

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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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
- YEAR B
15 July 2018

Seeing through your heart

St Paul, in today's reading from his Letter to the Ephesians, speaks of seeing with "the eyes of your heart." Paul reminds us that it is through the eyes of our heart, not the eyes of our head, that we see the glory of God, and know the hope to which God has called us and the riches of his glorious inheritance. Paul recognises that it is with the eyes of our heart that we truly see.

The little prince in Antoine de Saint-Exupery's enchanting book, *The Little Prince*, expresses this same truth when he explains: "Here is my secret. It is very simple: It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye."

The renowned 17th-century French philosopher, Blaise Pascal, also captured something of Paul's thought when he wrote, "The heart has its reasons that reason does not know". Pascal recognised that the heart understands things not by intellectual endeavor but by intuition, instinct, sensitivity, and affection. In this way, it leads us to knowledge and understanding that is deep and subtle and beyond mere rationality. The heart leads us not simply to intellectual clarity but to wisdom and insight and to moral sensibility. It leads us to faith, hope and love. It engenders a sense of justice and practical commitment to what is right and good.

The eyes of our *head* are, of course, part of the process by which we know and understand the world. But, as the Little Prince knew, what is essential – such things as love, friendship, hope, faith – are invisible to those eyes.

It is with the eyes of the *heart* that we comprehend the riches of God's grace and the abundance of blessings that God has lavished on us and discern the presence of God all around us. As St Ignatius of Loyola recognised, with the eyes of the heart we find God in all things.

With the eyes of the heart we also sense the mystery of God's will and purpose for ourselves and our world. Moreover, we see then that each of us is called to play our part in God's plan from all eternity to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth.

Like the 8th century prophet Amos in today's first reading and the apostles in today's gospel who are sent out on mission by Jesus, two by two, taking nothing with them except a staff, we too are sent into the world as the Lord's disciples. Like them, we too may well feel ill-equipped and unskilled for the role. And like them and like Jesus himself, we may face resistance and rejection, but, with the eyes of our heart, we know that it is God's mission we serve and that God is always with us.

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 15 - 22 JULY

Sunday	15th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year B	
	8.00am	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	10.00am	<u>Mass</u> - St. Brigid's, Burringbar
Monday	<i>Parish Office is Closed from 12 noon</i>	
Tuesday	4.15pm - 5.15pm	Adoration - Sacred Heart Church
	5.30pm	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	6.00pm	Rosary - Sacred Heart Church
Wednesday	9.00am	Gospel Reflection Group - Hall (see note page 3)
	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
	9.15am	Legion of Mary - Sth Murwillumbah Meeting Room
	5.30pm	Finance Council Meeting
Friday	10.00am	Communion Service - Aveo Nursing Home - K Mumford
	10.00am	Communion Service - Heritage Lodge - L Green
	12 noon	Catholic Women's Group - Lunch (see note page 3)
	12.15pm	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	2.45pm - 3.45pm	Adoration - Sacred Heart
Saturday	6.00pm	<u>Vigil Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
Sunday	16th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year B	
	8.00am	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	10.00am	<u>Mass</u> - Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, South Murwillumbah

16th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Yr B 21/22 July	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 6.00pm Saturday	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 8.00am Sunday
Acolyte	J Reynolds	P Marr
Altar Servers	D Macartney R Trueman, O Adams	J & M Wylie K Lesleighter
Readers	P & J Egan (C) R N Sherrah P/F	P Callaghan (C) R J Schiller R K Malone P/F
Ministers of Communion	M Reynolds (C) DM Macartney, B Nolan M Mumford, L Hosking	M Roberts (C) P Hyde, L Green T Zambelli, J Morgan
Hospitality	—————	M Zambelli & N Feltham
Procession of Gifts	R & L Nihill	F & B McGrouter
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy

COUNTERS:

15 July:	G & K Bewes
22 July:	T & P Zambelli
29 July:	M & M Cooper
05 Aug:	P & R Marr
12 Aug:	B Brodbeck & C Kerr
19 Aug:	C & J Anderson
26 Aug:	J Morgan & L Green

CHURCH CLEANING SANCTUARY & ALTAR

Sacred Heart Church:

15 July: L Johnson

22 & 29 July:

C Wightley, Zambelli family

OLPS Church, Sth M'bah

July: K Ryder

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

ROSARY STATUE
Marion Roberts



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 9th September
hosted by Sharp Family Group

Readings next week: (Year B)
16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Jer 23:1-6; Eph: 2:13-18;
Mk 6:30-34

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 August

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Pearl Bewes (mother of Gary), John Flannery,
Gordon Rabbidge, Mary Immaculata Borgia.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Lance Sinclair, Nathan Bewes, Ron Flannery,
Kevin O'Keefe, Pat Fernon, Peter Reid.



NOTICE BOARD

GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP

Wednesday mornings - 9am - Parish Hall

Come along and be part of this group, have a cuppa,
read the gospel and reflect. **ALL WELCOME.**

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP

**The Group will meet for lunch on Friday 20th July at 12noon
at the Murwillumbah Services Club.** Transport can be arranged.
Details from: Marion 6672 2501 or Barbara 6672 3377.

ALL WELCOME.

PARISH MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting of the newly formed Men's Group will be held
on **Wednesday 25 July 2018 at 6 pm in the Parish Hall.**

Like more information? Please contact Deacon Emmanuel in the
Parish Office 6672 1118.

CaFE - Catholic Faith Exploration

**St Anthony's Parish Meeting Room, 16 Pearl Street, Kingscliff
Tuesday night for 5 weeks - 7.15pm - 9pm - beginning 24 July.**

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL.

**EVERYONE WELCOME: Catholics - practising or not.
Non-Catholics or interested parties.**

- ◆ Exploring the Catholic faith in a fresh, fun & inspirational approach led by the CaFE team.
- ◆ Casual, friendly and welcoming environment.
- ◆ Tea, Coffee with nibbles served among good company.
- ◆ Gold coin donation.

Enquiries & bookings call: 0402 817 644 or 6674 1284.

CALENDAR

~ JULY ~

25 Parish Men's Group - 6pm - Hall

29 **17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YR B**

No 10am Mass (5th Sunday)

30/3 Aug: Meals on Wheels - Roster 2

~ AUGUST ~

03 10am Mass - Aveo Nursing Home

03 Confirmation Retreat Day - Hall

03 **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

05 **18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr B**

10am Mass - St Columba's, Uki

06 The Transfiguration of the Lord

06 Rosary & Prayers - OLPS Church

08 St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop

08 9am Mass - Greenhills Lodge

10 10am Mass - Heritage Lodge

12 **19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr B**

10am Mass - OLPS Church, Sth M'bah
Baptisms

14 State Schools Children's Mass

15 **ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN
MARY**

FUTURE OF CATHOLIC PAPERS

For many years this parish has been fortunate in having the Catholic Leader and Catholic Weekly made available for purchase at Masses each weekend, courtesy of the St. Vincent de Paul Society who order and pay for the publications.

Unfortunately, when papers are left unsold, the St. Vincent de Paul Society still has to pay for them. Across the Diocese this loss is many thousands of dollars each year and the Central Council of the Society has decided to discontinue funding all Catholic Literature from 1st July.

Those wishing to continue receiving Catholic literature will need to subscribe directly to the publication of your choice.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Liturgy - 28/29 July

Retreat Day - Friday 3 August 9.30am - 2.30pm - Hall

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

**Friday 3 August - 6pm - Sacred Heart Church
followed by supper - Hall**

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Dates: 3rd - 5th August 2018

Contact: David & Maria Murphy 07 3342 1456.

Email: qldbookings@wwme.org.au

Location: Santa Teresa Spiritual Centre,

267 Wellington Street, Ormiston. QLD

**15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 84)**

R: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

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!

PLANNED GIVING RECEIPTS & STATEMENTS

Planned Giving Receipts and Statements for the year ended 30 June 2018 (that is Planned Giving up to Sunday 25 June 2018) are available at the back of the church today.

MY DAILY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, walk with me today,
and grant that I may hear your footsteps
and gladly follow where they lead.

Talk with me today and grant that I may hear
your tender voice, and quicken to its counsel.

Stay with me today
and grant that I may feel your gentle presence
in all I do, say and think.

Be my strength when I weaken,
my courage when I fear.

Help me to know that it is your hand holding mine
through all the hours of this day.

And when night falls, grant that I may know
I rest in your Sacred Heart.

Amen.

REFLECTION...

God chooses ordinary people and confers on them an extraordinary responsibility. Amos was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. Most of the apostles were fishermen. Paul was a tentmaker. Christians today are mechanics and clerks, teachers and engineers, doctors and housekeepers. These are all people following ordinary trades or professions, but what they do in them is truly remarkable. They touch minds and hearts and souls, and they heal them. They instruct and comfort people, and they help to drive out the demons that possess them. They participate in very ordinary ways in the extraordinary establishment of the reign of God.

Jesus inaugurated the reign of God on earth. He chose disciples and sent them out to continue the work that he had begun, to preach his gospel and, through healings and exorcisms, to conquer the forces of evil that threatened that reign. And now we have been called; in him we have been chosen, in all of our brokenness and vulnerability. The task to which we have been called is awe-inspiring; and every spiritual blessing in the heavens has been bestowed upon us so that we will be able to accomplish it. If we allow Christ's saving power to take possession of us, we too will further his prophetic ministry. We will bring the saving grace of God to the world that is terrified and that writhes in pain; we will bring it to those places where healing is needed and where demons still hold sway. We will bring all things under the headship of Christ.

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

is being held in our parish this weekend.

'GIVE PEOPLE IN NEED ANOTHER CHOICE THIS WINTER'

When you can't afford to pay your rent, do you risk falling deeper into debt, or do you face sleeping on the street? When you can't afford to pay your energy bill, do you and your family decide to freeze in a cold home or to go hungry?

"Every day in Australia, someone faces impossible choices like these. They need help from you and I to get through the winter," said Warwick Fulton, President of the St Vincent de Paul Society Canberra/Goulburn, launching the 2018 Vinnies Winter Appeal.

Over 116,000 women, children and men are experiencing or are at risk of homelessness on any given night in Australia, a statistic Vinnies knows all too well. It's easy to forget that people struggling to make ends meet are people just like you and me. They face choices no-one should have to make. A job loss, physical or mental health issues, toxic relationships – can all threaten someone's security.

Winter is a very difficult time of year if you are homeless or you can't pay for your heating or other essentials. We rely on generous donations from the community to support our Winter Appeal. **This winter, please help Australians find safety and security for their family.**

Donations can be made at the Church this weekend, or at Vinnies.

Collection buckets will also be at all doors at each Parish Mass.

THANK YOU!



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