

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF GUNNEDAH



St. Joseph's Church, Gunnedah  
 Mary Immaculate Church, Tambar Springs  
 St. Therese Church, Mullaley  
 Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Chapel, Gunnedah  
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## This Weekend: 27/12/20 Feast of the Holy Family

Gunnedah: Sat: 6.00pm  
 Sun: 8.30am  
 Sun: 6.00pm  
 Filipino Mass

Tambar Springs: Sun: 11.00am

### Weekday Masses

Mon: No Mass  
 Tue: 9.15am Church  
 Wed: 9.15am Church  
 Thu: 9.15am Church  
 New Year's Day  
 Feast of Mary, the Holy  
 Mother of God  
 Fri: 9.15am Church

NO RECONCILIATION 2/01/21

## Next Weekend: 3/01/21 The Epiphany of the Lord

Gunnedah: Sat: 6.00pm  
 Sun: 8.30am  
 Mullaley: Sun: 11.00am

## Wedding Thursday 31st December 3.30pm

Mary Immaculate Church  
 Tambar Springs



Harriet Maxham  
 &  
 Ben Heathcote

### Please pray for the faithful departed

Gina Carrigan, Sr. Eleanor Dawson,  
 Tim Koch, Fr. Bernie Melville,  
 Sr. Margaret Gleeson,  
 Fr. Tom Shanahan, Kath Hunt,  
 Herb Sills, Fr. Stan Campbell,  
 Sr. M Bernard, Denis Bell,  
 Spackman family, Relatives & friends  
 of Marieta Berryman,  
 Jean Isbester, Kevin Isbester



The printed Catholic Weekly's are now  
 available at the back of the Church!

Please place your money in the poor box.

## In accordance with Government Regulations and with the Bishop's Directive as from 7/12/20

A Maximum of 140 worshippers are allowed in the church for  
 Masses, Weddings, Funerals and Religious Services

Persons wishing to attend a Mass MUST REGISTER  
 with the Parish Office on 02 6742 0200

(preferably between 8.30am to 12.30pm weekdays)

to minimise any congestion at entry to the church you  
 and also assists with the allocation of roles during Mass.

It is also requested that you arrive early for Mass to assist with the  
 ease of entry into the church.

*Please note the extra Mass 11am Friday*

Please maintain Social Distancing with: 2 square metres per person  
 and a distance of 1.0 metre between each person when gathering on  
 entry into the Church and after Mass outside the Church.

*At risk persons should not attend Mass or other services*

### Singing at Mass

The NSW guidelines say that there can be up to 50 performers' indoor,  
 with no maximum cap outdoors. Also the advice is for congregation/  
 audience members to continue wearing face masks if singing.  
 Please note that this is advice only and not mandatory.  
 On this basis singing during Mass can be reintroduced .

Hand sanitiser is available for your use as you enter and leave the Church  
 surfaces will be disinfected after each Mass

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish in these  
 difficult times. This support is much appreciated.  
 The Parish Office is open 8.30am to 12.30pm each weekday.  
 You may bring your Planned Giving envelopes and your Mass Intention  
 envelopes at these times or to any weekend mass.

### LIFTING OF THE DISPENSATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS

Bishop Kennedy has advised that the lifting of the dispensation  
 will occur 19th/20th December, now that the easing of restrictions  
 that allows everyone the opportunity  
 to attend Sunday Mass.

### We pray for all the sick in our parish

Eileen Egan, Ron Kelly, Chris Kidd, John Scott Jr,  
 Fay Smart, Helen Hagley, Bob Groth, Bev Dickie, Bill Syphers,  
 Jenny Watterson, Mary Lee, Tracey Roberts, Betty Sampson,  
 Sr Gemma Burke, Reuben Evans (brother in law of Margaret),  
 Kara Dowling, Ken Howes, Garry Howes,  
 Sr Maureen Martin, sister of Kevin and John and all the sick of the Parish.



## Christmas Message 2020

- From Fr. John—

Christmas this year will be like no other, because of the  
 continuing COVID-19 pandemic that has  
 dominated our lives.

As Christians, we naturally draw on our faith as we meet  
 the challenges of life, and with that in mind, Christmas  
 this year offers us a chance to focus on the things that  
 give purpose and meaning to our lives.

Christmas summons us to a new beginning, firstly  
 through the Season of Advent, which gives us time to  
 reflect, to look back and to look forward.

Looking back, we see that we made it through  
 a difficult and testing year, where God has gently  
 walked with us through the trials.

Looking forward, we anticipate with great joy,  
 the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

We honour Mary and Joseph, as instruments in God's  
 plan for humanity, and we move from being onlookers  
 at the manger to being committed  
 followers of Christ.

Pope Francis tells us in apostolic exhortation,  
 'The Joy of the Gospel', that Christians are a  
 people who remember. So, this Christmas let us open  
 our hearts and rejoice in the memory of the One who  
 was born in a manger,  
 Emmanuel, 'God is with us'.

Wishing all the people of Gunnedah  
 a Grace Filled and Blessed Christmas  
 and a Peaceful and Happy New Year.

Fr John McHugh

### Short Introduction from Fr. Abmar Dumayag

I belong to the Missionaries of Our Lady  
 of La Salette and ordained 10/12/2001. I arrived in  
 Australia 9/12/2012. I am 8th among 8 siblings.  
 My hobby is photography and going to the gym.  
 My priesthood is my greatest inspiration in life and I  
 love to serve God and his people.  
 I will tell more about myself when I get there.

### The Sacrament of Baptism

Any parent wishing to have their child baptised must first make  
 contact with the Parish Office at least one month prior to the date  
 you would like to have your child Baptised  
 for an interview with the Parish Priest.

### Volunteers Required

We are seeking more volunteers to as-  
 sist with the Lawn Mowing. Two weeks,  
 once or twice a year. Please contact  
 the Presbytery if you are able to assist  
 to make an appointment for an induc-  
 tion. Phone 6742 0200



See the proposed 2021  
 Roster at the back of the Church

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, GUNNEDAH  
 acknowledges the Kamilaroi people, the traditional  
 owners and custodians of the land on which we stand.

We pay our respects to them  
 and for their care of the land.  
 May we walk gently and respectfully upon the land.



## SACRED HEART PARISH BOGGABRI

Mr. Dallas Hyatt

Principal Sacred Heart School— Ph 6743 4656  
**NO Mass—Wed. 30/12/20**

**Vigil Mass: Saturday: - 4.00pm**

MAXIMUM OF 100 WORSHIPPERS ALLOWED IN  
 CHURCH FOR MASSES FROM 7/12/20

Please maintain Social Distancing with:  
 2 square metres per person and a  
 distance of 1 metre between each person

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 with the Parish Office Phone 6742 0200  
 Preferably between 8.30am and 12.30pm w/days

### ROSTER 26/12/20

Reader: P. Adams  
 POF: J. Shaw

### ROSTER 2/01/21

Reader: R. Grover  
 POF: S. Jamieson  
 Offertory: M. Nelson/J. Gillham  
 Min. Of Communion: J. Shaw  
 Organist: K. Warner  
 Cleaning January: Marlene and Julie

### Sacred Heart Parish December Anniversaries

Jessie Heiler, Colin Nelson, Alan Merritt,  
 Anthony Hassab, Charles Carrigan, Molly McDonald,  
 Joan Carter, Elizabeth Carter, Len O'Connell, Harold  
 Morse, Neale Morse, Cec Webb, Joan Carrigan,  
 Sr. Mary White, Sr Thomasine, Alma Melvil,  
 Geoff McIntosh, John Carrigan, Tom Heiler.



### Please pray for the sick of the Parish

Tommy Edwards, Kevin Bootle, Paul Hassab,  
 Sr Maria Harrex, Kim Appleby's daughter Lauren,  
 Margaret Doble (John Adam's sister),  
 Robert Meehan, Judy Davidson, Pat Ryan, Kay Warner,  
 Phillip Lee( son of Mary)



### Catechist and Helpers Required

There is always a need for Catechists and their  
 helpers in our local Public Schools.  
 If you are interested,  
 or would like to find out more.

**Please contact:**  
**Margaret Martin Ph 0427 437 982**  
**or the Parish Office Ph 6742 0200**

Gluten Free hosts are available  
 for any parishioner  
 who is Gluten Intolerant.  
 Please contact Father before Mass