

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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St. Brigid's Church

Broadway, Burringbar

St. Columba's Church

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - YR B 7 January 2018

Rewarding true success



In the Church's liturgical calendar, the feast of the Epiphany signals the end of the Christmas season. In the secular world, Christmas is seen as an end-of-year celebration of success and good fortune. The value of our presents is seen as a measure of our financial success.

Like all good 'hero myths', the secular version of the Christmas story ends with rewards for those who have triumphed over adversity. However, in the scriptures, Christmas is the start of a different hero story and, accordingly, its celebration presents us with a different vision of success.

In the gospels, the story of Jesus is told in the tones of an antihero. Born in obscurity, known only to poor shepherds and foreign stargazers, Jesus was not a success by the standards of the world. His ministry was limited to the hill country of Galilee and the back streets of Jerusalem. His audience were poor farmers and fisher folk who eked out a bare living from the soil and the sea, most of which was taken for taxes or tithes. His words were strange and unconventional. His followers were marginal people.

In terms of success, Jesus owned little but the clothes on his back. His family thought he had gone "out of his mind" (Mk 3:22). The authorities thought he was dangerous. His life ended on a cross and the ignominious death of a criminal. Yet, as Paul says in Philippians, "God raised him up and gave him a name that is above all other names" (Phil 2:9).

Today's readings remind us that while Jesus is a hero, his heroic quest is not what one might expect. In the gospels, Jesus' quiet heroism in the obscurity of backwater first-century Palestine holds out a fresh vision of what we should consider 'success' to be. It is not found in money, big cars, fancy houses, expensive presents, or a huge table of festive fare.

True success is found in the dedication and commitment we display amidst the consumerism of popular culture. It is found in the moments of healing we bring to others by our concern and care. It is found in the courage we give to our family and friends with simple words of support and encouragement.

The feast of the Epiphany marks the end of Christmas, but also points forward to Easter. The wise men give gifts that include myrrh, an aloe used for anointing dead bodies (Matt 2:11), and a jealous secular King orders the massacre of innocents to try to destroy the "newborn king" (Matt 2:16-18).

The birth of Jesus derives its full significance from his ultimate death and resurrection. For it was only in the light of that experience that Jesus' followers eventually came to see that Jesus was God incarnate and that his birth was the centre-point of history.

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 7 - 14 JANUARY

Sunday	The EPIPHANY of the LORD - Year B 8:00 am Mass - Sacred Heart Church 10:00 am Mass - St Columba's, Uki	 <p><i>"We have seen his star in the East, and have come to adore the Lord."</i></p>
Monday	The Baptism of the Lord 9:00am Parish Office re-opens	
Tuesday	9:00 am Mass - Sacred Heart Church 4:15 pm - 5:15 pm Adoration - Sacred Heart 6:00 pm Rosary - Sacred Heart Church	
Wednesday	9:00 am Mass - Sacred Heart Church 4:15 pm - 5:15 pm Adoration - Sacred Heart Church	
Thursday	9:00 am Mass - Sacred Heart Church	
Friday	10:00 am Communion Service - M'bah Nursing Home - C Dennis 10:00 am Mass - Heritage Lodge - Fr Anthony 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm Adoration - Sacred Heart Church	
Saturday	6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Sacred Heart Church	
Sunday	2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year B 8:00 am Mass - Sacred Heart Church 10:00 am Mass - Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, South Murwillumbah 12 noon Baptism - Sacred Heart Church	

LITURGY ROSTER: 2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - 13/14 January

Acolyte	Saturday Vigil 6.00pm J Reynolds	Sunday 8.00am P Marr	ROSARY STATUE Ursula O'Grady
Readers	M Reynolds (C) R R Daley R C Anderson P/F	J Schiller (C) P/F P Callaghan R B Gorton R	COUNTERS: 07 Jan: T & P Zambelli 14 Jan: J Morgan /L Green
Extra Ordinary Ministers	D & B Guinea (C) L Hosking, B Nolan U O'Grady	M Reynolds (C) P Hyde, P McMahon T & P Zambelli	
Hospitality	_____	J Morgan, _____	The Sacred Heart Church 'Prayer Chapel' is open for private prayer on weekdays.
Procession of Gifts	_____	P Willock & S Lemon	



BAPTISM:

Please welcome
Emilia Mary Rose Kalotay
to our faith community.

Wedding Anniversaries *Celebrating*

60 years together on 4 January—Frank & Frances Berg
50 years together on 6 January—Ray & Leone Corcoran

RECENTLY DECEASED: Winifred Klepp, Reg Rowan,
John Schiller, Jamie Schirmer, Diane Bianchetti, Mikey
Bailey, Tom Alder, Rita Gooley, Glenn Dunne.
ANNIVERSARIES: Clare Pidcock, Les Everson.



Thank you **McGuinness Funerals** for the
Christmas Tree that was kindly donated
to the Parish to enrich our Christmas
celebrations.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - YR B RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 71)

R: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East; and have
come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

Readings for next week:

2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year B

1 Sam 3:3-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20;
Jn 1:35-42

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP NEWS...

Due to the cancellation of our November lunch, the
group are having **lunch at 'The House of Gabriel'**
Tumbulgum on Friday 19 January at 12 noon. All
ladies invited - RSVP 17 Jan to Marion 66722501 or
Barbara 66723377 - Transport can be arranged.

Rosary & Prayers for God's Precious Infants and the Unborn Child - 9am Monday 8 January - Our Lady of
Perpetual Succour Church, Sth M'bah. Pregnancy Help Line: 1300 139 313