

# *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

### **Parish Secretary**

Beth Gorton

### **Pastoral Associate**

Barbara Grant

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## **PARISH OFFICE**

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## **PARISH SCHOOLS**

### **Mt. St. Patrick College**

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Ph: 02 6672 2340

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

Principal: Mr. Paul Clohesy

### **Mt. St. Patrick Primary School**

Mooball Street, Murwillumbah

Ph: 02 6672 1821

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

Principal: Mr. Brendan Ryan

### **St. Joseph's Primary School**

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Principal: Mr. Jason Clarke

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE - YEAR A  
26 November 2017**

## *A question of caring*

St Alphonsus, the founder of the Redemptorists, had a wonderful gift for capturing the attention of his audience by illustrating his message with simple examples. When encouraging people to consider how they ought to approach God, he would ask them to imagine they had been called into the presence of an earthly king.

In spite of the fraught political climate of the day, the people would readily appreciate that, faced with the prospect of such an encounter, they would learn the necessary protocols and approach the king with reverence and respect. Likewise, Jesus had no problem with invoking the notion of kingship when speaking about the nature of the community he wanted to establish for his Father. The people could relate to the idea and so can we, no matter what our political theories or affiliations.

However, the contrast between the nature of the kingdom of God and that of the earthly powers in any age could not have been more stark or dramatic. No matter how much society today seeks to respect individual rights and the equality of all people, we know how deep-rooted is the temptation for those in power to lord it over those whom they rule. It was precisely because Jesus challenged the hypocrisy of the authorities of his day, that they saw him as a threat and were determined to do away with him.

Jesus explained his kingdom was not of this world and he provided many images of a servant king who would look after his people. By entering Jerusalem on a donkey, not riding in splendour, he fulfilled the prophetic vision of a king, and he repeatedly compared himself to a shepherd tending and caring for his sheep, using the image introduced to us by the prophet Ezekiel.

And remember that shepherds were among the lowest of the low in the pecking order of the societies of their day. When Matthew paints the picture of the Last Judgement, he recalls Jesus describing it in the context of a shepherd, separating the sheep from the goats. There is really only one criterion for entering the kingdom and it is how we have cared for one another.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta, now a canonised saint, never tired of explaining this was the passage that had inspired her life's work in reaching out to the poorest of the poor. But, by the same token she never tired of challenging us to reflect on who might be crying out for our care and concern. "Do you know who your neighbour is?" she would ask, not necessarily referring to people on the other side of the world. It could be the people living next door, or in our local communities who are being neglected.

As we celebrate this great feast today, we would do well to ask ourselves that same question. Do you know who your neighbour is?

Timothy Buckley CSsR © Redemptorists 2017

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# THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 26 NOVEMBER - 3 DECEMBER

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
Tuesday	4.15pm - 5.15pm Adoration - Sacred Heart Church 5.30pm <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church 6.00pm Rosary - Sacred Heart Church
Wednesday	4.15pm - 5.15pm Adoration - Sacred Heart Church 5.30pm <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
Thursday	8.30am <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
Friday	10:00am <u>Mass</u> - M'bah Nursing Home - Fr. Anthony 10:00am Communion Service - Heritage Lodge - L Hosking 12.15pm <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church 2.45pm - 3.45pm Adoration - Sacred Heart Church
Saturday	9.00am Rosary - Sacred Heart Church 6.00pm <u>Vigil Mass</u> - YOUTH - Sacred Heart Church
Sunday	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year B 8:00am <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church 10.00am <u>Mass</u> - St Columba's Church, Uki

<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2/3 December</b>	<b>Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 6.00am Saturday</b>	<b>Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 8.00am Sunday</b>	<b>COUNTERS:</b> 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 28 Jan: P & R Marr
<b>Acolyte</b>	J Reynolds	P Marr	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	D & Z Macartney L Grant	E & T Loughman A McCabe	
<b>Readers</b>	YOUTH	MA Thackray (C) R P Callaghan R L Green P/F	
<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	M Reynolds (C) M Mumford, N Macartney B Brodbeck, C Anderson	B Nolan (C) K Ryder, M Reynolds I & B Dusi	<b>CHURCH CLEANING SANCTUARY &amp; ALTAR Sacred Heart Church: 26 Nov &amp; 3 Dec:</b> B Gorton, M Reynolds, M Trevithick <b>OLPS Church, Sth M'bah November:</b> D Banner <b>December:</b> MA Thackray
<b>Hospitality</b>	YOUTH	S Lemon & B Cook	
<b>Procession of Gifts</b>	YOUTH	Zambelli family	
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	J Dixon	V Hughes	

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

**ROSARY STATUE**  
Anne Manning 

**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 B)  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
Is 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8;  
1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37**

## 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:** Greg Halpin (brother of Norma McDonald), Chris Alexander, Anne Egan, Ken Gilmore, Robert Anderson, Sr. Berenice (Dymphna) Twohill.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Ruby Davis, Archibald McIntyre, Maria Lizzio.



## NOTICE BOARD

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Please note:

**The Parish Office will be closed Monday 27 Nov.**

### Christmas Carnival 'Evaluation' Meeting

**Thursday 7 December  
4.00pm in Parish  
Administration Centre**

## CALENDAR

### ~DECEMBER~

- 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

### '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**

**April 13-15, 2018 - Benedictine Abbey, Jamberoo**

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@jamberooabbey.org.au

Brochures available at Parish Office.

### MEALS ON WHEELS - Roster 1

**27 November - 1 December**

**Mon:** B & M Donaghy,  
P Dow & U O'Grady

**Tues:** N & V Boughton,  
J & M Reynolds

**Wed:** M Twohill & L Johnson,  
B & J Albury

**Fri:** P Ryder & partner;  
B Ryder, A Wilson

### Christmas Mass Roster

Volunteers are needed for the Christmas Mass liturgy roster - please add your name & your ministry, to the sheet on the Mass that you are available - located on table near the Church entrance.

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

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

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - Year A**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps: 23)**

**R. My shepherd is the Lord, nothing indeed shall I want.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!**

**COMMUNION HYMN:**

**SHEPHERD ME O GOD**

Marty Haugen

**Refrain: Shepherd me O God beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.**

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**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.

**ARTES CHRISTI**

**Seeking the face of Christ through the arts.**

**St. Joseph's Church, Tweed Heads  
Friday 15 December - 7.30pm.**

Beautiful music along with Gospel Readings  
Entry is by donation.

**The 56th Annual Christmas Carnival & Nativity Tableau**



The Tableau is a wonderful way to begin the season of Advent and to remind us that Christmas is about the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Sincere thanks to all who helped in any way to make the Christmas Carnival such a wonderful occasion. Its success always depends on the combined effort of many in our Parish community - the Parish schools, various groups and individuals all working together.

It is very much appreciated.

Well done!

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

**CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL  
Sunday 24th December**

7.00pm - Sacred Heart Church

**CHRISTMAS DAY  
Monday 25th December**

8.00am - Sacred Heart Church

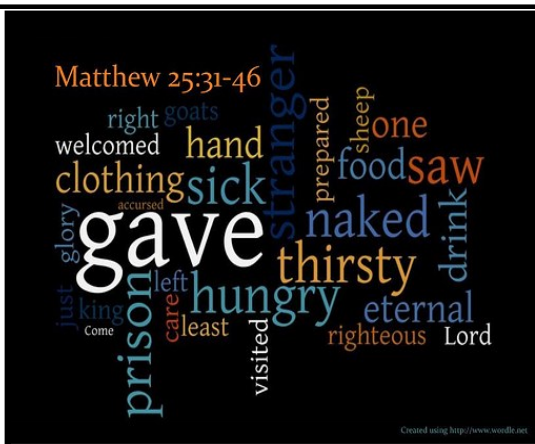
**xt3 Advent Calendar 2017**

Venerable Fulton Sheen, one of the Church's greatest communicators urged us to look for God in unlikely places, "Divinity is always where one least expects to find it". This is the theme for the Xt3.com Advent Calendar 2017. [www.xt3.com/advent](http://www.xt3.com/advent)

The Xt3 Advent Calendar is a website and a downloadable App that contains a variety of videos, meditations and podcasts for the Christmas season, providing people with the means to encounter the true spirit of Christmas in their everyday lives.

The App is free and available on your iPhone, iPad and Android devices. Search for "Xt3 Advent" in the Google Play store or the App store. Or visit [www.xt3.com/advent](http://www.xt3.com/advent). The first feature will be available on the First Sunday of Advent, 3 December 2017.

Give your hands to serve, and your hearts to love.  
St Teresa of Calcutta.



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