

SACRED HEART PARISH, TOOWOOMBA



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2 AUGUST 2020

18th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Year A

'A FORETASTE OF THE HEAVENLY BANQUET'

Matthew's Gospel tells us that Jesus feeds the crowds who have followed him because he is moved with pity for them.

The feeding of the multitude in a deserted place is not just a matter of addressing people's hunger. The fact that Matthew points out Jesus' actions—taking the loaves and fish, looking up to heaven, saying the blessing, breaking the loaves, and giving them to the disciples—as the very actions Jesus will do at the Last Supper (Mt 26:26) tells us that the gift of bread is the anticipation of Jesus' gift of his Body and Blood. The multiplication of the bread is but a prelude of Jesus' self-revelation as the Bread of Life.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK 2 - 9 Aug 20

This is a week for the entire Church to consider, support and pray for those searching for their vocations in life. We might think about and pray for the young people in our community and in our families this week especially.

In prayer, ask the Lord to enlighten them and give them the grace and courage to respond to His call. The Lord calls each of us to a particular vocation (marriage, consecrated life, priesthood or a single life of service).

A Seminary Appeal to support our seminarians will be taken up this and next weekend.

✘ MASSES, EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS:

Weekend Masses (Hall): Sat evening 6pm; Sunday 9am & **11am**; PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME:

Sunday evening 5pm.

✘ **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. For Covid Safety, please use the left side end door by the stage for entry and exit. Please leave this door open at all times.

PLEASE NOTE:

✘ **The above times are temporary**

✘ Only the approved number of people are permitted to attend Mass, Eucharistic Adoration at a time - in the Hall = 57 people. Prior registration is not required

✘ COVID conditions will be adhered to, at all times

✘ Please follow the instructions of the Usher on duty at your Mass or Adoration

FR ROQUE - HOLY COMMUNION:

Bishop McGuckin has confirmed that it is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** that Holy Communion be received in the hand during this escalating COVID time. Therefore, at Sacred Heart Parish, like the other Parishes, we will only be distributing Holy Communion in the hand, as an expression of our genuine care for others, during this time.

It is imperative that we all do our part to ensure our practices are COVIDSafe for ourselves and others.

MASSES LAST WEEKEND:

We had 165 attending Masses last weekend. The 2 morning Masses being the most attended – 57 (full capacity) at 9am and 51 at 11 am. The evening Masses had several vacancies.

FR ROQUE, COVID TEAM –UPDATE:

From Friday 10 July '20, it was announced that our gatherings can increase to 100 individuals but subject to the 4 square metre rule. For us, the maximum numbers for the Hall are 57 and for when we re-open the Church 40. At our meeting this week it was decided that we will move back to the Church when:

- ✘ we can do so in a COVID safe way, there are further relaxations of restrictions, or we need the Hall for leasing
- ✘ we are working on how we can manage this safe transition and will keep parishioners informed of progress.

CELEBRATING MASS DURING REDUCED NUMBERS ALLOWED FOR CHURCH MASSES:

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.*

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

FEASTS OF ST MARY MCKILLOP AND THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY INTO HEAVEN:

- ✘ St Mary of the Cross McKillop Sat 8th August and Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven, 15 August '20
- ✘ Given the strange circumstances we are experiencing this year in the wake of COVID-19, Catholics have been given a dispensation to release them from their Sunday obligation. Consequently, the Assumption is not being treated as a Holy Day of Obligation in 2020.
- ✘ This is to ensure that safe social distancing measures can continue to be followed, and to avoid anxiety for vulnerable members of the parish community who may not yet feel safe joining a worshipping assembly.
- ✘ The intercessions for the Mass of St Mary of the Cross will be prayed at Sat evening Mass.

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. **Deceased:** Fr Tom Keegan

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO PARISH: 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.

PLEASE COLLECT YOUR PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

There are also extra Gifting Envelopes available for others to join the Planned Giving Program. Please return completed cards either to the collection box in the Hall foyer or to the Parish Office.

ROSARY at the Cathedral, 15th August, Feast of the Assumption, starting at 2:00pm. Let us unite together in prayer on this special day.

CLEANING TEAMS NEEDED:

1 - HALL (or CHURCH, CHURCH FOYER) AND TOILETS – after each Mass, Eucharistic Adoration

2 – WEEKLY CLEAN OF HALL (or CHURCH, CHURCH FOYER, SACRISTY) AND TOILETS

No experience necessary. Rostered on with others.

Contact: Isaac Webb 0413 112 909 or Parish office: 4634 8488

PLENARY COUNCIL UPDATE:

It is imperative to the work of the Plenary Council that as many people as possible are able to peruse the resources and have their say. In the spirit of this, the Diocese of Bathurst have produced audio versions of the Thematic Papers which are now available on the Plenary Council website.

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!*