

SACRED HEART PARISH, TOOWOOMBA



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24 MAY 2020

ASCENSION SUNDAY

Year A



Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Lord's Ascension. Jesus' return to the Father marks the end of his public ministry and appearance to the disciples After His resurrection. But he really does not leave his disciples. Through his gift of the Holy Spirit, He accompanies them in their task of preaching the Good News, even as they build communities of disciples.

This Sunday is also Australia's first Sanctity of Life Sunday. The aim of this new initiative is for individual churches to help foster a culture that treasures life at every stage and in every circumstance.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - CHURCH RE-OPENING:

The Parish Pastoral Council will be submitting a COVIDSafe Plan for Sacred Heart Parish, as requested by the Bishop, for his approval, on Monday. Once approved **AND** the Parish Council have all the requirements in place, we will advise Parishioners through the Bulletin posted on the website, Bulletin emailed to those with the email addresses, through contact with your Care and Concern Team Member, or by phone call.

Please note that it is Fr's Roque's decision, and supported by the PPC, that when we are drawing up Rosters for weekend and weekday Masses to give priority to those parishioners who have identified themselves as parishioners in the Parish Survey conducted last year. If for some reason you did not complete the Survey and would like to – please see attached Form. Please return completed form by either emailing it to the Parish Office, leaving it in the Presbytery letterbox, returning it to the office during opening hours or mailing it. Parishioners are deemed those who attend weekend Masses in the Parish and contribute to the life of the Parish. If you are unsure if you have completed a form, contact the Parish Office and if necessary, a form will be emailed/sent to you.

When we have the approval of the Bishop for our COVID Plan, & we can 'open' the Church:

Weekend Masses will be – Sat evening 5 pm & 6 pm; Sun 9 am & 10 am; Sun pm 4 pm & 5 pm

Weekday Masses – Mon – Fri 12 midday

Eucharistic Adoration: Tues & Fri 7am – 7pm

Confessions: Meeting Room - Mon, Weds, Fri 11.15 – 11.45

PLEASE NOTE:

- THE ABOVE ALTERED TIMES ARE TEMPORARY
- FOR ALL MASSES AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – there will be a Roster System
- Only 10 Parishioners are permitted to attend Mass at a time & only 10 Parishioners can be in the Church at any one time for Eucharistic Adoration
- Hopefully, next weekend we will be in a position to be able to advise a start date.

If you would like to be on the weekday Mass Rosters, please contact the Parish Office – PH: 4634 8488

We are all wanting the Church to be opened as soon as possible. Please be assured that Fr Roque and the PPC are working hard to ensure that the Church will be open as soon as we possibly can have all systems in place.

PARISH OFFICE: From Mon 25 May, the Parish Office will be open Mon & Thurs 9.00 - 3.30pm, Tues & Fri 9.00 - 4.30pm & Weds 9-12 noon.

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CELEBRATING MASS DURING CHURCH CLOSURE:

1. Sacred Heart Parish will be live-streaming the Mass this Sunday – the Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven – Sun. 9am - www.sacredheartparish.com.au
2. View the live streamed Masses on the [diocese's website](#), via the [diocese's Facebook page](#) or the [diocese's YouTube channel](#). Please note that the stream will become active a few minutes prior to starting.
3. Website: <https://www.catholic.org.au/prayathome> - this excellent website provides links to *Masses Online; Sunday Readings & Liturgical Resources; Holy Week Resources; Prayers and Scripture Readings*
4. 'Mass for You at Home' is broadcast on Channel 10 each Sunday from 6am

PRAYER RESOURCES:

Website: www.pray.com.au - has many Resources including a 14-day online retreat prepared by the staff of Jesuit Communication. Though conceived to help those who must isolate themselves for 14 days during the coronavirus crisis, it is open to anyone to use at any time

ENTRUSTMENT OF AUSTRALIA TO MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS:

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect Australians' lives, including our worship, the bishops of Australia will entrust the country to the care of Mary Help of Christians on her feast day this weekend. The bishops approved the entrustment of the country to Mary Help of Christians during last week's plenary meeting, conducted using videoconference technology. The motion read: "That the Australian Bishops entrust Australia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary under the title Our Lady Help of Christians, seeking her intercession for the safety of all our people especially in this time of COVID-19 pandemic."

Mary Help of Christians has been the official patroness of Australia since 1844. Her feast day is celebrated on May 24, which this year coincides with the Feast of the Ascension. The bishops agreed that the entrustment of Australia to Mary Help of Christians can therefore take place on the 24th or the 25th. - **See Attachments**

CARE AND CONCERN GROUP: Our aim is to ensure that all parishioners, have a nominated person, who checks regularly to see how the parishioner is managing and enquiring if they need any assistance. For those parishioners who do not have internet access, the Care and Concern Volunteer will pass on Parish information. Please consider becoming a Care and Concern Volunteer - contact Ann 043 242 1962.

PRAYERS REQUESTED: For all our sick: those names in our usual weekly Bulletin; those with COVID – 19 and all those who are suffering and facing hardship, in any way, during this time.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO PARISH: Fr Roque and the Parish Finance Committee wish to express their appreciation to parishioners for their ongoing financial support of our parish, and appeal to parishioners to continue to do this in this current difficult time. For those who are using gifting envelopes or cash, would you be able to consider, if possible, making your contributions by direct debit or electronic transfers? The bank account details for anyone wishing to make direct fund transfers to the parish are as follows:

BSB 084961 Account number 029611980.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that Thou art present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love Thee above all things, and I desire to receive Thee in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive Thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace Thee as if Thou wert already there and unite myself wholly to Thee. Never permit me to be separated from Thee. Amen.



PRAYER FOR THOSE IN THE WORLD SUFFERING FROM CORONAVIRUS

"Father of goodness and love hear our prayers for all those in the world suffering from Coronavirus and for all who are in need at this desperate time. Amid the physical and mental suffering, may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen."

FATHER ROQUE: Please text me your Prayer Intentions – 0434 797 528, so that I can include them in my daily, private Masses. No Mass stipend is required.
May God bless us all and keep us safe and healthy during this difficult time!