



SACRED HEART PARISH, TOOWOOMBA

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25th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Year A

GOD'S SURPRISING GENEROSITY

We know that God is tremendously generous, but sometimes His generosity bewilders us as we realize that His priorities may be so different from ours. Such is the warning that comes to us from today's First Proclamation and the Gospel.

God is generous and gives us more than we can ever deserve. In turn, we have to mirror this generosity to others, going beyond the limits of strict justice. God has, indeed, His own way of evaluating our performance and of rewarding it. If sometimes He seems to show a special attention for "the last and the least," it is not for us to question His behaviour. We should, rather, learn from Him to show a special love for the weak, "the losers," and "the lost," without pampering or humiliating them. God's generosity toward them should be our inspiration rather than the cause of our envy.

When we see the "latecomers," our brothers and sisters, who turn to God after living a dissolute life, we must encourage them in their struggle to change their ways rather than wish that they be made to pay for their sinful past.

Let this Sunday's Gospel encourage us to count our blessings. Let us not be devoured by jealousy at the sight of the blessings bestowed on others. The good that we receive from the Lord is always much more than what we deserve.

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 ajar 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.

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL/COVID COMMITTEE UPDATE:

- ✘ The Hall arrangement, for Masses, Adoration and Confession which is working well, will be the sole venue for Masses, Adoration and Confession for the foreseeable future. This includes the preparation sessions for First Holy Communion and the 2 x First Communion Masses. ***"It is the Mass that matters"***
- ✘ The Blessed Sacrament will remain in the Hall. The Stations of the Cross have been transferred to the Hall.
- ✘ So that the Church is not seen to be 'abandoned,' the Church will be used for Wings of Freedom Meetings and the Youth Group, which are both needing to recommence. These will commence once the Church is cleaned – probably in the next 4 weeks. Usable Pews will be 1.5m apart to comply with COVID. Obviously use of the Church must be respectful.
- ✘ We expect that the above will be in place until COVID is over.
- ✘ De-cluttering has commenced in the sanctuary, sacristy, choir loft, flower room, foyer and garage
- ✘ The Hall door, which is currently a hazard when closing, will be fixed this next week. In the interim, the door will be wedged open during Masses

SACRED HEART FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM 2020

Preparation 2pm to 3pm on Sunday 11th, 18th, 25th of October.

Saturday 31st of October Holy Communion Masses 9am and 11am

For any enquires please contact Emilie Yu-Yap 0420 542 508

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 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: Greg Long and Geronimo Larena

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.

CANCELLATION: CATHEDRAL CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS DISPLAY:

Due to the tighter COVID restrictions put into place by the Queensland Government recently, the decision has been made to cancel the floral display in the Cathedral for this year.

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 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.](#)

QLD BISHOPS ELECTION STATEMENT LAUNCH:

The bishops of Queensland's five Catholic dioceses on Monday launched *The Common Good in a COVID World* – their combined statement ahead of next month's Queensland election.

The statement from the bishops is the first of its kind in the modern Queensland political era and pinpoints eight areas for special focus ahead of the October 31 poll.

"As bishops, we offer this statement as a way of sharing key points of Catholic teaching ... as we prepare for the State election," the bishops write. "No political party fully aligns with Catholic teaching, but we can point to clear and enduring principles which can help us make the kind of responsible judgements that allow us to be both faithful Catholics and good citizens." [The Common Good in a COVID World full document](#)
[View the launch at St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane \(YouTube\)](#)