

# *Sacred Heart Catholic Parish*



## **PARISH CHURCHES**

### **Church of the Sacred Heart**

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

### **Our Lady of Perpetual Succour**

River Street, South Murwillumbah

### **St. Brigid's Church**

Broadway, Burringbar

### **St. Columba's Church**

Convent Lane, Uki

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## **PARISH STAFF**

### **Parish Priest**

Fr. Anthony Lemon

### **Parish Manager**

Mary-Ann Thackray

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[mspcmbah@lism.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mspcmbah@lism.catholic.edu.au)

Principal: Mr. Paul Clohesy

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Mooball Street, Murwillumbah

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Principal: Mr. Brendan Ryan

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**20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -  
YEAR A  
20 August 2017**

## **CHANGES TO WEEKEND MASS TIMES DURING FR. ANTHONY'S HOLIDAYS**

**Sundays: 27 August  
3 September  
10 September  
17 September**

**in Sacred Heart Church**

**8.30am Mass (not 8am)**

**10.00am Mass as usual**

## **From the Pastor...**

This weekend there are so many people to thank.

Firstly our very first Alpha Programme came to a successful conclusion one and a half weeks ago. Myself and the team learnt a lot. Please accept my personal thanks for a truly wonderful effort. Hopefully it will be the beginning of many Alphas to come.

Secondly our Confirmation programme came to a fitting conclusion with a beautiful celebration of the Sacrament within Mass last weekend. Our new Bishop's words were inspiring and from the heart. Let me thank all who were involved in any way.

Thirdly we have had a run of funerals in the last six weeks. Many families would be feeling the pain of loss at the moment. Behind the scenes an enormous amount of work goes into preparing and celebrating a funeral well. It does not end at the graveside as many families return to the hall for a wake, refreshments and the sharing of memories. The hospitality and warmth and love shown in the hall afterwards are most important. I'd like to commend Marie Twohill and her dedicated band of helpers, their work is indispensable. John Reynolds and our musicians turn up faithfully for every funeral and make my job as celebrant so much easier. The parish admin team not only prepare the booklets and make the bookings they often come up and pour the teas and coffees and then stay to sweep and clean up afterwards, then go back and finish their own work and often get ready for the next one.

Why do we put so much effort in to doing funerals well? It is because honouring the deceased is the Sixth Corporal Work of Mercy. Funerals give us the opportunity to grieve and show others support during difficult times. Through our prayers and actions during these times we show our respect for life, which is always a gift from God, and comfort to those who mourn. Funerals help us find our hope in the Resurrection. Praying for the living and the dead is also one of the Spiritual Works of Mercy.

I begin annual leave this weekend, please make welcome Fr. John Darbyshire who will relieve for me.

With every best wish  
Fr. Anthony Lemon

# THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 20 - 27 AUGUST

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>20th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year A</b> 8:00am <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church 10.00am <u>Mass</u> - St Brigid's, Burringbar
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b> 4.15pm - 5.15pm Adoration - Sacred Heart 5.30pm <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church 6:00pm Rosary - Sacred Heart Church
<b>Wednesday</b>	4.15pm - 5.15pm Adoration - Sacred Heart Church 5.30pm <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
<b>Thursday</b>	8:30am <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church 9:00am Legion of Mary - Parish Administration Centre 5.30pm Finance Council Meeting
<b>Friday</b>	10:00am Communion - M'bah Nursing Home - K Mumford 10:00am Communion - Heritage Lodge - J Reynolds 12.15pm <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church 2.45pm - 3.45pm Adoration - Sacred Heart Church
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00am Rosary - Sacred Heart Church 6:00pm <u>Vigil Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year A</b> <b>103RD WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES</b> 8:00am <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church 10.00am <u>Mass</u> - Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, South Murwillumbah

<b>21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year A 26/27 August</b>	<b>Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 6.00pm Saturday</b>	<b>Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 8.00am Sunday</b>	<b>COUNTERS:</b> 20 Aug: C & J Anderson 27 Aug: T & P Zambelli 03 Sept: Parish staff 10 Sept: J Morgan & L Green 17 Sept: G & K Bewes 24 Sept: P & R Marr 01 Oct: M & M Cooper 08 Oct: P & L McMahon 15 Oct: U O'Grady & B Brodbeck
<b>Acolyte</b>	R Daley	P Hyde	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	F & K Byrnes A Cooper, H Leslight	J & M Wylie K Leslighter	
<b>Readers</b>	C Anderson (C) P/F K & M Mumford R	J Schiller (C) P/F W Tobe R B Nolan R	
<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	MA McShane (C) U O'Grady, C Wightley R Anderson, M Reynolds	P Marr (C) P McMahon, P Sharp L Green, MA Thackray	<b>CHURCH CLEANING</b> <b>SANCTUARY &amp; ALTAR</b> <b>Sacred Heart Church:</b> <b>20 &amp; 27 August:</b> C Wightley, N Gear, Zambelli family <b>OLPS Church, Sth M'bah</b> <b>August:</b> T Jandura
<b>Hospitality</b>	—————	M Zambelli & N Feltham	
<b>Procession of Gifts</b>	R & L Nihill	S Lemon & P Willock	
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	P Zambelli	V Hughes	

The Sacred Heart Church 'Prayer Chapel' is open for private prayer on weekdays.

**ROSARY STATUE**  
Patrick & Jane Egan 

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MARY MACKILLOP CONFERENCE**  
meets each Wednesday at Parish Meeting Centre. New members welcome.  
**"Come Grow With Us".**  
Phone: Marie Donaghy 6672 2933

**PARISH "CUPPA"**  
Sunday 12th September  
with Sharp Family Group

**Readings next week:**  
**21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year A**  
**Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36;**  
**Mt 16:13-20**

## SACRAMENTS

### RECONCILIATION - Sacred Heart:

Saturday : 5.30pm - 5.50pm  
Sunday: 7.30am - 7.50am

### BAPTISMS:

Sacred Heart Church - 12.00pm  
2nd and 4th Sundays of each month  
(At least four weeks notice required)

### Baptism Preparation Evening:

7.00pm Parish Administration Centre  
on 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Next Evening - Tuesday 12th September

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Dale Storey, Helen Wilson, Jim Wilson, Joyce O'Connor,  
Lesley Williams, Basil Walker.



### ANNIVERSARIES:

Dominic Guinea, Teresa Palmer, Mamie Roberts,  
Lorenzo (Larry) Nardi (100th anniversary - died in France WWI).

## NOTICE BOARD

### PARISH FATHER'S DAY BARBEQUE

All parishioners, family and friends are invited to join us for a  
**Parish Father's Day Barbeque**  
to celebrate our fathers and grandfathers.  
Everyone is most welcome to join together  
**after 6pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 2 September.**

## CALENDAR

### ~ SEPTEMBER ~

- 01 Mass - M'bah Nursing Home
- 02 YOUTH Mass at 6pm Vigil
- 03 **22ND SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME - Yr A**  
10am Mass - St. Columba's, Uki
- 04 Rosary & Prayers - OLPS, Sth M'bah
- 06 RCIA Enquiry Night - Hall
- 08 **THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
- 08 Mass - Heritage Lodge
- 10 **23RD SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME - Yr A**  
Cuppa in Hall  
10am Mass - OLPS, Sth M'bah  
Baptisms
- 12 RCIA Enquiry Night - Hall
- 13 9am Mass - Greenhills Lodge
- 14 Compassionate Friends
- 17 **24TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME - Yr A**  
10am Mass - St. Brigid's, Burringbar
- 21 Finance Council Meeting
- 23 Wedding - St Columba's, Uki
- 24 **25TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME - Yr A**  
9am-Catholic Women's Group Cake Stall  
10am Mass - OLPS, Sth Murwillumbah  
Baptisms

### INVITATION TO ALL WHO WOULD LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH The RCIA Programme

The programme begins with Enquiry Nights to assist:

- \* those who might be considering joining our Catholic community
- \* those who would like to know more about the RCIA programme.
- \* those parishioners who are interested in supporting our candidates.
- \* those who wish to know more about their Faith.

Following the Enquiry Nights, those who wish to proceed further will join the RCIA Programme which will run from September through until Easter next year, with a break during school holidays. This programme will consist of weekly 1 hour meetings in small groups.

### Enquiry Nights

**Wednesday 6th & Tuesday 12th September at 7.00pm**  
Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Murwillumbah St, MURWILLUMBAH

### SAVE THE DATE:

**2017 Christmas Carnival  
& Nativity Tableau  
Saturday 25 November**

### CATHOLIC PAPERS - \$2 each

#### Catholic Leader:

- ◆ Nine-year-old girl with autism writes letter to Pauline Hanson
- ◆ Mission to Myanmar

#### Catholic Weekly:

- ◆ Archbishop fires first shots in marriage debate
- ◆ Johnno - The passing of a legend

### Billings LIFE

**Natural Fertility Awareness Week  
21st – 27th August 2017**



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**FOUND in the Sacred Heart Church - a signet ring.  
If this ring could be yours,  
please phone Parish Office 66721118.**

## 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps: 66)

R. Oh God, let all the nations praise you.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

This weekend we welcome Fr. John Darbyshire to our parish. Fr. John is taking care of our parish over the next four weeks while Fr. Anthony is on annual leave.

Fr. John Fitz-Walter will also be saying Masses during Fr. Anthony's holidays.

We thank them both for their generosity of time.

## PARKING FOR SUNDAY MASS

Please **DO NOT PARK** in front of the Tweed Valley Uniting Church, in Byangum Rd, during the Sunday morning 8.30am Mass, as this time clashes with their Sunday morning service.

### Websites to visit....

- ♦ [www.shpmurwillumbah.com.au](http://www.shpmurwillumbah.com.au) - our parish website.
- ♦ [www.lismore-diocese.org](http://www.lismore-diocese.org) - our Diocesan website.
- ♦ [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va) - the official Vatican website.
- ♦ [www.cathnews.com](http://www.cathnews.com) - for Catholic news five (5) mornings a week: visit website to set up free subscription.
- ♦ [www.catholicaustralia.com.au](http://www.catholicaustralia.com.au) - for "everything Catholic" in Australia.
- ♦ [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com) - for 3 minute daily online prayer, & daily inspiration.
- ♦ [www.sacredspace.ie](http://www.sacredspace.ie) - for daily gospel reading & reflection.

## Life's Obstacles

In the popular 1994 movie *The Shawshank Redemption*, the character Andy is wrongly convicted of murder and is incarcerated in the notoriously harsh Shawshank Prison. Andy works in the prison library which has very few resources except for some old tattered books and magazines. He begins a campaign to improve and expand the library and approaches the prison warden for funds.

The warden is reluctant to spend taxpayers' money on luxuries for convicted criminals. Andy is not deterred and so he asks the warden's permission to write to the State Senate for funds. Despite believing Andy's efforts are a waste of time, the warden promises to personally mail the letters.

Andy sets about sending one letter a week to the Senate, asking for assistance, believing that they can't ignore him forever. It takes six years but to Andy's amazement boxes of books are delivered to the prison, together with a cheque for \$200. A note is attached from the Senate stating that they now consider the matter closed!

Some of the prison officers are surprised that Andy's persistence has paid off. Andy becomes even more determined and starts writing two letters a week! The State realises Andy can't be bought off with \$200 and a few boxes of books. In the hope of silencing him, the State approves an annual payment of \$500. Andy made that \$500 stretch as far as it would go. He did deals with book clubs and charity groups. The library was refurbished and it became *the* place to be. It was the best prison library in all of New England.

Despite the desperate situation he found himself in and the many obstacles he faced, Andy never gave up. His determination, his persistence and his commitment were rewarded. In today's gospel, we have another person in a desperate situation, with all sorts of cultural and social obstacles standing in her way.

A Canaanite woman, a descendant of one of the ancient enemies of Israel, approaches Jesus but is initially not welcomed. Still she persists in her request. She is a mother and her daughter is suffering. Naturally she is bold and tenacious when the life of a loved one is at stake. She refuses to be put off or give up.

Although rebuffed by the disciples and ignored by Jesus, her sheer persistence has surprising results. Her persistence is seen by Jesus as evidence of great faith. He relents and heals her daughter.

Sometimes we struggle with persistence. We can give up when things become difficult. We can lose hope when things don't turn out as we planned. We can even stop praying when we don't get what we ask for. Whatever our situation, let us be persistent in our efforts, never giving up, and recognising God is always with us.

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