

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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31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -
YEAR A
5 November 2017

Jesus the mediator

Today's readings are directed at those who have positions of authority in the Church. Those who have failed and those who have succeeded. In the first reading, the prophet Malachi condemns the leaders. "You have turned aside from the way, and have caused many to falter by your instruction."

In the second reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians, St Paul provides a positive model of the Christian pastor. "Brothers and sisters, we were gentle among you, as a nursing mother cares for her children. With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us."

But in Matthew's gospel, Jesus condemns those in positions of authority who fail to meet his ideal. The scribes and Pharisees are left wanting. First, they do not practice what they preach. Second, they impose burdens on others and do nothing to help them. Third, they exploit their positions of authority rather than serve others.

In the verse that immediately follows today's reading, Jesus himself is harsher still than the prophet Malachi. "But woe to you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites. For you lock people out of the kingdom of heaven."

Pope Francis has used similar language. In his homily during Mass at Domus Sanctae Marthae about a year ago, the pope said Jesus often accuses those who rigidly adhere to the law of being hypocrites; they are not free children of God, but "are slaves of the law."

The pope explained that behind this inflexibility, "there is always something else. And that is why Jesus says, 'Hypocrites!' There is something hidden in that person's life." There is also some kind of illness in such a rigid pastor. Inflexibility is not a gift of God, he said. "Meekness, yes, benevolence, yes, forgiveness, yes, but rigidity, no."

Pope Francis said God prefers "mercy, tenderness, goodness, meekness and humility." God's law was made not "to make us slaves but to make us free, to make us children" of God. Those who are rigid suffer when they realise they are not free, he said. Priests, and presumably others with positions of authority in the Church should not be functionaries of a system of laws, but mediators. The genuine pastor will be a mediator of God's love to God's people and will lose himself in the service of others.

Pope Francis describes how such a pastor would act when seeking to help people in difficult personal situations. A pastor cannot feel that it is enough simply to apply moral laws to those living in 'irregular' situations, as if they were stones to throw at people's lives. The job of the Church is not to exclude but to welcome, and the job of priests is not to render judgment but to listen and understand the context of people's lives and decisions.

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 5 - 12 NOVEMBER

Sunday	31st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year A	
	8:00am	Mass - Sacred Heart Church
	10.00am	Mass - St. Columba's, Uki
Monday	9.00am	Rosary & Prayers - Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church
Tuesday	4.15pm - 5.15pm	Adoration - Sacred Heart Church
	5.30pm	Communion Service - Sacred Heart Church
	6.00pm	Rosary - Sacred Heart Church for Les Daley
Wednesday	9.00am	Mass - Greenhills Lodge
	10.20am	Mass - Our Lady of Perpetual Succour - St Joseph's Primary
	<i>There is No Adoration or Mass in the Sacred Heart Church today</i>	
Thursday	THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	
	8.30am	Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Friday	10:00am	Communion Service - M'bah Nursing Home - C Dennis
	10:00am	Mass - Heritage Lodge - Fr. Anthony
	12.15pm	Mass - Sacred Heart Church - Mt St Patrick Primary
	2.45pm - 3.45pm	Adoration - Sacred Heart Church
	6.00pm	MSPC Year 12 Formal
Saturday	9.00am	Rosary - Sacred Heart Church
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Sunday	32nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year A	
	8:00am	Mass - Sacred Heart Church
	9:00am	'Cuppa' in Hall
	10.00am	Mass - Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, South Murwillumbah
	12 noon	Baptisms - Sacred Heart Church

32nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year A 11/12 November	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 6.00pm Saturday	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 8.00am Sunday	COUNTERS: 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 03 Dec: U O'Grady & B Brodbeck 10 Dec: C & J Anderson 17 Dec: T & P Zambelli
Acolyte	_____	P Marr	
Altar Servers	C Larkin, W Ryan G Kendrick-Morosini	M & A Skelly S Calvino	
Readers	U O'Grady (C) P/F K & M Mumford R	B Gorton (C) R P Callaghan R K Malone P/F	
Ministers of Communion	MA McShane (C) B Nolan, K Mumford R Nihill, C Wightley	P McMahon (C) P Hyde, J Schiller T & P Zambelli	CHURCH CLEANING SANCTUARY & ALTAR Sacred Heart Church: 5 Nov: B Gorton, M Reynolds, M Trevithick 12 Nov: K Mumford, J Morgan OLPS Church, Sth M'bah November: D Banner
Hospitality	M Reynolds & partner	N Feltham, M Zambelli	
Procession of Gifts	C & J Anderson	S Lemon & P Willock	
Children's Liturgy	M Mackney	K Anderson	

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

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)
32nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thess 4:13-18;
Mt 25:1-13

ROSARY STATUE
Joan & Brian Alexander



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:

Jimmy Budd, Les Daley, Vincent Cormick,
Phoebe McNamara.



ANNIVERSARIES:

Richard Leape, Maureen Brown, Edward Smith, Charlie Roberts.

NOTICE BOARD

Rosary & Prayers for God's Precious Infants and the Unborn Child - Monday 6 November at 9am Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, South Murwillumbah. Pregnancy Help Line: 1300 139 313

CALENDAR

~NOVEMBER~

Month of the Holy Souls

- 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
- 26 **OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - YR A**
10am Mass - OLPS, Sth M'bah
Baptisms
- 27 Nov/1 Dec Meals on Wheels - Roster 1

~DECEMBER~

- 01 10am Mass - M'bah Nursing Home
- 02 Vigil Mass - YOUTH - Sacred Heart
- 03 **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YR B**
10am Mass - St Columba's, Uki

We kindly ask that before you leave brochures or pamphlets in the church or foyer, that you seek permission from the Parish Office.

Please be aware that items that have not been approved by Fr. Anthony will be removed from the church. Thank you for your understanding.

CATHOLIC PAPERS - \$2 each
Catholic Leader & Catholic Weekly
on sale today

LITURGY ROSTERS:

New liturgy rosters are now available.
Please take your copy home with you
this weekend.

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS SUPPORT MEETING -

for those who have lost a child of any age, at any time.

10.30am Thursday 9 November in Autumn Club.

Enquiries: Lorraine 6672 3219

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP NEWS...

Thanks to everyone again for your support of our very successful cake stall. As a result \$530 has been donated to Tweed Palliative Support (Wedgetail) and 'You Have A Friend'.

The last lunch of the year will be at **The House of Gabriel, Tumbulgum on 17th November at 12noon.** Transport can be arranged. Phone: Marian 66722501 or Barbara 66723377.
R.S.V.P. 14th November.

'MASS OF ANOINTING'

9.00AM SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME.

LEGION OF MARY ANNUAL REUNION DAY

SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER

commencing with **9am Mass of Anointing in Sacred Heart Church followed by Rosary, prayers & morning tea in the Parish Hall.** All parishioners are warmly invited to attend. Please bring a plate to share.

INTRODUCTION TO SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA IN DAILY LIFE.

The Spiritual Exercises have been described as a "journey of transformation and conversion." This one-day retreat will provide both input and prayer on each of the stages of the Spiritual Exercises. It is offered for those considering making the exercises, and is a valuable opportunity to "taste and see" before making the decision to undertake the journey.

Rous Mill, near Alstonville - 17 November - Cost: \$35.00
Bookings (Essential): [www. www.trybooking.com/253771](http://www.trybooking.com/253771)
Retreat Directors: Dale Keenan and Robyn Fitzgerald
Pamphlets available in the Church or Parish Office.

56th CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL & NATIVITY TABLEAU

SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER

Carnival Stalls will open from 4 pm.
The Nativity Tableau will be commence at 7 pm
in the Gilbey Centre.



There will be NO Vigil Mass on Saturday evening.

With only 3 weeks to go before this important parish event, please consider how you can help to make the 2017 Carnival and Tableau a really great success!

See today's insert for a full list of stalls, contacts & ways to help.

HELP NEEDED:

- Saturday morning for setting up from 7am.
- Sunday morning for packing up from 7am.
- Many of the stalls are asking for helpers, particularly the White Elephant Stall.

**Only three
(3) weeks
to go!**

CAN YOU HELP, EVEN FOR ONE HOUR?

RAFFLE TICKETS:

- ♦ Please collect your 2017 Christmas Carnival Raffle tickets, located on the table at the Church entrance.
- ♦ Parishioners, not on the Planned Giving Programme, and who would like Raffle tickets, can pick up a book of tickets after Mass - located on the table at the Church entrance (Enter your name against the ticket number on the sheet provided), or from the Parish Office.

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps: 130)

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
you have one teacher; the Lord Jesus Christ!
Alleluia!**

NOVEMBER - HOLY SOULS

November is a special time for praying for the dead. During this month people traditionally request "November Masses" for deceased relatives & friends. Envelopes for these Masses are in the Planned Giving pack of envelopes or on the table at the Church entrance.

Prayers during November may also be requested for deceased relatives and friends by writing their names on the yellow cards (at the Church entrance) and placing the card on the Church noticeboard.

*In 2 Maccabees 12:43-46 we read
"It is therefore a holy and a wholesome thought
to pray for the Dead."*

DOCTOR, NURSE OR ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL?

Please sign this open letter against the legalisation of assisted suicide: www.healthprofessionalsayno.info

Proposed legislation to legalise assisted suicide and euthanasia will be debated in the Parliament of New South Wales on the 16 November. Similar bills are expected to be introduced in other states in the near future.

Let your members of parliament know that you support increased access to better aged care and mental health services, disabilities assistance and excellent palliative care, rather than the legalisation of assisted suicide and euthanasia which would place the most vulnerable patients at risk as well as undermining the relationship between patients and healthcare professionals which is based on trust and mutual respect.

This is an independent petition which has been organised by concerned healthcare professionals.

2017 HSC EXAMS

Please remember the Year 12 students in your prayers, as they enter their last few days of HSC exams.



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