

# 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

### Deacon

Rev. Emmanuel Okparanaku

### Parish Manager

Mary-Ann Thackray

### Parish Secretary

Beth Gorton

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## PARISH SCHOOLS

### Mt. St. Patrick College

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

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Principal: Mr. Paul Clohesy

### Mt. St. Patrick Primary School

Mooball Street, Murwillumbah

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Principal: Mr. Brendan Ryan

### St. Joseph's Primary School

Greville Street, South Murwillumbah

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Principal: Mr. Jason Clarke

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- YEAR B

22 July 2018

## *Called to be good shepherds*

Two common images presented to us in the Scriptures are those of shepherds and banquets. First and foremost, God shepherds his people Israel by caring for them like sheep, keeping them from danger, and preparing a banquet for them.

Many key biblical figures were originally shepherds such as the prophets Moses and Amos, patriarchs Abraham and Jacob, and it was the young shepherd, David, whom God called to be king of his people Israel. Moreover, it was this same King David who wrote today's wonderful psalm acclaiming "The Lord is my shepherd".

Unfortunately, the rulers of Israel ceased to act like shepherds turning to idolatry and resulting in all kinds of hostility among the different tribes. Eventually, this led to the annihilation of Israel by the Assyrians and the captivity of the people of Judah by the Babylonians. The prophet Micah laments that he saw "Israel scattered on the hills like sheep without a shepherd" (I Kings 22:17). Today, we hear God speaking through the prophet Jeremiah pronouncing "doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered" (Jer. 23:1).

Two further promises are made: God will punish the misdeeds of the unfaithful leaders who do not act like shepherds; and God will bring back the scattered flock under the guidance of new shepherds who will feed and care for them (Jer. 23:3-4). God also goes a step further announcing He will shepherd Israel by "gathering the lambs in his arms and carrying them close to his heart" (Isaiah 40:11).

It is Jesus who most perfectly enacts this prophecy of the shepherd leader through his ministry of teaching and healing, his call to discipleship and communion, sharing bread with the hungry, dining with sinners and being the "Good Shepherd (who) lays down his life for his sheep" (Jn. 10:11). So, Jesus the Good Shepherd is also "the Lamb of God" giving his very life that we may live.

Much of Jesus' ministry is expressed through parables and events that emphasise table-fellowship: God's reign is likened to a great banquet where all are invited; Jesus feeds the five-thousand through the miracle of loaves and fish, and the Prodigal Son is greeted on his return with a mighty feast. We also know that Jesus provides his disciples at the Last Supper with a ritual of remembrance and thanksgiving that we re-enact when we celebrate the Eucharist.

Pope Francis consistently speaks of Christ the Good Shepherd as the model of Christian service and leadership. In particular, he calls on priests and pastors to be "shepherds living with the smell of the sheep". We need to heed St Paul who warned Christians to overcome division and hostility, repent of sinfulness, and receive the Good News of grace and peace. All Christians are called to be shepherds of God's mercy.

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# THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 22 - 29 JULY

Sunday	16th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year B 8.00am 10.00am	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church <u>Mass</u> - Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, South Murwillumbah
Tuesday	4.15pm - 5.15pm 5.30pm 6.00pm	Adoration - Sacred Heart Church <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church Rosary - Sacred Heart Church
Wednesday	9.00am 4.15pm - 5.15pm 5.30pm 6.00pm	Gospel Reflection Group - Hall (see note page 3) Adoration - Sacred Heart Church <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church Men's Group - Hall (see note page 3)
Thursday	8.30am 9.15am	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church Legion of Mary - Sth Murwillumbah Meeting Room
Friday	10.00am 10.00am 12.15pm 2.45pm - 3.45pm	Communion Service - Aveo Nursing Home - K Mumford Communion Service - Heritage Lodge - J Reynolds <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church Adoration - Sacred Heart
Saturday	6.00pm	<u>Vigil Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
Sunday	17th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year B 8.00am NO 10am Mass today - 5th Sunday	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church

17th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Yr B 28/29 July	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 6.00pm Saturday	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 8.00am Sunday
<b>Acolyte</b>	P Egan	P Hyde
<b>Altar Servers</b>	B Piccini, B Cracknell W Gradisnik	P & D Kee J Farrell
<b>Readers</b>	N Sherrah (C) R M Reynolds R K Mumford P/F	MA Thackray (C) R tba R C Wightley P/F
<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	C Anderson (C) B Brodbeck, MA McShane D & B Guinea	B Cook (C) I & B Dusi M Chiesa, B Gorton
<b>Hospitality</b>	—————	J & H Larkin
<b>Procession of Gifts</b>	L Dusi & P Fox	B Heanes & T Yabsley
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	No Children's Liturgy	P Zambelli

### COUNTERS:

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
02 Sept:	G & K Bewes

### CHURCH CLEANING SANCTUARY & ALTAR

**Sacred Heart Church:**  
**22 & 29 July:**  
 C Wightley, Zambelli family  
**OLPS Church, Sth M'bah**  
**July:** K Ryder  
**August:** T Jandura

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

**ROSARY STATUE**  
 Susan & Vince Kean



### 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)**  
**17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**2 Kg 4:42-44; Eph: 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15**

## 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:

Ben Farrugia, Barbara McLeod, Pearl Bewes, John Flannery,  
Gordon Rabbidge, Mary Immaculata Borgia.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Basil Walker, Pat Ryder.



## 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.**

## CALENDAR

### ~ JULY ~

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**

19 **20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** - Yr B

10am Mass - St Brigid's, Burringbar

22 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary

### 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.**

Guest speaker: Leo Rawlings from Tweed Heads Men's Group.

*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.

### MURWILLUMBAH FESTIVAL OF PERFORMING ARTS

#### Prizewinners Concert

Wednesday 1st August - 7.00pm  
Murwillumbah Civic Centre

**ALL WELCOME**

### WEBSITES TO VISIT:

- ♦ [www.cathnews.com](http://www.cathnews.com) - for Catholic news 5 mornings a week: visit website to set up free subscription.
- ♦ [www.catholicaustralia.com.au](http://www.catholicaustralia.com.au) - for "everything Catholic" in Australia.

**GRIEF TO GRACE - HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABUSE** - is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held May 26th - 31st 2019.

To request an application contact Anne by emailing [info@griefftoGrace.org.au](mailto:info@griefftoGrace.org.au) or phone 0478599241. For more information visit [www.griefftoGrace.org](http://www.griefftoGrace.org)

### POSITION VACANT:

#### ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

#### PRESENTATION SISTERS, LISMORE

Part-time position based at the Presentation Sisters' Office, Lismore.

For further information, see Church Notice-board or Parish Office.

Applications close: Friday 27th July.

### WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Dates: 3rd - 5th August 2018

Contact: David & Maria Murphy 07 3342 1456.

Email: [qldbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:qldbookings@wwme.org.au)

Location: Santa Teresa Spiritual Centre,  
267 Wellington Street, Ormiston. QLD

**16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 22)**

**R:** The Lord is my shepherd,  
there is nothing I shall want.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.

**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.**

**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.

**PRAYER FOR TODAY**

Every day I need you Lord  
But this day especially,  
I need some extra strength  
To face whatever is to be.  
This day more than any day  
I need to feel you near,  
To fortify my courage  
And to overcome my fear.  
By myself, I cannot meet  
The challenge of the hour,  
There are many times when humans help  
But we need a higher power  
To assist us bear what must be borne  
And so dear Lord I pray -  
Hold on to my trembling hand  
And be near me today.  
Amen.

**CONFIRMATION**

**Confirmation Liturgy - 28/29 July**  
**Retreat Day - Friday 3 August**  
9.30am - 2.30pm in Parish Hall  
**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**  
**Friday 3 August - 6pm - Sacred Heart Church**  
**followed by supper - Parish Hall**

*Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me, I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me. Rev 3:20*

**REFLECTION...**

In the Temple precinct in Jerusalem there was a stone barrier separating the inner area into which only Jewish people could enter. A non-Jew would cross the barrier under pain of death. This is the 'dividing wall of enmity' to which St Paul refers, and which has been torn down by Jesus Christ in whom a new humanity is being created where discrimination or segregation is to have no place.

It is to the great shame of the Catholic Church that it collaborated in putting the Jewish people behind dividing walls of enmity in the ghettos of Europe. It is to the great credit of St John Paul II that much of this enmity was overcome, symbolised when he pressed a prayer into a cleft between stones of the Wailing Wall of the Old Temple.

Every week we come to Mass in response to Our Lord's invitation in today's gospel: 'Come away and rest a while.' Our Lord is saying 'Come away by yourselves so that I can nourish you with Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink which is my Holy Communion with you.'

Yes, we do that as a moment celebrating our distinctive identity, but always as a prelude to the great task. We are to go out and break down the various 'dividing walls of enmity': racism, caste and class, historical grievances, sexist subjugation.

We could take a moment to pray that we imitate St John Paul II in pressing our prayers and actions into whatever opportunities present themselves so as to break down dividing walls of enmity within our families, local communities and even around the world.

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