

SACRED HEART PARISH, TOOWOOMBA



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13 DECEMBER

GAUDETE SUNDAY

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The Third Sunday of Advent is called "Gaudete Sunday." "Gaudete" is the first word, in Latin, of today's Entrance Antiphon: "Gaudete in Domino semper" — "Rejoice in the Lord always." To remind people that they are preparing for the very joyful occasion of the birth of Jesus, the celebrant wears rose-colored vestments.

The Church, the People of God, rejoices in salvation from sin, inviting everyone to rejoice and create conditions that the salvation brought by the Lord Jesus, may be shared by all.

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 Advent Reconciliation 7pm – 8pm. Priests from the Cathedral available

Fri 1st Jan Adoration and Confession 12.30 – 1.30pm

ST VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION: Christmas Appeal 12/13 Dec. Envelopes available & collection box back of hall

IMMACULATA PIETY STALL: Open before and after ALL REGULAR WEEKEND MASSES until 20 Dec. EFTPOS machine available.

CHRIS ROSENTERER: We thank Chris for the several dedicated years of service to Sacred Heart Primary School. His great personality, wisdom and rapport with the students, teachers, Fr Roque, PPC & Finance Committees will be much missed.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL/COVID COMMITTEE UPDATE:

The venue capacity for our Masses will increase from Weds 16 Dec. Hall from 75 to 100 and an addition of 20 in the Downs Room if required for the Christmas Masses. The Church will re-open only for the Christmas Masses with a seating capacity of 60. Live streaming to the hall if attendee numbers require it.

PLEASE NOTE:

- ✘ **COVID REQUIREMENT:** Hall and Church seatings are required to be in **HOUSEHOLD** groups **NOT FAMILY** groups
- ✘ **DUE TO THE ABOVE INCREASED NUMBER FOR ALL MASSES, THE 11AM SUNDAY MASS WILL BE DISCONTINUED IN JAN. WITH THE LAST 11AM MASS BEING ON 3RD JAN.**

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

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, would you 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. Due to few numbers attending, the normal Tues and Fri midday Masses do not require pre-booking
Booking is not required for Advent 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 and bring with you to the Mass
- ✘ The booking system closes 2 days before each Mass to enable time to finalise the preparation required.
- ✘ Those who do not have access to the internet and wish to book for Masses, 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
- ✘ **CLOSING TIMES FOR BOOKINGS: to enable administrative work to be completed**
 - ✘ **Novena Masses** – 4.30am 2 days prior to the specific Novena Mass
 - ✘ **Christmas Masses** – Tues 22nd Dec at 11.59 pm **26/27 Dec Masses** – Tues 22nd Dec at 11.59 pm
 - ✘ **1 Jan '21 Mass** – Tues 30 Dec at 11.59 pm **2/3 Jan Masses** – Weds 30th Dec at 11.59 pm
 - ✘ **9/10 Jan Masses** – Weds 6th Jan at 11.59 pm
- ✘ **Mass Times:** Masses will commence on time.
- ✘ **Please be respectful to Our Lord & other parishioners by arriving before Mass commencement time.**

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

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS: If you are able to donate flowers for Christmas, for the Church and the hall could you please deliver them to the hall on Thurs 24 Dec from 8am – 10am.

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.

The Parish EFTPOS machines will be made available for those wishing to make a donation via this medium at all Masses from 16 December.

DIVINE OFFICE – MORNING PRAYER: will recommence in February '21

SR ROSE PATRICK O'CONNOR has recovered well from COVID and sends her thanks for the many prayers offered for her. She is back working in her Ministry.