



## SACRED HEART PARISH, TOOWOOMBA

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9 AUGUST 2020

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

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### **LORD, I KNOW YOU ARE NEAR!**

**This Sunday, the Lord strengthens our faith in Him by inviting us to reflect on the fruits of His saving presence. We live in a world full of violence and dangers that often make us feel as if we were about to sink. But with Jesus by our side and holding us firmly by the hand, nothing should frighten us, for He is the source of our salvation and peace. This certainty should accompany us both as individuals and as Church, no matter how uncertain or stormy the times may be. At no other moment is the Lord nearer to us than during the celebration of the Eucharist when He speaks to us in the Liturgy of the Word and gives Himself to us in Holy Communion. Let us reawaken our faith in this wonderful reality in our Eucharistic celebration.**

#### **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 weekend.**

**ISAAC WEBB:** Isaac will speak at all Masses this weekend with a very challenging message for all of us and especially the young. A collection will be taken up the next 2 w/e for Isaac.

#### **✕ 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

#### **FR ROQUE - HOLY COMMUNION:**

Bishop McGuckin has confirmed it is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** that Holy Communion be received in the hand during this escalating COVID time. So, 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 and consideration 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:**

173 attended Masses last weekend. The 2 evening Masses being the most attended – 57 (full capacity) at 6pm and 50 at 11 am. The morning 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. 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.

### **RESPONSE TO PANDEMIC - THE NEW NORMAL:**

Bishop Robert McGuckin has been consulting with parishes and deaneries looking at the effect the COVID-19 pandemic has had on how we operate as a church. Bishop Robert has shared these findings with the community. *See attached Letter from Bishop Robert McGuckin and the Survey Responses*

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

### **FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY INTO HEAVEN - Sat 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. *Liturgy Office Toowoomba Diocese*

**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:** 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.

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

### **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.

**SEWING MACHINES IN WORKING ORDER NEEDED** for girls boarding school run by the Srs. of Mercy in Timor Leste. If you have one you don't need, please contact Dianne Hanna 0416 799 522

**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 read more about the appeal, and 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.