

SACRED HEART PARISH, TOOWOOMBA



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29th November 2020

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Advent comes from the Latin noun adventus, which means "arrival" or "coming." The season of Advent is a four-Sunday preparation for the arrival of the Lord Jesus on Christmas Day. The candles of the Advent wreath express this intensive preparation.

The Advent season reminds us of the threefold arrival of the Lord Jesus. Fittingly the very first Sunday of Advent expresses this: the arrival of Jesus at Christmas as our Savior, the daily arrival of Jesus in our hearts, and the arrival of Jesus as Judge at the end of time. It is a season of doing penance for our sinfulness and of preparing our hearts for the coming of Jesus. It is a season of joyful expectation of the Lord Jesus.

CURRENT 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.

CHRISTMAS, NEW YEAR SCHEDULE:

ADVENT 9 DAY NOVENA – 16th Dec to 24th Dec – 4.30 am Hall

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASSES 2020

- Sun 20th** 4.30 am Novena Mass; 9am Mass; 11am Mass; 5.30pm Mass
- Mon 21st** 4.30 am Novena Mass
- Tues 22nd** 4.30 am Novena Mass; 12midday Mass
- Weds 23rd** 4.30 am Novena Mass
- Thurs 24th** 4.30 am Novena Mass; **Christmas Eve** 5.30pm Nativity Play & Mass; Christmas Vigil 10.30pm
- Fri 25th** **Christmas Day** – 9am Mass
- Sat 26th** Vigil 6pm Mass
- Sun 27th** **Feast of the Holy Family** – 9am; 11am; 5.00pm
- Tues 29th** Mass 12 midday
- Fri 1 Jan** **Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God** – 12 midday Mass
- Sat 2 Jan** Vigil Mass 6 pm
- Sun 3 Jan** **The Epiphany of Our Lord** – Masses 9am; 11am; 5 pm

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND CONFESSION:

- Tues 22nd** Eucharistic Adoration & Confession 12.30pm – 1.30pm
- Weds 23rd** 2nd Rite of Reconciliation 7pm; 3 Priests available
- Fri 1st Jan** Adoration and Confession 12.30 – 1.30pm

IMMACULATA PIETY STALL: Open before and after ALL REGULAR WEEKEND MASSES until 20 December and at other times on request. A wide range of religious goods, including Christmas figurines, Christmas cards, 2021 calendars and gifts. EFTPOS machine available. Orders taken.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL/COVID COMMITTEE UPDATE:

The venue capacity for our Masses and services has been increased, depending on the capacity of the venue, our ability to manage the increased numbers and the ability to maintain COVID Safety.

1. 9 DAY NOVENA: 16 DEC – 24 DEC

- ✘ To be held in the Hall with 100-person capacity. A gift collection box will be available in the Hall entry. The usual practice of bringing food for self-service and buffet style is **not permitted** under COVID requirements, therefore no food or drinks will be available. There will be no festivities or photos.
- ✘ **Reservations essential.**
- ✘ **REQUIRED PLEASE:** For each Mass - 2 volunteers for usher duties and 3 volunteers for cleaning duties – please advise an usher at Mass or ring the parish office

2. CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASSES:

- ✘ **Reservations essential.**
- ✘ **REQUIRED PLEASE:** For each Mass - 6 volunteers for usher duties and 6 volunteers for cleaning duties

In your generosity, please consider being of service to the Parish during this time.

3. BOOKINGS FOR ALL SERVICES COMMENCING 16 DECEMBER:

- ✘ **From 16 Dec., bookings will be essential and entry by ticket only**
- ✘ **The TryBooking system will commence on-line Tues 1 Dec for all events (except normal midday Masses) commencing 16 Dec.**
- ✘ **Please either use our Sacred Heart Website - sacredheartparish.com.au and click the TryBooking link**
- ✘ **Or use <https://www.trybooking.com/eventlist/eventListingURL?aid=122616>**
- ✘ **Please print your ticket**
- ✘ **In preference to ringing the office, from this weekend, those who do not have access to the internet, please contact the ushers at Masses. They will ask you to complete your details, and do your bookings for you**
- ✘ **Seating arrangements for events will be given at a later date nearer to the event**
- ✘ **Masks are not needed to be worn**
- ✘ **Mass Times:** Masses will commence on time.
- ✘ **Please be respectful to Our Lord and other parishioners by arriving before the Mass commencement time.**

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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: VOLUNTEER MAINTENANCE TEAMS, GARDENING TEAMS, CLEANING TEAMS – please contact the Parish office

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.

BUS TRIP MARIAN VALLEY: Tuesday 8th December Bus departs 7:30am Neil St. outside St. Pats. Cost \$30, BYO food. Bookings contact Theresa on 0434 528 904.

SPRED: Applications are invited for the part-time position of **Administrative Assistant: SPRED (Special Religious Development)**. The position available is for 25 hours per week.

Contact admin@twb.catholic.org.au to obtain a copy of the position description and selection criteria.

Applications should be submitted with a cover letter, your resume, your responses to the selection criteria, and details of at least two referees.

Applications close at 5pm on Monday 7 December 2020.