

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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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
- YEAR C
3 February 2019

A shared mission

In this astonishing incident in Luke's gospel, those listening to Jesus suddenly turn from praising him to rage against him. So intense was their anger that they attempt to kill him. And these are people from Jesus' home town of Nazareth, who knew his family and had grown up with him. How do we explain this?

Today's gospel follows on from Jesus in the synagogue reading from Isaiah about bringing Good News to the poor, proclaiming new sight to the blind, liberty to captives and setting free the downtrodden. He then stuns everyone by claiming he was fulfilling this text; he is the prophet they had been longing for.

His listeners were astonished, and greatly approved of what Jesus was saying. But then they struggled to take this in. They had heard about his miracles and teaching elsewhere, and demanded he do the same in their town. Perhaps that would really put Nazareth 'on the map', bringing them honour and prestige.

What a shock when Jesus suddenly pulls the rug from under their feet. Far from healing the blind, Jesus in effect accuses them of being blind to the message of God. He highlights how God ignored the plight of Israel when Elijah only helped the Sidonian widow, and when in Elisha's time no lepers in Israel were cured except a Syrian foreigner.

Jesus' listeners were in no doubt about the significance of what Jesus was saying, that God's message of love and solidarity was not just for the Jewish people alone, but for everyone. Jesus was not original in saying this, since it is a theme in the Jewish prophets. But these people in Nazareth did not want to accept this, and their initial admiration for Jesus turned to absolute fury.

Pope Francis repeatedly insists that Jesus' words are powerfully relevant for us in our very different world. Francis urges us to see with the eyes of Jesus those on the margins, those excluded and hard done by. The pope points to the 'leftover people', those considered insignificant or a burden on society. These are the ones for whom God's heart especially aches.

Pope Francis says the Christian community is not meant to be a museum or a cocoon keeping us safe from the problems of the world, but rather a 'field hospital', bringing healing and seeking out the wounded. His catchy phrases, like getting mud on our boots, or smelling like the sheep, remind us that each of us, in our own way, shares this mission.

We know God loves everyone without exception, but in Jesus' eyes those who are most 'special' to God are the outsiders, including those in trouble or distress, like refugees and asylum seekers, the unemployed, or the homeless. As Pope Francis spells out in his document *Laudato Si'*, God is calling us to transform our world by protecting the wellbeing of everyone and preserving our glorious planet for future generations.

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 3 - 10 FEBRUARY

Sunday	4th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year C 8:00am <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church 10.00am <u>Mass</u> - St Columba's, Uki
Monday	9.00am Rosary & Prayers - Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church 11.00am Requiem Mass - Sacred Heart Church for Elsie Dawes
Tuesday	4.15 - 5.15pm Adoration - Sacred Heart Church 5.30pm <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church 6.00pm Rosary - Sacred Heart Church 6.30pm First Reconciliation Parent Meeting - Parish Hall
Wednesday	9.00am Gospel Reflection Group - Sacred Heart Church 4.15 - 5.15pm Adoration - Sacred Heart Church 5.30pm <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
Thursday	There is NO 8.30am Mass today 9.15am Legion of Mary - South Murwillumbah Meeting Room 11.30am <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church - Mt St Patrick College Inaugural Mass & Leaders Induction
Friday	9.30am <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart - Mt St Patrick Primary Opening Mass 10.00am Communion Service - Aveo Nursing Home - C Dennis 10.00am <u>Mass</u> - Heritage Lodge - Fr. John FitzWalter There is NO 12.15pm Mass today
Saturday	2.45pm - 3.45pm Adoration - Sacred Heart Church 9.00am Rosary - Sacred Heart Church 6:00pm <u>Vigil Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
Sunday	5th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year C 8:00am <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church 10.00am <u>Mass</u> - Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, South Murwillumbah

5th SUNDAY in ORD. TIME - Yr C 09/10 February	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 6.00pm Saturday	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 8.00am Sunday	COUNTERS: 03 Feb: C & J Anderson 10 Feb: J Morgan & L Green 17 Feb: B Brodbeck & C Kerr 24 Feb: G & K Bewes 3 Mar: T & P Zambelli 10 Mar: P & R Marr 17 Mar: P & L McMahon CHURCH CLEANING SANCTUARY & ALTAR Sacred Heart Church: 3 Feb: B Gorton, M Reynolds, M Trevithick 10 Feb: K Mumford, J Morgan OLPS Church, Sth M'bah February: K Ryder
Acolyte	J Reynolds	P Marr	
Altar Servers	E Wightley G Kendrick-Morosini	I Dusi M Leeson, S Gibbons	
Readers	B Nolan (C) R N Sherrah R T Waugh P/F	M Roberts (C) R T Yablsey R L Green P/F	
Ministers of Communion	R Nihill (C) C Wightley, C Anderson R Anderson, B Brodbeck	M Reynolds (C) P & T Zambelli J Schiller, P McMahon	
Hospitality	M Reynolds & D Haumu	J & H Larkin	
Procession of Gifts	P & L Fox	St Joseph's staff	
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	C Goronszy	

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

ROSARY STATUE
Brian & Joan Alexander 

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

The first Parish Cuppa for 2019 will be on Sunday 17 March with Purple Bucket Family Group

Readings next week: (Yr C)
5th SUNDAY in ORD. TIME
Is 6:1-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11;
Lk 5:1-11

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 12 February

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Sr. Dorothea, John Olsen (Beth Brooks cousin),
Fr. Leo Donnelly, Vicki Mather, Francis Murnane.



ANNIVERSARIES:

Monsignor Jerome O'Rourke, Fr Frank O'Gorman, Keith Lazenby,
Richard & Amanda Kenny, Rosemary Ballantine, Dora Lake,
Catherine Shay, Jack Shay.

NOTICE BOARD

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP

Our New Year commences on Friday 15th February with morning
tea at 10am in the Parish Administration Centre.

The Women's Group is an informal gathering, meeting every 2nd
month on the 3rd Friday for a 'cuppa' and on alternate months -
lunch at a local venue. Further information from Marion
667222501. All ladies welcome.

PARISH MEN'S GROUP

The first meeting of the Parish Men's Group for 2019
will be at 6pm on Wednesday 20th February at the Parish
Administration Centre. All men welcome.

PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia
and guide us on the pilgrim way
of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another
and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories
and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other
and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,
that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
bread for the journey from age to age.

Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

CALENDAR

~ FEBRUARY ~

- 12 Baptism Preparation Meeting
- 13 9am Mass - Greenhills Lodge
- 13 9.30am Mass - St Joseph's Primary
- 15 Catholic Women's Group - 10am
- 17 **6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C**
10am Mass - St Brigid's, Burringbar
- 20 Parish Men's Group - 6pm
- 21 Parish Finance Council Meeting
- 24 **7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C**
10am Mass - OLPS, Sth M'bah
Baptisms
- 25/1 Meals on Wheels - Roster 2

~ MARCH ~

- 01 10am Mass - Aveo Nursing Home
- 03 **8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C**
10am Mass - St Columba's, Uki

GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP

Wednesday mornings
9am - Sacred Heart Church
Commencing 6 February.
ALL WELCOME.

COMMUNION:

If you are unable to walk to/or have
difficulty walking up the aisle for
communion at Sunday Mass, please:
stand, or raise your hand and sit at end of
the pew, or in the chairs, and an Extra-
Ordinary Minister of Communion will come
to you.

*Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.
Blessed are the meek,
for they shall possess the land.
Mt 5:3-4*

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

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 contact the parish office or 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.

**4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (70)**

R: I will sing of your salvation.

IF SUNG:

R: I will sing of your salvation, O my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!



**Congratulations to
Ray & Cath Blissett
who are celebrating
their 60th Wedding Anniversary.**

2019 SACRAMENTAL DATES

RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation Parent Meeting:

This Tuesday 5 February 6.30pm in Parish Hall

Retreat Day 9.30am - 12 noon - Parish Hall

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

**Friday 8 March - Sacred Heart Church
commencing at 12 noon**

2019 LENTEN PROGRAMME

'Trust'

This year's Lenten Programme is again published by the Diocese of Wollongong and designed as a six-week Lenten resource for small groups, staff reflections, families and individuals.

It also includes daily reflections from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday.

You are invited to join us for prayer and reflection during the weeks of Lent, which commences with Ash Wednesday on 6 March. The Lenten Programme will commence the week 4 - 8 March.

Today, we are asking for nominations to host and/or lead a Lenten Group. If you would like to, please write your name, address, phone number & preferred day, on the sheet provided at the Church entrance.

Lenten books are available from the Parish Office. Cost \$10.00. If you are unable to attend a Lenten group, books may be purchased for individual use.

FATHER LEO FRANCIS DONNELLY 1927—2019

Father Leo Donnelly died on 23rd January after 68 years of active priestly service in the Lismore Diocese. Father D, as he was affectionately known, was Parish Priest at St Agnes' Catholic Parish, Port Macquarie from 1970 until his retirement in 2018. Father D's vision and guiding influence saw the Parish grow into a leading aged care, disability services and educational provider in the Mid North Coast region. He was renowned for his entrepreneurial and altruistic spirit focused on helping those in need, effectively touching the lives of thousands from the youngest to the oldest residents of the Port Macquarie/Hastings area.

Current Parish Priest Father Paul Gooley said the community will feel the benefit of Father D's legacy for many decades to come. "We will miss Father D's visionary leadership, his wisdom and problem-solving ability, his no nonsense pastoral approach and his extraordinary ability to identify a need and reach out to so many in our community," Father Paul said.

Although always modest and reluctant to receive any recognition for his contributions, he was the recipient of:

- ◆ The Croce Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice (the Cross for the Church and Pontiff) in 2018 for distinguished service to the Church, which is only awarded by the Pope.
- ◆ The Order of Australia medal in 2002 in recognition of service to the development of a broad range of social welfare and education programs under the auspices of the Catholic Church and to the community of Port Macquarie.
- ◆ The Perkins Awards for Individual Excellence in Service in 2010.
- ◆ Rotary District 9650, "Vocational Excellence Award" in 2007.
- ◆ The Centenary Medal in 2003.
- ◆ Hastings Citizen of the Year in 1991.

The final word belongs to Father D. "This Parish has always meant so much to me. I was an altar boy at the opening of the church. I was the first priest from Port Macquarie. I was only ever in two places, Port and Lismore. I have been uniquely blessed and at the heart of that blessing are the people who have accepted me, encouraged me, over those years. I am and always have been in your debt." Fr. Donnelly's Requiem Mass was celebrated in St. Agnes's Church, on 1st February after which the hearse passed through the main street of Port Macquarie as the town farewelled their extraordinary citizen and priest. May he rest in peace.



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