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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St. Joseph's Primary School
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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B
29 July 2018

A generous act

It was difficult for Jesus to get any peace. He had cured so many sick people that word had quickly spread around the countryside. So, when people heard he was in the neighbourhood they naturally flocked to him. This particular day was no exception.

With his disciples by his side, Jesus climbed a hillside and sat down on the grass. Looking up, he saw the usual large crowd gathering, hoping to see more miraculous happenings, no doubt. As it was time for lunch, Jesus asked Philip where they could buy some bread for the gathering masses. Philip wasn't sure but said it would cost a fortune. There were too many people.

Then Andrew said to Jesus, "There's a little boy here with a few small rolls and a couple of fish. But that's the lot."

"Would you like to help me feed all these people?" said Jesus, smiling at the boy.

The boy replied: "What can I do?"

"Would you give me the lunch your mother packed for you?"

The boy hesitated, then looked at Jesus and happily handed over what he had.

"Thank you," said Jesus.

Giving thanks to His Father, Jesus then handed the loaves to the disciples who began to distribute them. He did the same with the fish. Meanwhile, the lad was standing goggle-eyed: No matter how often Jesus gave rolls and fish to his disciples, more would appear in his hands. "Mum will never believe this," the boy considered.

What if the boy had said "No". Jesus would not have worked that particular miracle. Jesus wants to serve freely and not by compulsion. After he gave his food to Jesus, the lad did nothing. It was all up to Jesus. So, through an act of generosity thousands of people were fed.

The boy could be a model for us. Jesus did not ask him personally to feed all the people. Rather, he said: "Would you like to help me?" The only thing he asked of the boy was to hand over his food.

Jesus has called on all of us to be his 'missionary' disciples and to continue his work of spreading the Good News of God's love for the world.

However, Jesus does not demand great sacrifices of us. All he wants is for us to hand him our 'five loaves and two fish'. In our modern world, that could involve helping a refugee family to settle in to the Australian way of life; spending a couple of hours a week in the local school assisting children with reading difficulties; having a cup of tea and a chat with a lonely neighbour; or baby-sitting for a young mother so she can relax for several hours without having to attend to her baby's needs.

When Jesus asks each of us for our five loaves and two fish what will our response be?

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 29 JULY - 5 AUGUST

Sunday	17th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year B	
	8.00am	Mass - Sacred Heart Church
	NO 10am Mass today - 5th Sunday	
	2.00pm	Baptisms
Monday	*Parish Office is Closed from 12 noon today*	
Tuesday	4.15pm - 5.15pm	Adoration - Sacred Heart Church
	5.30pm	Mass - 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	Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Thursday	8.30am	Mass - Sacred Heart Church
	9.15am	Legion of Mary - Sth Murwillumbah Meeting Room
Friday	10.00am	Mass - Aveo Nursing Home - Fr. Anthony
	10.00am	Communion Service - Heritage Lodge - L Hosking
	12.15pm	Mass - Sacred Heart Church
	2.45pm - 3.45pm	Adoration - Sacred Heart
	6.00pm	CONFIRMATION - Sacred Heart Parish
Saturday	6.00pm	Vigil Mass - YOUTH - Sacred Heart Church (see note page 3)
Sunday	18th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year B	
	8.00am	Mass - Sacred Heart Church
	10.00am	Mass - St. Columba's, Uki

18th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Yr B 4/5 August	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 6.00pm Saturday	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 8.00am Sunday
Acolyte	M Mbithi	T Zambelli
Altar Servers	C Larkin W Ryan	M & A Ryder S Calvino
Readers	YOUTH	K Ryder (C) R M Roberts R F Wright P/F
Ministers of Communion	YOUTH	P & R Marr (C) P Zambelli M & M Cooper
Hospitality	YOUTH	B McGrouther/T Yabsley
Procession of Gifts	YOUTH	St Joseph's Staff
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	C Goronszy

COUNTERS:

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
09 Sept:	T & P Zambelli

CHURCH CLEANING

SANCTUARY & ALTAR

Sacred Heart Church:

29 July: C Wightley, Zambelli family

5 & 12 August: B Gorton, M Reynolds, M Trevithick

OLPS Church, Sth M'bah

August: T Jandura

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

ROSARY STATUE

Annette Lofts

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)
18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph: 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

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

CALENDAR

~ AUGUST ~

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
26 **21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** - Yr B
10am Mass - OLPS Church, Sth M'bah
Baptisms

~ SEPTEMBER ~

02 **22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** - Yr B
10am Mass - St. Columba's, Uki
03 Rosary & Prayers - OLPS, Sth M'bah
07 10am Mass - Aveo Nursing Home

MURWILLUMBAH FESTIVAL OF PERFORMING ARTS
Prizewinners Concert
Wednesday 1st August - 7.00pm
Murwillumbah Civic Centre
ALL WELCOME

MEALS ON WHEELS - Roster 2
30 July - 3 August

Mon: G & K Bewes;
Tues: K & C Kerr;
Wed: M Roberts & B Heanes;
H & K Gooley
Fri: C Dennis & B McGrouther;

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:
Angela Stefanac (mother of Kathy Egan), Anthony Dunlop, Bill Shay (father of Susan Kean), Ben Farrugia, Barbara McLeod, Pearl Bewes, John Flannery, Gordon Rabbidge.

ANNIVERSARIES:
Joyce O'Connor, Basil & Michael Walker, Eva Sterling, Kath Ayres.

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.**

BISHOP'S VISIT

Next Friday & Saturday, Bishop Gregory Homeming will be visiting our parish.

On Friday evening, he will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Sacred Heart Church.

On Saturday he will be celebrating the Vigil YOUTH Mass at 6pm in the Sacred Heart Church.

STATE SCHOOL CHILDREN'S MASS
Tuesday 14th August - 9.45am
in Sacred Heart Church,
followed by morning tea in the Hall.
All children who attend state schools, and their families, are welcome to attend.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Wednesday 15th August

9.30am Mass with Mt St Patrick College - Sacred Heart Church

12.15pm Mass with Mt St Patrick Primary School & St Joseph's Primary School - Sacred Heart Church

5.30pm Mass - Sacred Heart Church

Holy Days of Obligation for Australia
are 15th August (Assumption) and 25th December (Christmas). A Holy Day is simply a solemnity celebrated like a Sunday, that is, with obligation.

FREE CHAIRS:
There are still have quite a few coloured chairs to give away from the Parish Hall. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office.

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 144)

R: The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

BAPTISMS:

Please welcome
Katie Jane Guinea
& Dominic Stanley Guinea
to our faith community.

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

Next Friday, 3rd August, Confirmation candidates will attend a Retreat Day from 9.30am - 2pm in the Parish Hall.

On Friday evening at 6pm, Bishop Gregory Homeming will celebrate the SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION in the Sacred Heart Church.

Confirmation will be followed by a light supper in the Parish Hall. All welcome to attend.

PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Heavenly Father, God of power and of love.
We pray for the children who are preparing
for the Sacrament of Confirmation.
May your Holy Spirit help them to grow in faith,
hope and love and may they come to know
you as the one true God
who loves them without limit.
May their hearts welcome you gladly;
May their ears hear your voice in the scriptures;
May their eyes see you in all things;
And may they proclaim your glory
as they walk in the ways of Jesus Christ,
our Lord and Saviour.
Amen.

REFLECTION…

The disciples fell into the verbal trap which Jesus set. They believed that market forces should dictate how the hunger of the crowd could be satisfied. It was a young lad who put the disciples to shame, simply handing over five barley loaves and two fish to Jesus. It was because of his generosity that Divine generosity was able to feed the crowd.

Divine desire to satisfy the hungers of humanity for the various necessities of life (food, shelter, companionship, education, medicines) require human generosity. Otherwise, Divine Compassion cannot be effective in the world.

Voluntary renunciation of property and sharing of wealth still occurs in the little oases of monasteries and convents, echoes of the radical redistribution of wealth recorded in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 4:32-35). St Luke makes it clear that this was essentially linked to the Apostles' testifying to the Resurrection 'with great power'.

Francis of Assisi and now Francis of Buenos Aires remind us that the Church itself needs to engage in the redistribution of its wealth to enable the hungers of humanity to be satisfied. This will give authenticity to its preaching of the Gospel, and enable its evangelising to be undertaken 'with great power'.

We could take a moment to pray that we become more like the little boy in the Gospel, more like Francis of Assisi, more like Francis of Buenos Aires, voluntarily sharing our wealth to satisfy the hungers of humanity.

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