

SACRED HEART PARISH, TOOWOOMBA



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Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed until Monday 11th January 2021

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1st JANUARY '20 – SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



**Solemnity
of Mary**

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God falls exactly one week after Christmas, the end of the octave of Christmas. It is fitting to honour Mary as Mother of Jesus, following the birth of Christ.

When Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, we are not only honouring Mary, who was chosen among all women throughout history to bear God incarnate, but we are also honouring our Lord, who is fully God and fully human.

Calling Mary "Mother of God" is the highest honour we can give Mary. Just as Christmas honours Jesus as the "Prince of Peace," the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, honours Mary as the "Queen of Peace."

Pope Paul VI, in his apostolic exhortation Marialis Cultus (1974), called the Solemnity of Mary "a fitting occasion for renewing adoration of the newborn Prince of Peace, for listening once more to the glad tidings of the angels (cf. Lk 2:14), and for imploring from God, through the Queen of Peace, the supreme gift of peace."

3 JANUARY '20

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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HOMAGE TO THE SAVIOUR OF ALL NATIONS

Epiphany is the manifestation/revelation of Jesus as the King and Saviour not just of the Jews, but also of all human beings. Today's Feast reminds us that God loves all nations and cultures of the earth, and that He communicates with us in many, often unforeseen ways – through internal inspirations, through external events, through people, and through His Word . . . Many times, these factors are combined in an interplay that becomes clear only in hindsight. The challenge is for us to "decipher" God's message and respond to it with faith, persevering generosity and courage, just as the Magi did. In our Eucharistic celebration, let us include in our intention, all the peoples of the world and especially those who are working hard to bring about harmony and cooperation among all human beings.

SACRED HEART PARISH - NEW YEAR '21

Fri 1st Jan – 12 midday – Mass of Mary, the Holy Mother of God;

12.30pm – 1.30pm – Eucharistic Adoration & Confession

(PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Tues or Fri Masses, or Eucharistic Adoration during January '21.

These will recommence on Tues 2 Feb '21)

Sat 2 Jan - Vigil Mass 6 pm

Sun 3 Jan -The Epiphany of Our Lord – Masses 9am; 5 pm

Sun 3rd – 8th Jan - Clergy Retreat

Sat 9th Jan onwards - weekend Masses will continue at their usual times

Mon 11th Jan – Parish Office re-opens

Tues 2 Feb – Weekday (Tues & Fri) Masses at 12 midday & Eucharistic Adoration will resume

APOLOGY: To those who attended the 5.30pm Christmas Vigil in the Hall, our heart-felt apologies for the breakdown in the streaming of the Mass from the Church. We sadly regret the impact that this would have had on your family Christmas Mass celebration. Our sincerest apologies to you.



Thank You

YEAR 2020

THANKS TO –

- The members of the Parish Pastoral Council, the Finance Committee and the Care and Concern Group for assisting me in keeping the Parish running and for ensuring that parishioners were kept informed and connected as best as possible during the difficult months of the strict COVID restrictions
- Those who have supported the Parish by your presence at our Masses when able during the COVID restrictions and by your financial contributions and practical assistance
- Those new parishioners who have joined our Parish – you are very welcome!
- All those who prepared and participated in the Liturgy of our Masses
- Those, especially the children, who took part, in the very professional and well-presented Nativity Play
- Those who prepared the beautiful floral presentations, and those who undertook cleaning duties after Masses and on a weekly basis to ensure that we all remained COVID safe
- Those who coordinated the Sacramental Program which saw 23 children receive their First Holy Communion
- Those who coordinated the Memorial Mass for Fr James Byrne – a fitting tribute to our beloved Fr James
- The Advent Novena – “*Well done*” to everyone who participated in the nine morning novena Masses. Unfortunately, we were unable to have the usual breakfast feast after each 4:30am Mass. However, waking up early to hear the message of Christ in preparation for Christmas was well worth the sacrifice

SPECIAL THANKS TO – The various committees and most especially **ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS** who gave of themselves in whatever capacity to make

The Year 2020 at Sacred Heart, a Blessed One!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF ME, MY FELLOW PACEM PRIESTS AND SACRED HEART PARISH.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL ~ FR ROQUE

