

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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**33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -
YEAR A
19 November 2017**

Sharing God's plan

In today's gospel, a master decides to test some of his servants. He weighs up their work records and their different skills and gives them each a sum of money. Their task is to trade with the money and see how much success they have. Jesus is telling us that God acts in a similar way with us.

We are all God's servants and therefore equally loved by God. However, we are unequal in the gifts that God gives us. He hands out various talents to people, some receiving a lot, some a few. This is not by chance. It is all part of God's overall plan for the world.

There are some people who are destined to take a leadership role such as St Paul, St Augustine, St Ignatius, and more recently, Mother Teresa. Most of us play a smaller role in God's plan but every part of God's plan is important. He has chosen a certain task for each of us, a task that is fitted to the gifts he has given us. He wants us to develop and to make the world a better place, not just for ourselves but for all humanity. His plan is for all people to share in the rich resources of His world.

Providing people with a variety of talents tells us what exactly? That we are not meant to be islands, but rather live and work together. Nowadays, we cannot exist without other people. God wants us to work as members of his family, helping one another and working together to improve the world.

What about the parable? It shows people with different abilities, some with many gifts, others with fewer. Still, each one of us has something to offer and is expected to contribute to the work. What was wrong with the third servant? He didn't do anything bad; he just did nothing. His sin was one of omission.

For every great saint such as Mother Teresa, God creates millions of 'ordinary' people like us. He does not intend us to be a super hero and try and save the world but to carry out little acts of thoughtfulness and caring. Like having a cup of tea and a chat with a house-bound neighbour, visiting a sick friend, baby-sitting for a young mother, or mowing an elderly neighbour's lawn. These acts may not seem overly important but every good deed is significant to God and helps to offset the negatives and evil in the world.

So, remember, we can all do something, no matter how small, to improve the world. God has given us a share in his work and every task is important. Nothing is small in his eyes. When we show care and compassion for each person in need that we meet, we are living as faithful disciples of Jesus.

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 19 - 26 NOVEMBER

Sunday	33rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year A 8:00am <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church 10.00am <u>Mass</u> - St. Brigid's Church, Burringbar with Baptism
Tuesday	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Office is Closed today 10.00am Requiem Mass - Sacred Heart Church for Anne Egan 6.00pm Rosary - Sacred Heart Church
Wednesday	<i>There is no afternoon Adoration or Mass in the Sacred Heart Church today</i>
Thursday	10.30am Requiem Mass - Sacred Heart Church for Chris Alexander
Friday	Parish Office is Closed today 10:00am Communion Service - M'bah Nursing Home - K Mumford 10:00am Communion Service - Heritage Lodge - J Reynolds 12.15pm <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church 2.45pm - 3.45pm Adoration - Sacred Heart Church
Saturday	9.00am Rosary - Sacred Heart Church <i>No Vigil Mass in Sacred Heart Church today</i> 4.00pm <u>CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL</u> 7.00pm <u>NATIVITY TABLEAU</u>
Sunday	Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE - Year A 8:00am <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church 10.00am <u>Mass</u> - Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, South Murwillumbah

Our Lord JESUS CHRST, KING of the UNIVERSE 25/26 November	No VIGIL MASS TODAY	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 8.00am Sunday	COUNTERS: 19 Nov: P & R Marr 26 Nov: M & M Cooper 03 Dec: P & L McMahon 10 Dec: U O'Grady & B Brodbeck 17 Dec: C & J Anderson 07 Jan: T & P Zambelli 14 Jan: J Morgan & L Green 21 Jan: G & K Bewes
Acolyte		T Zambelli	
Altar Servers		I Dusi, M Leeson, X Palmer	
Readers		J Schiller (C) R B Nolan R C Wightley P/F	
Ministers of Communion		J Morgan (C) M Roberts, M Chiesa M & M Cooper	CHURCH CLEANING SANCTUARY & ALTAR <u>Sacred Heart Church:</u> 19 Nov: K Mumford, J Morgan 26 Nov: M Twohill, L Johnson <u>OLPS Church, Sth M'bah</u> November: D Banner
Hospitality		B McGrouther & F Berg	
Procession of Gifts		McCalman family	
Children's Liturgy		T Jandura	

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

ROSARY STATUE
Wendy Hancock 

**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 10th December
with BRL Family Group

Readings next week: (Year A)
**Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of
the UNIVERSE**
Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17;
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

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 December

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Chris Alexander, Anne Egan, Ken Gilmore,
Robert Anderson, Sr. Berenice (Dymphna) Twohill.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Lynette Rogers, Narelle Kanturek, Phil Sutherland.



NOTICE BOARD

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

There is **NO VIGIL MASS**
on Saturday 25 November
(Christmas Carnival Day).

Please keep Fr David Gilbey
in your prayers this week
as he celebrates
his 30th Anniversary of
Ordination to the Priesthood.

CALENDAR

~NOVEMBER~

Month of the Holy Souls

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
- 04 Rosary & Prayers - OLPS, Sth M'bah
- 05 Mt St Patrick Primary School
Presentation Night
- 06 St Joseph's Thanksgiving Mass
- 07 Christmas Carnival 'Evaluation' Meeting
- 08 **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
- 09 Anointing Mass
- 09 Legion of Mary Annual Retreat
- 10 **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YR B**
9am - Cuppa in Hall
10am Mass - OLPS, Sth M'bah
Baptisms
- 12 MSPPS Infants Presentation
- 12 St Joseph's Primary Yr 6 Graduation
Mass - OLPS, Sth M'bah
- 12 Baptism Preparation
- 13 9am Mass - Greenhills Lodge
- 13 St Joseph's Primary Presentation
- 14 MSPPS Yr 6 Graduation Mass
- 17 **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YR B**
10am Mass - St Brigid's, Burringbar

Christmas Carnival 'Evaluation' Meeting

Thursday 7 December
4.00pm in Parish
Administration Centre

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Please note: The Parish
Office will be Closed
Tuesday 21, Friday 24 &
Monday 27 November.

'MASS OF ANOINTING'

9.00am Saturday 9th December
Sacred Heart Church

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is a prayer of healing which may be celebrated individually and communally, and may be received more than once. **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.

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP:

A GIFT FOR THE WORLD

A two and a half day workshop for women

Benedictine Abbey, Jamberoo

April 13-15, 2018

For women of any age and any experience. For women in formal leadership positions, and for those who exercise leadership without a formal title... in business, schools, homes, offices, parishes, anywhere. The aim is to support women to explore their unique gifts – as people, as women and as leaders.

The workshop program will include presentations, workshop activities, dialogue and discussion, time to reflect, and the opportunity to take part in the liturgical life of The Abbey, if desired.

Cost: \$200. Accommodation fees depend upon type of room selected. Numbers are limited.

Bookings: 0242360533 or cottageretreats@jamberoobbey.org.au

Brochures available at Parish Office.

2018 JOSEPHITE CALENDARS -
On sale in the Sacred Heart Church
or at the Parish Office. (\$8.00 each)

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

56th CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL & NATIVITY TABLEAU

SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER

CARNIVAL - 4PM MSPC GILBEY CENTRE BASEMENT & SCHOOL GROUNDS

TABLEAU - 7PM GILBEY CENTRE AUDITORIUM

ONLY ONE (1) WEEK TO GO!!



**See you
at the
Carnival!**

- ◆ **PARISH RAFFLE** - please return tickets butts and money, or unsold tickets, to the Parish or School Offices before 3pm Friday 24 November. More tickets are available at the Church after Mass or from the Parish Office.
- ◆ **WHAT YOU CAN BRING IN THIS WEEK BEFORE THE CARNIVAL:**
Items for the Mini Cent Auction, Craft, and Bottles for the **Bottle Stall**, can be delivered to the Parish Office before the Carnival.
- ◆ **WHAT YOU CAN BRING IN ON CARNIVAL DAY:**
Plants, herbs, cuttings, etc. for the **Plant Stall**;
Cakes, slices, biscuits, home baked items, etc. for the **Cake Stall**;
Fruit or Vegetables, jams or preserves for the **Produce Stall**;
Books for the **Book Stall** (before 12 noon);
Items for the **White Elephant Stall** - household items, crockery, knick-knacks, etc. (before 12 noon) (*No electrical items, clothing or large furniture*);
- ◆ **ALL STALLS** could use a helping hand on carnival afternoon with serving customers, selling raffle tickets and meal breaks. If you can help, even for an hour or two, please contact the Parish Office 66721118.
- ◆ **PROVIDE ITEMS** to sell on a stall, or **DONATE** suitable items for prizes.

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**33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps: 127)**

R. Happy are those who fear the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Live in me and let me live in you, says the
Lord; my branches bear much fruit.**

Alleluia!

CHOSEN

2017 Daily Advent & Christmas Reflections

Chosen is a beautifully presented resource containing short daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (3 December) through to the Baptism of the Lord (8 January 2018).

Spiritually rich, yet easily readable daily reflections from the Diocese of Wollongong. Only \$4.00 each available from the Church or Parish Office.



BAPTISM:

Please welcome
Zephyr Michael Walker
to our faith community.

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."*



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