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Faithful to the Teaching of the Apostles
Faithful to Prayer
Faithful to the Breaking of the Bread
Alive in the Community of the Spirit
Sharing what we have with those in need

Acts 2:42-46

The PARISH: If the [it] proves capable of self-renewal and constant adaptivity, it continues to be:-
"the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters". [26]

SEEKING OUT THOSE WHO BELONG

Fourth Sunday of Advent Sunday 23rd December C/1



Entrance Antiphon: A child is born for us, a son given to us; dominion is laid on his shoulder, and he shall be called Wonderful-Counsellor.

Communion Antiphon: All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve Family Mass – 7:00pm
Christmas Midnight Mass – 12:00 midnight
Christmas Day – 9:00am

MAKING CHURCH MATTER

LITURGY THIS WEEK Cycle 1 Psalter Week 4

MONDAY: 9:30AM – PARISH MASS
7:00PM – CHRISTMAS FAMILY MASS
(Play Group children come dressed as shepherds/angels)
12:00PM – MIDNIGHT CHRISTMAS MASS
SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE NATIVITY

TUESDAY: 9:00AM CHRISTMAS DAY PARISH MASS

WEDNESDAY: 9:30AM PARISH MASS (St Stephen Proto-martyr)

THURSDAY: 9:30AM – PARISH MASS (St John the Evangelist)

FRIDAY: 9:30AM PARISH MASS (The Holy Innocents)

SATURDAY: 9:30AM PARISH MASS - 5th day of the Octave of Christmas
6:00PM VIGIL MASS of the Feast

SUNDAY: 8:30AM THE HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

SACRAMENT of PENANCE

SATURDAY: 5.00PM to 5.30PM

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK: **DECEASED:** Clarice Mangleson & Tony Coombs (recently deceased) Grahame Townsend, Oliver Correy, Harold Stevens, Albert, Josephine, Kevin & Chris Ellis, Maureen O'Kane, Harry & Aileen Flynn, Tony & Paula Donelan, Kerry & Bob Davidson.

SICK: Kevin Pearce, Ave Pearce, Mia Henderson-Johnson Michelle Owens, Christian Vimpany, Samantha Murphy, Monique Correy, John Bellette, Ellie and Hope Spicer.

AWAKENING THE FAITHFUL

31 CLUB GLEN INNES There are a zillion vocations in the world, but Bishop Kennedy has specifically asked for Prayers for Vocations to the Priesthood: During December we continue our daily prayer for vocations. Sun 23rd M. Campbell Mon 24th–M. Willis; Tues 25th; M. Mathewson, Wed 26th–M. Munro; Thurs 27th– J. West; Fri 28th–K. Newsome; Sat 29th

SUPPORT YOUR PRIESTS AND YOUR PARISH

1st COLLECTION (supports the clergy & presbytery) BSB 082-105 Account No 001023535

2ND COLLECTION (supports St Patrick's Parish) BSB 082-105 Account No 001000335

Reference with your Planned Giving Number and your name.

Last weekends Planned Giving \$1,089.00 from 43 envelopes EFT \$220.00 lose money

DOING A FEW THINGS WELL

2018 St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal

Theme: Christmas without ...You/Joy/A Home... is No Christmas At All



Through your donations this Christmas the local Conference of the Society has been able to assist many families across our community to ensure they connect with family members, enjoy the blessings of the Christmas Season with others and be relieved of the choice of having to pay rent or have a special Christmas lunch. THANK YOU.

MINISTRY	22 DECEMBER	23 DECEMBER
READER 1	J. Grob	M. Campbell
READER 2	R. Withers	P. Correy
PRAYERS	E. Morgan	K. Vimpany
COLLECTOR 1	J. Henderson	B. Munro
COLLECTOR 2	N. Schmidt	K. Muir
COLLECTOR 3	M. Williamson	C. Dempsey
COLLECTOR 4	W. McAllister	P. Wright
GIFTS	A. Moroney	M. Mathewson
H. C MINISTER	C. Hamilton	B. Orvad
MINISTRY	29 DECEMBER	30 DECEMBER
READER 1	E. McCarthy	P. Gannon
READER 2	S. Hogan	K. Vimpany
PRAYERS	C. Hamilton	B. Orvad
COLLECTOR 1	J. Adams	C. Dempsey
COLLECTOR 2	A. Moroney	J. McPhee
COLLECTOR 3	J. Henderson	P. Newsome
COLLECTOR 4	E. Holder	P. Wright
GIFTS	B. Brennan	Correy Family
H. C MINISTER	P. Newsome	S. Orvad

Prayer for Rain

O God, in Whom we live and move, and have our being, grant us rain in due abundance, that, being sufficiently helped with temporal things, we may more confidently seek after eternal gifts.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Our Bishop

Heavenly Father, in these trying times when the spirit of the age threatens Christian values, give our bishop holiness of life and wisdom to direct and guide our diocesan family so that we may grow in your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer for Pope Francis

V. Let us pray for Francis our Pope.

R. May the Lord preserve him, give him a long life, make him blessed upon the earth, and may the Lord not hand him over to the power of his enemies.

V. May your hand be upon your holy servant.

R. And upon your son whom you have anointed.

Let us pray. O God, the Pastor and Ruler of all the faithful, look down, in your mercy, upon your servant, Francis, whom you have appointed to preside over your Church; and grant, we beseech you, that both by word and example, he may edify all those under his charge; so that, with the flock entrusted to him, he may attain life everlasting. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen

Parish appointments

Priest	Parish	Appointment
Fr. Roel Llave	Cathedral	Administrtor
Fr. Joseph Armah	Wee Waa	Parish Priest
Fr. Thaddeus Ike	Warialda	Parish Priest
Fr James Poovathinkal	Inverell	Parish Priest
Fr. Sabu Pulimalayil	Narrabri	Parish Priest
Fr. Francis Afu	East Tamworth	Ass. Priest
Fr. Vince Amaro	Cathedral	Ass. Priest
Fr. Jayaraj Gorantla	Inverell	Ass. Priest

Now that the comprehensive review of all parish appointments has been completed, I also advise that the following priests who have been acting as Parish Administrators will now be appointed Parish Priests from 1st January, 2018: Fathers Richard Gleeson, Joe Adriano, John Curran, Christopher Onuekwusi, Abmar Dumayag and Anthony Koppman. Father Barry Leech will continue as Parish Priest of Tenterfield for a further 6-year appointment.

Additionally, the second Rogationist Priest, Father Samson Koyipurath, should arrive in the Diocese in March or April 2019, all going well with his visa application. After a period of orientation, it is envisaged that around mid-2019 he will be appointed Assistant Priest in the Cathedral Parish Armidale and Father Vince Amaro Assistant Priest of Saint Joseph's Parish, Gunnedah.

ACROSS THE GENERATIONS



G I BOOKWORLD PRESENT SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

Each of the 4 Sunday evenings in January— Sandwiches, coffee or tea provided

6th January The War Room (PG. Mild themes and violence)

Tony and Elizabeth Jordan have it all - great jobs, a beautiful daughter, and their dream house. But their world is crumbling under the strain of a failing marriage. While Tony basks in his professional success, Elizabeth resigns herself to increasing bitterness. But their lives take an unexpected turn when Elizabeth meets her newest client, Miss Clara, and is challenged to establish a 'war room' and a battle plan of prayer for her family. As Elizabeth tries to fight for her family, Tony's hidden struggles come to light. Tony must decide if he will make amends with his family and prove Miss Clara's wisdom that victories don't come by accident.

Augustine and Christmas

Although a great theologian and doctor of the Church, Saint Augustine was also a wonderful pastor and the Bishop of the Diocese of Hippo in North Africa. In that capacity he preached a homily every Christmas at Midnight Mass and at Masses on Christmas Day. Fortunately, some of his people wrote down and collected what he preached, and so we even today are able to profit from his sermons.

Once he said of Jesus, “He is the Christmas, Who has been made in and the Creator of His mother, the the Son of Man through His mother angels but small in the time- all time and the Word made Flesh in under the sun. Disposer of all ages in Day in the womb of His mother. In of the heavens and the earth, He is He is wisely speechless. Filling the nurses at His mother’s bosom. He is a servant, but His greatness is not overwhelmed by His greatness.”



One through whom all things have been made and, on the midst of all things. He is the Revealer of His Father Son of God through His Father without a mother and without a father. He is great in the eternal day of the conditioned day of men. He is the Word of God before the fullness of time. Maker of the sun, He is made the bosom of His Father, He consecrates Christmas Him He remains while from her He goes forth. Creator born on earth under the heavens. Unspeakably wise, universe, He lies in a manger. Ruler of the stars, He both great in the nature of God and small in the form of diminished by His smallness nor His smallness

Saint Augustine said, “Man’s Maker was made man that the Bread might be hungry, the Fountain thirst, the Light sleep, the Way be tired from the journey, the Truth might be accused by false witnesses, the Judge of the living and dead be judged by a mortal judge, Justice be sentenced by the unjust, the Teacher be beaten with whips, the Vine be crowned with thorns, the Foundation be suspended on wood, the Strength be made weak, the Healer be wounded, and that Life might die. Wake up, O human being! For it was for you that God was made man. Rise up and realise it was all for you. Eternal death would have awaited you had He not been born in time. Never would you be freed from your sinful flesh had He not taken to Himself the likeness of sinful flesh. Everlasting would be your misery had He not performed this act of mercy. You would not have come to life again had He not come to die your death. You would have perished had He not come.”