



## SACRED HEART PARISH, TOOWOOMBA

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28 JUNE 2020

13<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Year A

### COMMITMENT TO THE LORD



*Today's Gospel challenges us to make a firm commitment to the Lord. The cost of following Jesus is high: Jesus claims priority over the most important things in our lives, including family and self. Yet by dying to self and losing everything else for the sake of Jesus and the Gospel, we will surely find life. As Paul puts it, "If we have died with Christ, we shall also live with him."*

#### FR ROQUE, PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL, COVID TEAM –UPDATE:

Re-commencement of Weekend Masses last weekend in the Hall with the restricted number of 20, went well.

#### BISHOPS LETTER OF THURSDAY 25 JUNE '20:

The Queensland Government has approved an *Industry COVID Safe Plan for Places of Worship in Queensland*. This has also been signed off by the Queensland Bishops. It now allows for up to 100 individuals to gather subject to additional compliance measures and increased responsibility that must be strictly adhered to.

As most parishes will be unable to meet the additional requirements of the above plan and it is less than 3 weeks, when on 10 July 2020, Stage 3 of the Queensland Government Roadmap lessens restrictions, in this Diocese **we will wait until 10 July 2020, to increase gatherings to 100 individuals (subject to the 4 square metre rule).**

As from 16 June 2020, the current restrictions and requirements are:

- 20 for religious ceremonies (Mass, baptisms, weddings), subject to the 4 square metre rule
- Up to 100 for funerals, subject to the 4 square metre rule
- The parish is now required to record and keep contact details for 56 days from the day collected.
- Members of choirs are required to abide by 1 person per 7 square metre rule.

With the increased numbers, we will be developing a new way of recording attendance at Mass.

#### FOR THE WEEK OF 27 JUNE – 3 JULY – THE FOLLOWING WILL APPLY:

- ❖ **WEEKEND MASSES (Hall): Sat evening 6pm; Sunday 9am & 10am; Sunday evening 5pm.** For those who were at Masses last weekend, assume that you are again on this weekend's Roster **unless you hear otherwise**
- ❖ **WEEKDAY MASSES (Hall): Tuesday and Friday at 12 noon**
- ❖ **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (Hall): Tuesday and Friday from 12.30pm – 1.30pm**
- ❖ **CONFESSIONS (Downs Room): During Adoration, Tuesdays and Friday.** If the Downs Room door is closed, please do not enter. Please be aware that as Father will be spraying and wiping the penitent's chair after use, there will be a few seconds delay between Confessions.

This schedule will be reviewed weekly.

Please see attached a copy of

- ❖ The Bishop's Letter in full
- ❖ the 'Guidelines for Parishioners Attending Mass at Sacred Heart'

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE - CHURCH:**

Whilst the Church is currently closed, the Finance Committee are seeking advice as to what urgent remedial work, if any, needs to be undertaken on the Church, and the costings. Assessments will be made by appropriate persons and Reports will be submitted to Fr Roque and the Finance Committee. If it is found that urgent and expensive works are needed to be urgently undertaken, the Bishop will need to be notified.

The Finance Committee will keep parishioners updated.

We all look forward to the day when we can have our Church fully open with our usual Masses, Eucharistic Adoration times and Confessions as previously. We earnestly pray that this day is not far off.

#### **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

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

**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.**



#### **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.

**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!