

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 15th March 2020 3rd Sunday Next Week-end****VIGIL (Sat 6pm):**

Sacristan/Leader:	Justin McErlean
Welcome:	Yvonne McErlean
Readers:	Justin McErlean
Offertory:	Justin & Yvonne McErlean
Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Justin & Yvonne McErlean

SUNDAY 9am:

Sacristan/Leader:	Ron & Anne Jones
Welcome:	Anne & Ron Jones; Lyn Jones; MJ Tully
Readers:	Anne & Ron Jones; Lyn Jones Carmen English
Offertory:	English Family
Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Ron & Anne Jones; Lyn Jones; Carmen English
Morning Tea:	Carmen English & MJ Tully

SUNDAY 5.30pm:

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:**Our Sick:**

Helen George, June Rasmussen, Therese Fitzpatrick, April Hitzke, Clayton Herron, Joseph Stafford, Oscar Javier, Dulcie Carey, Theresa Hansen, Mabel Saad, Yvonne King, Brendan Blatchly, Alfredo Bumatay, Christine Barron, Jim McHugh, Alfredo Yap-Buzon, Kevin Prior, Pauline Mary, Geraldine Erato, Kevin Swain, Tony & Mary Lukie, Paul Stanley Holmes, Baby Austin Bliesner, Baby Joseph Giumelli, Greg Long, Carmel Burke, Matthew Ryan, Louise Nutt, Kateri Byrnes.

NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon; Tues; Thurs; Fri
9am – 3.30pm.
Weds – 12:30pm – 4:30pm

**SACRED HEART PARISH, TOOWOOMBA**

Incorporating North - West Toowoomba, Wilsonton, Cotswold Hills, Gowrie, Kingsthorpe

Cnr. Tor & North Street, Wilsonton PH: (07) 4634 8488**Email:** info@sacredheartparish.com.au**Sacred Heart Parish Website:** sacredheartparish.com.au**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, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9am – 3:30pm; Wednesday 12:30 pm – 4:30pm**Sacred Heart Parish Website:** sacredheartparish.com.au**Parish Priest:** Fr. Roque MAGUINSAY (PACEM)**Chairperson Parish Pastoral Council:** Ann Eyre **PH:** 0432 421 962**Safeguards Coordinator:** Therese Swain **PH:** 0438 303 783**All Seasons Function Centre:** Sacred Heart Parish **PH:** (07) 4634 8488**Email:** info@sacredheartparish.com.au**Sacred Heart Primary School:** Principal – Mr. Chris Rosentreter **PH:** (07) 4634 3436**Email:** sacredheart@twb.catholic.edu.au **Website:** www.sacredhearttwb.catholic.edu.au**8 March 2020****SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT****Year A**

Source of Our Courage

On a high mountain, before the eyes of the chosen disciples, Jesus is transfigured. This glimpse of the Lord's divinity is meant to encourage the disciples in their following of the Lord. It is also intended to spur us on, as we undergo the "Lenten moments" of our lives, when we experience doubts, pains, and life's absurdities. With Peter and the other disciples, we can say, that we too, have heard the Father's voice on the holy mountain. We do well to be attentive to it.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT? IN THE WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS:

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope
Fast from worries and have trust in God.
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others
Fast from grudges and be reconciled
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

'IMMACULATA' PIETY STALLS:

Piety Stall 9am Mass – 15th March **What's New:** - Pardon Crucifix-a powerful Sacramental \$3; Sacred Space for Lent 2020; Our Lady of Dolour Rosary Beads; Devotion to the Sorrowful Mother; Devotion to St Joseph, Easter Cards. Orders can be taken at any time. Contact: Ann: 043 242 1962 or Flora: 0401 635 168

NEW SACRED HEART PARISH LOGO

Our new logo encompasses the key elements of the Catholic faith and Sacred Heart Parish. At the centre is the Cross, visible on the door of the church, and the dove that symbolises the Holy Spirit, surrounded by stained glass inspired from Sacred Heart's own windows; all of these nestled in our Lord's Most Sacred Heart. A coloured version is on the Notice Board

Twenty-seven-year-old Phany was a struggling farmer and was forced to leave her daughter to take up construction work in the city. Her life has been transformed since joining a Caritas supported program, learning crop growing skills and better water management, to combat drought. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help mothers like Phany continue to uplift their communities and provide food for their families.** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

ST. ROCH - A POWERFUL PATRON AGAINST PLAGUES:

Private Novena to St Roch: *You are invited to join Fr Roque and other parishioners in praying a private 9-day Novena to St Roch – Sun 8th – 16 Mon for intercession in preventing the spread of coronavirus in our families, our Parish, our country and our world. **PRAYER CARDS AVAILABLE in the foyer.***

During the 14th century there was a plague in Italy, and St. Roch came upon one of the towns most affected by it. According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, he “devoted himself to the plague-stricken, curing them with the sign of the cross. He next visited Cesena and other neighbouring cities and then Rome. Everywhere the terrible scourge disappeared before his miraculous power.” He eventually contracted the plague himself, but after retreating to the forest, he was also cured from the disease.

After his death, St. Roch’s intercession was invoked when a plague struck Germany in the 15th century.

In 1414, during the Council of Constance, the plague having broken out in that city, the Fathers of the Council ordered public prayers and processions in honour of the saint, and immediately the plague ceased.

Time and time again, he was invoked during various medieval plagues and is why he is labelled a patron against plagues.

**SACRED HEART SACRAMENT
DATES 2020**

(Year Three, eight years and above)

Term One – Reconciliation

Sunday 8th March – 3rd lesson
Sunday 15th March – 4th lesson
Sunday 22nd March – 5th lesson (plus Practice)
Monday 23rd March – First Reconciliation, 6pm

Term Two – Confirmation

Sunday 10th May – 1st lesson
Sunday 17th May – 2nd lesson
Sunday 24th May – 3rd lesson
Sunday 31st May – 4th lesson
Sunday 7th June – 5th lesson (plus Practice)
Monday 8th June – Confirmation ceremony
7pm with Bishop McGuckin

Term Three – First Holy Communion

Sunday 26th July – 1st lesson
Sunday 2nd August – 2nd lesson
Sunday 9th August – 3rd lesson
Sunday 23th August – 4th lesson
Sunday 30th August – 5th lesson (plus Practice)
Sunday 6th Sep - First Holy Communion at 9am

2020 LENT & HOLY WEEK

During Lent there will be no Recessional Hymn after Mass. Please stand quietly while **Father** processes out.

PALM SUNDAY – 5 April	Saturday Vigil – 6:00pm Mass Sunday – 9:00am and 5:30pm
HOLY THURSDAY – 9 April	MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER 7:00pm
GOOD FRIDAY – 10 April	STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 10:00am PASSION OF OUR LORD – 3:00pm Confession 10am - 11am
SATURDAY – 11 April	EASTER VIGIL – 7:00pm
EASTER SUNDAY – 12 April	9:00am and 5:30pm Masses
RECONCILIATION	Every Friday of Lent 7:30pm Saturday: 8:00am and 5:30pm

Stations of the Cross every Friday of Lent: 7pm



4 March 2020

Letter to the Diocese of Toowoomba

Following the *National advice on liturgical implications in light of coronavirus (COVID-19)* issued today by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, I ask that parishes and communities throughout the Diocese of Toowoomba observe the following temporary protocols until further notice, effective from this weekend (7 and 8 March 2020).

- Individuals should consider their own health, including any potential to infect others with a contagious disease, before attending a public liturgical celebration.
- Holy Water should be temporarily removed from stoups at the doors of churches to reduce the possibility of transmission of the virus. Holy Water should continue to be available for people to take home.
- Parishes and other settings where liturgies are celebrated should make alcohol-based gels or rubs (or like products) available near entrances. Similar provisions should be considered for settings used for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- When exchanging the Sign of Peace, individuals should avoid shaking hands but say “Peace be with you” and offer a smile, wave, nod or bow.
- All Ministers of Holy Communion should take particular care to wash their hands before and after distributing. Appropriate means should be made available.
- The coronavirus is easily spread through saliva. In celebrations of the Ordinary Form of the Latin Rite, it is therefore recommended that the Body of Christ only be administered in the hand because of the high risk of transmission if people continue to receive on the tongue. Ministers should also seek to avoid contact with the communicant's hands.
- Parishes should cease distributing Holy Communion from the Chalice until further notice. The faithful should be reminded that Christ is fully present under either species.

Priests and Parish Leaders are encouraged to communicate these protocols with the faithful clearly and appropriately.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference will continue to monitor advice from health authorities and other episcopal conferences. This advice will be updated as and when appropriate.

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