

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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**28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -
YEAR A
15 October 2017**

A gracious host

About 800 years before Christ walked among us, the prophet Isaiah looked ahead to a time of absolute peace, not only for Jews but for all people when God would prepare a glorious banquet.

The best food and drink would be served and there would be no more suffering and sorrow, and even death would be destroyed. When the Jewish people were oppressed by their powerful enemies, Isaiah's words encouraged them to look forward to a time of universal peace.

Jesus often spoke of the next life in terms of a banquet. Here on earth, he loved to share a meal with people, especially the poor, the sinners and general outcasts. Today, he is speaking of the most wonderful feast of all, his image of life after death in the presence of God.

We all received an invitation to this great feast when we were baptised. That was the beginning. God treats us with great courtesy; he respects our free will and never compels us to do anything. But there are people who are not interested in his invitation and are caught up in their own world. The next life means little to them.

The message for us is that to accept this invitation is not enough. As we grow up, we learn from our parents, teachers and priests about God and his love for us, and how God expressed his love for us by living as a man and then dying at Calvary. God promised that at the end of our human lives he would bring us to our new home in the next life.

We prepare for this banquet by returning God's love. Jesus told us how we are to love him. If you love me, keep my commandments. The two great commandments of love that sum up all the others are a love of God and a love of our neighbour.

Having invited us to be guests at the heavenly feast, Jesus doesn't leave us to shun sin and fight against temptation by ourselves. His love is so great that he is more anxious than we are for us to be prepared for his feast. Before he ascended to his Father, he said, "Know that I am with you always." So, we are never alone, especially when we are tempted.

Jesus has given us the blessings of the Sacraments for all the important stages of life. The summit of the Sacraments is the Eucharist. This is the beginning of the heavenly banquet. By sharing in the Body and Blood of Christ, we become one with him here on earth, as we hope to be one with him in the next life.

Let us consider the central image from the first reading. That is of God, the gracious host, who hopes that everyone will attend his banquet.

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 15 - 22 OCTOBER

Sunday	28th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year A	
	8:00am	Mass - Sacred Heart Church
	10.00am	Mass - St. Brigid's, Burringbar
Tuesday	4.15pm - 5.15pm	Adoration - Sacred Heart Church
	5.30pm	Mass - Sacred Heart Church
	6.00pm	Rosary - Sacred Heart Church
Wednesday	4.15pm - 5.15pm	Adoration - Sacred Heart Church
	5.30pm	Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Thursday	8.30am	Mass - Sacred Heart Church
	9:00am	Legion of Mary - Parish Administration Centre
	5.30pm	Finance Council Meeting
Friday	10:00am	Communion Service - M'bah Nursing Home - K Mumford
	10:00am	Communion Service - Heritage Lodge - L Green
	10:00am	Catholic Women 'Cuppa & Chat' (see note page 3)
	12.15pm	Mass - Sacred Heart Church
	2.45pm - 3.45pm	Adoration - Sacred Heart Church
Saturday	9.00am	Rosary - Sacred Heart Church
	2.30pm	Wedding: Sacred Heart Church - Danielle Cummings & Brian Cox
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Sunday	29th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year A	
	WORLD MISSION SUNDAY	
	8:00am	Mass - Sacred Heart Church
	10.00am	Mass - Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, South Murwillumbah
	12 noon	Baptisms - Sacred Heart Church

29th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year A 21/22 October	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 6.00pm Saturday	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 8.00am Sunday	COUNTERS: 15 Oct: U O'Grady & B Brodbeck 22 Oct: C & J Anderson 29 Oct: T & P Zambelli 05 Nov: J Morgan & L Green 12 Nov: G & K Bewes 19 Nov: P & R Marr 26 Nov: M & M Cooper 31 Nov: P & L McMahon
Acolyte	R Daley	P Marr	
Altar Servers	F & K Byrnes A Cooper, H Leslight	J & M Wylie K Leslighter	
Readers	M Reynolds R P & J Egan R & P/F	J Schiller (C) P/F P Callaghan R B Gorton R	
Ministers of Communion	C Anderson (C) B Brodbeck, C Wightley K Mumford, ME Mumford	P Sharp (C) MA Thackray, R Marr J Morgan, P McMahon	
Hospitality	—————	S Lemon & partner	
Procession of Gifts	R & L Nihill	Heanes/Dusi family	
Children's Liturgy	M Mackney	A Lofts	
CHURCH CLEANING SANCTUARY & ALTAR			
Sacred Heart Church: 15 & 22 Oct: C Wightley, P & T Zambelli, N Gear			
OLPS Church, Sth M'bah October: MA Thackray			

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

ROSARY STATUE
Anne & Ken Palmer 

**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 November
with Anderson Family Group

Readings next week: (Year A)
29th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thess 1:1-5;
Mt 22:15-21

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 14th November

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Patricia O'Connor, Reggie Connolly, Elsie Farrell,
Neville Kavanagh, Brian O'Keefe, Mary McKeon.



ANNIVERSARIES:

Bernadette Kelly, Margaret Grant, Phil Lazenby, Miles Burns.

NOTICE BOARD

MURWILLUMBAH CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP NEWS...

The next informal gathering for a "Cuppa and Chat"
will be on **Friday 20th October at 10am**
in the Parish Administration Centre.
ALL LADIES WELCOME.

CALENDAR

~ OCTOBER ~

Month of the Holy Rosary

23/27 Meals on Wheels - Roster 2

29 **30TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME - Yr A**

NO 10am Mass - 5th Sunday

~ NOVEMBER ~

01 **ALL SAINTS DAY**

12 noon - Adoration until 5.30pm Mass -
Sacred Heart Church

02 **ALL SOUL'S DAY**

8.30am Mass followed by Adoration until
12 noon - Sacred Heart Church

03 10am Mass - M'bah Nursing Home

04 6pm YOUTH Mass

05 **31ST SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME - Yr A**

10am Mass - St Columba's, Uki

06 Rosary & Prayers - OLPS, Sth M'bah

08 9am Mass - Greenhills Lodge

09 **THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN
BASILICA**

09 Compassionate Friends Support Meeting

10 MSPC Year 12 Formal

12 **32ND SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME - Yr A**

9am Cuppa in Hall

10am Mass - OLPS, Sth M'bah

12 noon - Baptisms

14 Baptism Preparation Meeting

16 Finance Council Meeting

18 Wedding: Sacred Heart Church

Laura Gilbert & Keegan Thompson

19 **33RD SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME - Yr A**

10am Mass - St Brigid's, Burringbar

Baptism - Burringbar

21 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

25 Christmas Carnival & Nativity Tableau

2017 HSC EXAMS

Please remember in your prayers the students about to
commence their Higher School Certificate examinations.
The HSC begins this Monday 16th October
and continues until Tuesday 7th November.

PRAYER SPONSORS FOR MSPC HSC STUDENTS

Mt St Patrick College is once again asking for Prayer Sponsors for
Year 12 students during their Higher School Certificate exams.

There are still a few names left!

If you would like to be a Prayer Sponsor for a Year 12 student
from Mt St Patrick College, please take a student name card from
the back of the Church and write your name and the student's
name on the sheet provided.

Thank you for your prayers.

DIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT RETREAT 'OASIS'

Who: Young adults aged 18-35

When: Friday 20th - Sunday 22nd October

Where: Invercauld House, Goonellabah

Parish Contact: Billie Lansky - bilansky@lism.catholic.edu.au
Contact Billie for further information & registration form.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD HEALING RETREATS - Healing lives wounded by abortion

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is a confidential healing ministry for the
many people who have been touched by an abortion experience. Too
often women and men are silenced by their abortions, and the retreats
offer a safe place to express grief and to reclaim their voices in an
understanding and compassionate environment.

The retreat run from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon.

Brisbane Retreat 17-19 November 2017 Cost: \$350

Contact: Jane 0422 172 554 Email: janebacc@gmail.com

Website: www.rachelsvineyard.org



CATHOLIC PAPERS

**-on sale in the Church today-
- \$2.00 each**

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps: 22)

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

MASS & ADORATION TIMES

ALL SAINTS DAY

WEDNESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION from 12 noon - 5.15pm
followed by **5.30PM MASS**
in Sacred Heart Church

ALL SOULS DAY

THURSDAY, 2 NOVEMBER

8.30AM MASS followed by
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION until 12 noon
in Sacred Heart Church

56th CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL & NATIVITY TABLEAU

SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER

The Christmas Carnival stalls will again be located in the Gilbey Centre basement and surrounding grounds of Mt St Patrick schools. The Nativity Tableau will be enacted on stage in the Gilbey Centre.

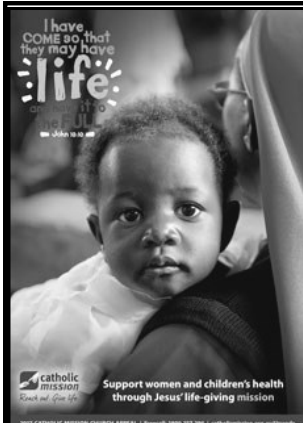
Please note changes: Carnival stalls will open from 4:00 pm and the Nativity Tableau will be enacted in the Gilbey Centre at 7pm.

There will be NO Vigil Mass on Saturday evening.

ONLY 6 WEEKS UNTIL CARNIVAL DAY!

As we countdown the weeks before this important parish event, have you thought how can you help make the 2017 Carnival & Tableau a really great success! Here are a few ideas...

- ◆ Perhaps you could make pickles, jams, relishes for the **Produce Stall**
- ◆ Plant cuttings, seedlings or herbs for the **Plant Stall**
- ◆ Cook Christmas Cakes and Puddings for the **Cake Stall**
- ◆ Sew, knit or crochet items for the **Craft Stall AND...**
- ◆ If you're Spring Cleaning, please think of the **Book Stall & White Elephant** - items in good condition - **NO electrical goods, NO large furniture & NO clothing, please.**
- ◆ **URGENT!!! URGENT!!! Volunteer Co-Ordinator for the Mini Cent Auction!!! INTERESTED?**
Please contact the Parish Office 6672 1118 for all the details. If no-one volunteers for this role, we will not be able to run the Mini Cent Auction at this year's Carnival. *(Items already donated for the Mini Cent Auction will be made into raffle prizes.)*
- ◆ **OUR CARNIVAL RAFFLE IS UNDERWAY!** Tickets are available from the Church or collect a book from the Parish Office.



**Next weekend our parish will be holding the annual
CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH APPEAL.**

This year we are invited to participate in Jesus' life-giving mission, supporting women and children's health in Uganda. In Uganda bringing life into the world is often fraught with danger, with many women taking great risks to reach health facilities. Despite the tireless work of Sister Mary Goretti and her small staff at St Luke Bujuni Health Centre, they do not have the capacity to deal with the influx of high-risk pregnancies amongst the many expectant mothers who come through the doors.

Please come prepared next weekend and give generously.

Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/uganda



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Agents: Egan Simpson Solicitors: 15 Prince Street, Murwillumbah.