

SACRED HEART PARISH, TOOWOOMBA



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6 December 2020

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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John the Baptist appears in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The prophet's voice should awaken us from spiritual luke warmness. Like the people who listen to him, we should get up on our feet and go to meet the Lord. But first we have to look deep within us and realize that we are unprepared to meet him. The mountains of our pride and our sinfulness, the valleys of our preoccupation with the things of this world, make for an uneven path. We have to make ready a straight path for the Lord by renewal and conversion.

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 always leave this door ajar.

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; 5pm 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; 5pm
- 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** 1st Rite of Reconciliation 7pm - 3 Priests available
- Fri 1st Jan** Adoration and Confession 12.30 – 1.30pm

ST VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION: Christmas Appeal - weekend 12/13 Dec.

Envelopes available and collection box at back of hall

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.

PLEASE NOTE: Hall and Church seatings are required to be in household groups NOT family groups

1. 9 DAY NOVENA: 16 DEC – 24 DEC

- ✘ Reservations essential.
- ✘ 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 there will be no food or drinks available. No group photos permitted.
- ✘ **REQUIRED PLEASE:** For each Mass - 2 volunteers for usher duties and 3 volunteers for cleaning duties – please ring the parish office to nominate the day of your availability

2. CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASSES:

- ✘ Reservations essential.
- ✘ The Nativity Play and Mass start at 5.30pm – those attending please arrive prior to 5.30pm to avoid disruption to the viewing of the Nativity Play and the start of Mass
- ✘ **REQUIRED PLEASE:** For each Mass - 6 volunteers for usher duties and 6 volunteers for cleaning duties. Please phone the parish office to nominate the time and day of your availability

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

3. BOOKINGS FOR ALL SERVICES COMMENCING 16 DECEMBER:

- ✘ The TryBooking system has commenced on-line for all events commencing 16 Dec. however due to few numbers attending, the normal Tues and Fri midday Masses do not require pre-booking. Booking is not required for 1st Reconciliation on Weds 23 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 OR save to your PHONE
- ✘ Those who do not have access to the internet, please advise the ushers at Masses. They will ask you to complete your details and the Parish Office will do your bookings for you. Unfortunately, due to the volume of those needing Parish assistance to do bookings, if you have a computer, tablet or phone you will be asked to do your own.
- ✘ Seating arrangements for events will be given later, 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.

CHRISTMAS DONATION BOTTLES: Please take home a bottle for collecting contributions

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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. Bookings contact Theresa on 0434 528 904.