

SACRED HEART PARISH, TOOWOOMBA



Incorporating Nth - West Toowoomba, Wilsonton, Cotswold Hills, Gowrie, Kingsthorpe

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Mass Times: Saturday Vigil 6pm. Sunday 9am and 5pm

Week-day Masses: Tuesday & Friday 12noon.

Adoration and Reconciliation 12:30 to 1:30pm

Office Hours: Mon & Thurs 9.00 - 3.30pm, Tues & Fri 9.00 - 4.30pm & Weds 9-12noon

Parish Priest: Fr. Roque MAGUINSAY (PACEM) **MOB:** 04 3479 7528

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2021 – YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

31st JANUARY 2021

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B

JESUS, THE PROPHET POWERFUL IN WORDS AND DEEDS

Reflection on Mark 1:21-28



The Gospel presents Jesus as the prophet of God, teaching and acting with authority. Even the evil spirit gives witness to Jesus, recognizing him as “the Holy One of God” and submitting to his commands.

Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of God with unique power and urgency. His words touched the hearts of His audience and their lives. His deeds matched His words. The power of Jesus’ words and deeds has not abated after two thousand years.

It is perfectly effective today, in the era of information technology and space exploration. Jesus’ words can still set our hearts on fire. His actions in the sacraments can still set us free from the slavery of Satan and make the Kingdom of God present in the lives of individuals and society. So can His word! Happy are those who listen to God’s word and let the power of His grace bear fruit in their lives! Just as the words of Jesus reveal the wisdom of God, so does the miracle reported in today’s Gospel excerpt reveal God’s holiness. He is the anti-evil in all its manifestations. The mission assigned to him by the Father is to set mankind free from every form of enslavement and oppression. Blessed are those whose lives are touched by Jesus’ holy power!

TRYBOOKING:

- ✘ TryBooking is the booking system that we are using ongoing for all weekend Masses
- ✘ Booking is essential for all weekend Masses
- ✘ 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
- ✘ Weekend Mass bookings close at midday on Friday each week 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 Mass, or contact the office. 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, we please ask you to do your own booking

STATUE OF ST JOSEPH: Thank you to all who have generously donated towards the statue of St Joseph. We expect the statue to arrive shortly.

WEEKDAY MASSES, ADORATION & CONFESSION:

Tues & Fri Masses, Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions recommence on Tues 2nd February 2021.

PLEASE NOTE THAT CONFESSIONS WILL BE FROM 12.30 – 1.00pm

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATE:

PARISH MEETING:

Thank you to all who attended the Parish Meeting.

1. **“Building Community Questionnaire”** – there will be an informal meeting on **Tues 9th Feb at 9am** in the meeting room to discuss the Questionnaire from the Bishop’s Office – come and share your comments and ‘have your say.’ The questionnaire can also be done individually – please return your completed form to the box at the back of the hall **by Sun 21st Feb**
2. **Converting the Hall to become the Church:**
 - ✘ Reasons to convert the Hall into the Church – [see attachment](#)
 - ✘ The Hall has been blessed by the Bishop and is fit for use as a Church
 - ✘ Bishop McGuckin has given Fr Roque approval **to start the process** for converting the Hall into the Church
 - ✘ The future of the Church will be decided by the Bishop
 - ✘ **Financial** - In the past 2 years, the Parish had an average deficit of \$30k per year. If this trend continues, it will only be a matter of time and our finances will be drained and we will not be able to pay most of our day to day expenses. The Finance Committee is obtaining quotes for the option of solar panels for the Hall and Presbytery. The land to the west of the Hall will not be sold due to possible school needs – to be reviewed in 5 years. In the worst-case scenario, we may be able to apply for a loan from the Diocesan development Fund which offers a better interest rate compared to the major banks. This option is our last resort.

Fr Roque, the Parish Pastoral Council and the Finance Committee acknowledge that the decision to convert the hall will be a painful decision for many parishioners, especially those who have had a long association with Sacred Heart. With the Parish’s future needs in mind and the limitations of the Church and cost to bring it up to standard, there is little option but to take this course of action, as decided by Bishop McGuckin and his advisors.

Fr Roque, the Parish pastoral Council and Finance Committee are developing a plan of action. Further information and consultation will follow.

“Your Opinion is Valued Questionnaire” –Please have your say by answering **“What aspects do you value in a place of worship, that captures your spirituality and why?”** Please return your completed form to the box at the back of the hall by **Sun 21st Feb**

Members of the Parish Council – Ann Eyre, Mick Pyke, Annamaria McGregor, Winton Thorley, Peter Harbort are more than willing to either have a phone conversation or individually meet with you if you wish, to discuss any issues raised at the meeting. Either contact the PPC member directly or arrange through the Parish Office.

3. Parishioner’s Letter re ‘seeking a return to the early week-day Mass times and devotions in the Church:

Fr Roque, is not wishing at this time to change the venue or times of the 2 week-day masses, increase the number of week-day Masses, and Adoration times. **PLEASE NOTE: THAT CONFESSIONS WILL BE FROM 12.30 – 1.00pm**

The above are temporary times and will be reviewed when appropriate.

A Parish Survey to consult parishioners re their preferred times will be undertaken at a later date.

COMFORT LENTEN PROGRAM 2021

To purchase an individual copy, contact: (02)4222 2411 or orders@dow.org.au contains short daily reflections and longer-form Sunday reflections, questions and prayer-perfect for Lent.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: VOLUNTEER MAINTENANCE TEAMS, GARDENING TEAMS, CLEANING TEAMS

Please contact the Parish office 4634 8488