

# 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

## PARISH STAFF

### Parish Priest

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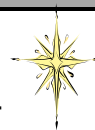
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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - YR C 6 January 2019

### Following the light



Many people are probably still packing up their decorations and planning their summer holidays after the mad pre-Christmas rush and family get togethers. But the Christmas/New Year period, with all its hustle and bustle, is also a time of hope and dreams for our families and for us individually, for peace and good will among peoples, for our country and indeed our planet.

As we pop our heads above the crowd and take a broader view of our lives and events, we cannot help but long for signs of a better world. But when confronted by all the troubles the world faces, the seemingly endless violence in the Middle East and elsewhere, the unprecedented threats from climate change, the struggle against poverty and unemployment even in our own country, it is easy to feel quite despondent.

The early Christians in Matthew's gospel today must have shared such feelings. The world in Matthew's time was dark and extremely cruel, with the Roman Empire crushing Jewish revolts, with slavery and torture ever present, along with high death rates, especially among children and widespread poverty and hunger.

Into this darkness Matthew depicts Jesus appearing like a new dawn (also the meaning of Epiphany), but not to a rapturous reception from everyone. Foreshadowing his own execution by the Romans at the promptings of some Jewish leaders of the day, the powers of darkness embodied in King Herod plot to kill the child Jesus.

Enter the Magi, the wise men from the East, travelling from far away to honour and to worship the Christ-child. They are not Jews, nor are they familiar with the Jewish scriptures, but they follow the star as sent by God to guide them to this divine child. The Magi are stand-ins for us Gentiles, non-Jews who have come to recognise Jesus as the living manifestation of God in human form. With the cooperation of the Magi, Jesus escapes the clutches of Herod.

The early Christians took great comfort in this story, which encouraged them that despite their troubles the darkness would not finally overcome the light. The story assured them that even non-Jews are invited into the communities of faith to worship Jesus as the manifestation of the Father. The Magi were searchers for the truth about life and God, and God leads them to the light that is Christ.

Our world is so very different from that of Matthew's, and much more humane in many ways, yet this struggle against the powers of darkness is terribly real and still distressing for many people. The Magi remind us to defy the Herods of our world and place our hope in God to guide us and our planet at this time.

Bruce Duncan CSsR © Redemptorists 2019

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**INVEST WITH PEACE OF MIND**

**Paying 2.15%**

**Agents:** ALG/Egan Simpson Solicitors: 15 Prince St, Murwillumbah  
*Re-opens Monday 14 January*

# THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 6 - 13 JANUARY

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The EPIPHANY of the LORD - Year C</b> 8:00 am 10:00 am	<b>Mass - Sacred Heart Church</b> <b>Mass - St Columba's, Uki</b>	 <p><i>"We have seen his star in the East, and have come to adore the Lord."</i></p>
<b>Monday</b>	9:00am 9:00am	Parish Office re-opens Rosary & Prayers (see note)	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8.30 am</b> 6:00 pm	<b>Mass - Sacred Heart Church</b> Rosary - Sacred Heart Church	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Mass - Greenhills Lodge</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Mass - Sacred Heart Church</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	10:00 am 10:00 am 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm	Communion Service - M'bah Nursing Home - C Dennis <b>Mass - Heritage Lodge - Fr Anthony</b> Adoration - Sacred Heart Church	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Vigil Mass - Sacred Heart Church</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The BAPTISM of the LORD - Year C</b> 8:00 am 10:00 am	<b>Mass - Sacred Heart Church</b> <b>Mass - Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, South Murwillumbah</b>	

## LITURGY ROSTER: The BAPTISM of the LORD - 12/13 January

Acolyte	<b>Saturday Vigil 6.00pm</b> R Daley	<b>Sunday 8.00am</b> P Hyde	<b>ROSARY STATUE</b> Jan Weaver
Altar Servers	D Macartney H Leslight, O Adams	2 Buchanans, M Wylie K Leslighter	<b>COUNTERS:</b> 06 Jan: T & P Zambelli 13 Jan: M & M Cooper 20 Jan: P & R Marr
Readers	B Grant (C) R M Mumford R K Mumford P/F	B Gorton (C) R L Green R K Malone P/F	
Extra Ordinary Ministers	B Nolan (C) M Reynolds, C Wightley R Anderson, C Anderson	T & P Zambelli (C) P & R Marr M Chiesa	<b>The Sacred Heart Church</b> <b>'Prayer Chapel'</b> is open for private prayer on weekdays.
Hospitality	D Haumu, C Jacobs	J Morgan, N Mayberry F & B McGrouther	
Procession of Gifts	_____		

'Never ever doubt the value and importance of the life you are living!  
Never ever doubt that you are loved by God in a most extraordinary way!  
Never ever put a limit to the mercy of God!'  
- *Mary of the Cross MacKillop*

### OBTAINING A PAPAL BLESSING CAN BE A THOUGHTFUL AND MEANINGFUL WAY TO COMMEMORATE A SPECIAL LIFE OCCASION.

If you wish to apply for a Papal Blessing, you should contact the Parish Office so that the necessary paperwork may be completed. Please note that it takes 8-12 weeks for a Papal Blessing to be issued and received from Rome.

Whilst the blessing is free, a donation of \$70 is required for the paperwork and postage associated with the application.

### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - YR C 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:

The BAPTISM of the LORD - Year C  
Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7  
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Merilyn Frost, Sr Colleen Reynolds PBVM.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Les Everson.



**Rosary & Prayers** for God's Precious Infants and the Unborn Child - 9am Monday 7 January - Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, Sth M'bah. Pregnancy Help Line: 1300 139 313