th -	4.30 am Mass; NO Adoration; NO 12.10pm Mass; Christmas Eve – 5.30pm Nativity Play; 6.00pm Mass; 11.30pm Christmas Carols; 12mn Christmas Midnight Mass
Weds 25th -	NO 6.30am Mass; 9am Christmas Day Mass; NO 5.30pm Mass
Thurs 26th -	NO Masses
Fri 27th -	6.30am Mass; 7am – 7pm Adoration
Sat 28th -	8am Reconciliation; 8.30am Mass; 5.30pm Reconciliation; 6pm Vigil Mass
Sun 29th -	9am Mass; 5.30pm Mass
Mon 30th -	6.30am Mass;
Tues 31 Dec -	11pm – 12mn – Eucharistic Adoration; NO 12:10pm Mass
Weds 1st Jan -	12mn – Mass of Mary, Mother of God; 1am – 9am – Eucharistic Adoration; (NO 6.30am Mass) 9am New Year's Day Mass
Fri 4th Jan -	First Friday 24 Hours Eucharistic Adoration