

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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YR C
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - YR C
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY & JOSEPH - YR C

*Welcome to the Christmas Season
at the Sacred Heart Parish,
Murwillumbah.*

From the Pastor...

Welcome to the beautiful season of Christmas, if you are visiting us you are most welcome.

You'd be forgiven if you thought our catholic faith and church was not in fairly dire straits at the moment. Grand Juries in the United States and a Royal Commission here in our own country have laid bare the deepest sins, faults and grave failings of our Church. For the victims of abuse the tragedy cannot be overstated, lives and countless families and individuals destroyed, as Archbishop Coleridge said, "it cannot be business as usual" For you the faithful catholic the pain of the disgrace has been hard to bear. Many good people have simply given up and walked away and we can't blame them.

At the same time the western developed world has slowly but surely being demythologising anything sacred or unexplainable. Cardinal Kasper in his book "Jesus the Christ" wrote these words back in 1976.

When human freedom and maturity become the dominant midpoint and criterion of thought, traditional religious ideas and convictions must appear mythological. The traditional faith in Jesus Christ has also incurred the suspicion of being mythological. Can we honestly and sincerely continue to hold and pass on the message that God came down from the heavens, assumed human form, was born of a virgin, walked about working miracles, descended to the dead after his death, rose again on the third day was exalted to the right hand of God, and is now present and effective from heaven through the Holy Spirit in the proclamation and Sacraments of the Church? Surely all that is the language and substance of an out-of-date mythic world view? Surely out of intellectual honesty and for the sake of a more genuine idea of God, we have to demythologise the whole thing?

Kasper goes on to answer his question by stating that it is indeed the incredible mystery of God's love that simply cannot be explained. But that is not good enough for the inquiring mind and he says can simply be dismissed. But what cannot be dismissed and demythologised is the incredible act of God's love that continues in the world today. Pope Benedict a renowned theologian in his own right, clarified his thoughts on this subject when he wrote the only way forward for the people of God is seek and find a deep and personal relationship of love with God.

If human kind was to simply dismiss anything that could not be scientific and empirically explained we'd still be in the stone age. Someone dared to dream of new possibilities, a man has landed on the moon, we have amazing medicines, we can see billion of miles into space and have photographic evidence. Indeed what humankind lacks is the mystery of the Sacred. How can we explain what we believe to the core of our being that Jesus is truly present in our lives. We can only do so by our actions and the witness of our lives.

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TWO WEEKS IN THE PARISH

23 DECEMBER 2018 - 6 JANUARY 2019

Sunday 23/12	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year C	
	8:00am	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	10.00am	<u>Mass</u> - Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, South Murwillumbah
Monday 24/12	<u>CHRISTMAS EVE - VIGIL</u>	
	7.00pm	<u>Vigil Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
Tuesday 25/12	<u>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS DAY)</u>	
	8.00am	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart
There are No weekday Masses, Adoration, or Rosary in the Sacred Heart Church this week. There are No Nursing Home Communion Services this week.		
Saturday 29/12	6.00pm	<u>Vigil Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
Sunday 30/12	The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - Year C	
	8.00am	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	No 10.00am Mass today (5th Sunday)	
	10.00am	Baptisms - Sacred Heart Church
Tuesday 1/1	MARY, the HOLY MOTHER of GOD - 1 JANUARY 2019	
	8.30am	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
Wednesday 2/1	8.30am	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
Thursday 3/1	8.30am	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
Friday 4/1	8.30am	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	10:00am	<u>Mass</u> - M'bah Nursing Home - Fr Anthony
	10:00am	Communion Service - Heritage Lodge - L Hosking
Saturday 5/1	9.00am	Rosary - Sacred Heart Church
	6.00pm	<u>Vigil Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
Sunday 6/01	The EPIPHANY of the LORD - Year C	
	8:00am	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	10.00am	<u>Mass</u> - St Columba's, Uki

LITURGY ROSTERS: THE HOLY FAMILY & THE EPIPHANY

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Saturday Vigil 6.00pm

Acolyte	J Reynolds
Altar Servers	C Larkin, W Ryan, L Egan
Readers	M Reynolds (C) C Anderson
Prayer of Faithful	L Fox
Extra Ordinary Ministers	R Daley (C) M Mumford, C Wightley D & B Guinea
Hospitality	_____
Procession of Gifts	R & L Nihill

Sunday 8.00am

T Zambelli
B & J Lofts, V O'Keefe
K Ryder (C)
B Cook
J Schiller
I & B Dusi (C)
B Nolan, P McMahon
MA Thackray
M Zambelli & M Roberts
S Lemon & P Willock

The Epiphany of the Lord

Acolyte	P Egan
Altar Servers	C Townsend, R Trueman
Readers	R Daley (C) B Nolan
Prayer of Faithful	G Molloy
Extra Ordinary Ministers	R Nihill (C) M Roberts, D Macartney B Cook, K Mumford
Hospitality	_____
Procession of Gifts	P & L Fox

Sunday 8.00am

P Marr
A McCabe, X Palmer
P Callaghan (C)
U O'Grady
K Ryder
B Gorton (C)
M Cooper, M Reynolds
P Sharp, J Schiller
J & H Larkin
McCalman family

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION:

Sacred Heart:

Saturday : 5.30pm - 5.50pm

Sunday: 7.30am - 7.50am

BAPTISM:

Sacred Heart Church - 12.00pm
2nd and 4th Sundays of each month
(At least four weeks notice required)

Baptism Preparation Meeting:

7.00pm Parish Administration Centre
on 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Next Meeting - Tues 13th February

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mike Martin, Matthew Conaghan, Alex McDermott,
Tony Van Diemen.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Pattie O'Keefe, Robert Turner, Tom Sterling,
Doss Dodds, Vera Paine.



NOTICE BOARD

WITH THANKS AND APPRECIATION

Fr. Anthony would like to thank everyone
who has contributed to the life of the Parish
during the past twelve months.

Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

CALENDAR

~JANUARY 2019 ~

- 07 Parish Office Opens for 2019
- 07 Rosary & Prayers - OLPS, Sth M'bah
- 13 **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - Yr C**
10am Mass - OLPS, Sth Murwillumbah
- 20 **2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Yr C**
10am Mass - St Brigid's, Burringbar
- 21 Meals on Wheels - Roster 1
- 26 **AUSTRALIA DAY**
- 27 **3RD SUNDAY IN ORD TIME - Yr C**
10am Mass - OLPS, Sth M'bah
Baptisms - 12noon
- 29 Staff Mass - 9am

COUNTERS:

06 Jan: T & P Zambelli 13 Jan: M & M Cooper



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

PLENARY COUNCIL

The Plenary Council agenda will be developed
from the stories you share and the questions you
raise. To join a small group for Plenary Council
Listening and Dialogue, please write your name
on the list at the entrance of the church.

All people are welcome – come along, and bring
a friend.

Visit plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au for more
information.

Cowper Appeal:

The St. Joseph's Cowper Christmas Day Appeal
is being held as usual this Christmas.

Donation envelopes can be found on the table at
the Church entrance. Please return by placing on
the collection plates at the weekend Masses.

MIDNIGHT MASS FROM THE VATICAN.

**His Holiness Pope Francis will celebrate Midnight Mass in
St Peter's Basilica on Christmas Day. This will be telecast
on ABC 1 commencing 9.30am (EST) on Christmas Day.**

It can also be viewed live on the internet, through the websites
of Vatican TV and The Eternal Word Television Network
(EWTN).

FEAST OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

**Mass will be celebrated for the Feast of Mary,
the Mother of God at 8.30am in the Sacred Heart Church
on Tuesday 1st January 2019, New Year's Day.**

CHRISTMAS PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE:

The Parish Administration Centre will be closed
until **9am Monday 7 January 2018.**

If there are any urgent matters during this time,
please phone the Presbytery: 6672 1118.



BAPTISMS:

Please welcome
Lexie Maureen Clarkson,
Isabella Hazel Fox,
Olivia Hazel Nolan
& *Ethan Leslie Lindsay*
to our faith community.

Diocesan Appointments

The Bishop has announced the following appointments:

Fr Paul Winter - Parish Priest - Bellingen

Fr Joe Holloway - Parish Priest - Clarence Valley.

These appointments are effective 31 January 2019.



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 79)

R: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

CHRISTMAS EVE - VIGIL

(Missal - Mass during the Night)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 95)

R: Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Good news and great joy to all the world: today is born our Saviour.

Alleluia!

CHRISTMAS DAY

(Missal - Mass at dawn)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 92)

R: A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth.

Alleluia!

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 83)

R: How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Wishing you a Happy and Holy Christmas
and a Peace filled New Year to all

Fr Anthony, Mary-Ann,
Beth, Barbara, & Belinda.

May the peace of Christ
find a home in your heart.

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(Pope Benedict, Deus Caritas Est) Bishop Greg succinctly put that the sins of the Church can only be overcome with the incredible love of God as witnessed by you his faithful. The mystery of Christ's love for us, a love the world is so ready to tear down, and shown to us at Christmas in the form of the Nativity, is the answer. Popes, Saint John Paul, Benedict and Francis all agreed that the most potent way forward was to have a genuine, deep personal and loving commitment to Jesus Christ, his life and his way.

We achieve this love by prayer, stillness, service of others, reading the scriptures and of course by studying and asking the big questions.

You might think it strange for me to mention this at Christmas, but just reflect for a minute on the amazing gift of the Father's love, that is the Son. He walked among us, he is not a myth, he is real and he lives in our hearts and lives.

May God bless you richly and deeply this Christmas,

Fr. Anthony Lemon PP

Readings for the coming weeks:

The NATIVITY of the LORD - Year B
(Christmas Eve - *Mass during the Night*)

Is 9:1-7; Titus 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

(Christmas Day - *Mass at Dawn*)

Is 62:11-12; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20

The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - Yr C
Sam 1:20-22, 24-28; Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

The EPIPHANY of the LORD - Year C
Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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