



SACRED HEART PARISH, TOOWOOMBA

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21 JUNE 2020

12th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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BE NOT AFRAID!

We live surrounded by the dangers and threats of all sorts, like robbers, terrorist attacks, chemical warfare and even mysterious viruses, like the COVID-19 – the invisible enemy that can force the entire planet to standstill and leave behind hundreds of thousands of victims! In the midst of it all, the Lord Jesus today tells us: “Be not afraid!” He himself is the brave man who faced Pilate and all his accusers with a stout heart. He wants us to be brave in proclaiming our faith in Him through a life lived according to the demands of the Gospel. We should not be afraid, for we are not alone. The Lord stands by us like a mighty champion and like a faithful friend, ready to assist us in all our needs. The Eucharist is the source of our courage and strength. We live under the protection of our all-loving and omnipotent heavenly Father. If God is with us, who can overpower us?

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL & COVID TEAM – RE-COMMENCEMENT OF MASSES:

We have all the requirements in place to re-commence weekend Masses this weekend **20/21 June, IN THE HALL.**

Weekend Masses - Sat evening from 20th June at 6 pm; Sun 9 am & 10 am; Sun pm 5 pm

For those ‘rostered’ to attend Masses this weekend, you will have been contacted by a member of the COVID Team.

For Father and the others on the Team, the first priority should be and has been to commence the weekend Masses, as soon as practically possible, to accommodate as many parishioners returning to Mass. We greatly underestimated the amount of work and time that this would take, to organise parishioners’ preferences, as well as a number of other aspects to be compliant with COVID requirements.

It has become evident that we were over-stretching our small team with attempting to plan and organise, weekend Masses, weekday Masses, and Eucharistic Adoration, and undertake minor maintenance work in the Church, concurrently. It was an ambitious plan, but unfortunately one set to fail. On completion of the Church work, the Church will have a professional clean before Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions can be held in the foyer.

Therefore, we will not be commencing the weekday Masses until we have ironed out any issues that may surface from the weekend Masses. We don’t expect this to take long.

The recommencement of Masses and Eucharistic Adoration needs to start slowly and progressively so that we can sort out any issues before we gradually increase, both numbers attending and days. Initially, Eucharistic Adoration will be on Fri 7am – 7pm and we will assess how this goes before it is extended to include Tuesdays 7am – 7pm.

Re -commencement of all the above will be in a planned manner. There is much at stake, and we cannot get this wrong. We all look forward to the day when we can have our Church fully open with our usual Masses and Adoration times as previously. We earnestly pray that this day is not far off.

Please see attached a copy of the ‘*Guidelines for Parishioners Attending Mass at Sacred Heart*’

PLEASE NOTE:

✘ THE ABOVE ALTERED TIMES ARE TEMPORARY

- ✘ Only the approved number of people are permitted to attend Mass at a time
- ✘ COVID conditions will be adhered to, at all times
- ✘ Please follow the instructions of the Usher on duty at your Mass

CELEBRATING MASS DURING REDUCED NUMBERS ALLOWED FOR CHURCH MASSES:

1. View 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.
2. 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*
3. 'Mass for You at Home' is broadcast on Channel 10 each Sunday from 6am



PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS:

"O Most Holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins, I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in You and for You. Protect me, in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, Your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Fr Roque to be contacted if necessary

THE VIRTUAL MASS: John Briffa – Liturgy Officer Toowoomba Diocese – "Over the course of the past months of lock down many parishioners have come to appreciate the use of modern technology to watch Mass via live stream or replay on demand. It could be argued that the onset of the Covid 19 restrictions has encouraged some parishes to embrace the use of digital technology as a means to provide a service to those in need.

As we begin to move towards life post the lock downs, it is timely that we review both the benefits and the drawbacks of the use of the virtual Mass. A link to a recent interview with three leading liturgists and their observations of use of the virtual Mass during this time. <https://youtu.be/EOsJ9rqAkV4>

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. Please advise your Planned Giving Number on the transaction.



CLEANING – CHURCH FOYER, HALL AND TOILETS

No experience necessary. Rostered on with others

Contact: Isaac Webb 0413 112 909

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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!