



## SACRED HEART PARISH, TOOWOOMBA

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22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Year A

## THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

*In the Gospel, Peter judges by worldly standards when he objects to Jesus' announcement that the latter is going to Jerusalem to suffer, die, and rise again. Jesus replies that he and his followers must embrace the inseparable mysteries of the cross and the resurrection.*

*The cross loomed large on the life of Christ. It was the cross of rejection, ingratitude, aggressiveness, cruelty and betrayal – the cross imposed on him by human sinfulness in all its forms. Out of love for Jesus, Peter and all the other disciples would have wanted him to be spared so much undeserved suffering. But Jesus knew that accepting it with love was the only way to bring about the salvation of mankind. To think and act differently would have meant to be guided by a purely human perspective, which differed from God's plan. This is why Jesus responded so sternly to Peter's intervention (and, possibly, ours). From this, we must learn to carry our "crosses" in life the way Jesus carried the cross of our sinfulness. Salvation from sin passes through suffering endured with love and out of love by a "willing victim" – Jesus, our Redeemer. This is also the essential condition to be numbered among Jesus' disciples. Such is the message he addresses to us today.*

*Let us pray for the faith to accept the cross as a part of our life in following Jesus who saved the world by his passion, death, and resurrection.*

### SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

Social Justice Sunday is 30/8/20 (this Sunday). The Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2020-21, *To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today*, along with other prayer and liturgical resources is available on the [Office for Social Justice website](#)

**ISAAC WEBB: A collection box will be available at all Masses for Isaac and the Capuchin Order – Next week, Isaac will commence the Postulancy Program, in the Capuchin Order. It will be a year of discernment and formation and takes place with the Friars at the Friary in Dutton Park (Brisbane). Please keep Isaac in our prayers as he discerns his vocation.**

### ✘ MASSES, EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS:

✘ **Weekend Masses (Hall):** Sat evening 6pm; Sunday 9am & 11am; Sunday evening 5pm.

✘ **Weekday Masses (Hall):** Tuesday and Friday at 12 noon

✘ **Eucharistic Adoration (Hall):** Tuesday and Friday 12.30pm – 1.30pm

✘ **Confessions (Downs Room):** During Adoration, Tuesdays and Friday. For COVID Safety, please use the 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

## **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.*

## **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL & FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE RE HALL LEASE AND MOVE BACK TO THE CHURCH:**

We hope to have news regarding these issues in the next few days. A separate email will be sent out as soon as possible.

**BULLETINS:** A paper copy of the Bulletin will be provided for **those parishioners who do not have an email address.**

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

**3 LAYERED FABRIC MASKS for sale after Masses: \$5 each - includes \$2 donation to the Parish. Orders taken**

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

**Recently Deceased:** Therese Mullins; Theresa Fitzpatrick

**Anniversary:** Martha Nyiragumiriza (Polin Shamavu's mother)

**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.**

**NATIONAL EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR LEBANON:** In response to the horrific explosion in Beirut on the 4<sup>th</sup> of August, the Australian office of the international Catholic Charity, *Aid to the Church in Need*, has launched a national emergency appeal to raise funds to support the people of Lebanon. To make a donation, please visit: [www.aidtochurch.org/lebanon](http://www.aidtochurch.org/lebanon) or call **1800 101 201** during business hours: 8am-5pm, AEST. Envelopes will be available this weekend at Masses

**DIOCESAN FEAST DAY:** Mass on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 12 Noon

A joyous and happy feast day to everyone in the Toowoomba Diocese for Tuesday 1/9/20! These tense and unprecedented times have kept us apart for much of the year and impeded the usual way we might celebrate our fest day. However, we join in prayer to our diocese's patroness, Mary of the Southern Cross, and ask that she watch over us.

**THE BIRTHDAY OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER MARY** - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Mass 12 noon in the Hall

## **FABER INSTITUTE RETREAT: INNER PEACE IN DIVINE LOVE:**

**Date:** 5 Consecutive Mondays starting 28/9/20 **Time:** 11:00am or 5:00pm

The retreat was composed by Michael Hansen SJ and is based on the Spiritual Exercises by St Ignatius of Loyola. This retreat is a way of encountering the Creator as Love in your everyday life through a program of personal prayer and attending a weekly gathering of guided spiritual conversation.

[See flyer for further details.](#) Contact Sr Elaine Morzone at [emorzone@twb.catholic.org.au](mailto:emorzone@twb.catholic.org.au) or 0458 020 906 before 21/9/20 to register attendance.

## **SYCHAR UPDATE**

With a COVID Safe plan in place, Sychar is resuming workshops and opening times. [A schedule for Sychar: House of Prayer and Spirituality, from September through to early December, is now available.](#)

## **PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION - FATHERS' DAY APPEAL 2020**

The weekend of 6/9/20 brings us to the annual appeal for the Priests' Retirement Foundation. This appeal has been a part of our diocese since 1998.

Currently, we support 17 retired priests in the Diocese of Toowoomba. They continue to help in the mission of the church to the best of their abilities and are still very much a valued part of our diocesan life. Money raised from the appeal assists in their ongoing care and support. "Caring for those who cared."

*Parishes will receive information about the Father's Day Appeal from the foundation shortly.*

*Individuals wishing to support the appeal should contact their local parish for a donation envelope.*