

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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- YEAR C

19 May 2019

New way of belonging

In today's gospel we return to the upper room, before the death and resurrection of Jesus, seeking to understand what has happened over the past few weeks. It's a reminder that these events are all a piece of a puzzle and, in speaking of them, John's gospel seeks to bring love into a more intense focus.

Amidst talk of betrayal, the washing of the feet has occurred, revealing the pattern of our lives. After Jesus has handed him a 'morsel', Judas has left the gathering, at which point we hear these words. They're the beginning of Jesus' last words to his disciples before they step into the night together.

Now, Jesus declares, is the moment – but for what? For the glory of God to be revealed, in Jesus. In this, both God and Jesus are to be glorified. Then, addressing them affectionately as, "my little children," he lets them know his time is short and continues to speak the meaning of his life.

He gives them a new word to live by, a new commandment: "love one another; just as I have loved you." It can seem so familiar that we hardly hear it. But how has Jesus loved us? Unto death, on a cross – dying so we might live. There's the catch. It's not a sentimentality, it's a daily challenge for us all. What does it mean to say, dying we live? To live in this way?

You probably won't find it being spoken about in the self-help books, nor in the mission statements in our workplaces and elsewhere, and you can see a similar dynamic at work in what was once said to a parish: "downplay the cross and stress community," thereby denying the basis of our community.

For his part, Jesus declares this love to be who we are -- it's our identity – which we acknowledge every time we make the sign of the cross and each time we celebrate the Eucharist. It's by this love we have for one another that we'll be known as his disciples, not by any other criteria. This is to be the sign of those who belong to the new family, the Body of Christ, that is being formed through the shared meal and his death and his resurrection.

It's a new way of belonging to one another, so that the empty tomb becomes a womb out of which we're born this Easter. The sign of this new birth is our loving one another, 'as I have loved you'. Thus is the glory of God revealed, made real in our lives.

This is what's happening in the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles and, when it happens, then, as in the second reading from the Apocalypse, the whole of creation is made new and God's name is indeed, 'God-with-them', with us.

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 19 - 26 MAY

Tuesday	4.15 - 5.15pm 5.30pm 6.30pm	Adoration - Sacred Heart Church Mass - Sacred Heart Church <i>There is NO Rosary in the Sacred Heart Church today</i>
Wednesday	10.15am 4.15 - 5.15pm 5.30pm	First Holy Communion Parent Meeting - Sacred Heart Church Mass - Our Lady of Perpetual Succour - St Joseph's Primary Adoration - Sacred Heart Church Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Thursday	8.30am 9.15am 1.45 - 2.45pm 3.00pm	Mass - Sacred Heart Church Legion of Mary - South Murwillumbah Meeting Room Christian Meditation Group - South Murwillumbah Mtg Room Junior Legion of Mary - South Murwillumbah Meeting Room
Friday	OUR LADY, HELP of CHRISTIANS, Patroness of Australia 10.00am 10.00am 12.15pm	Communion Service - M'bah Nursing Home - K Mumford Communion Service - Heritage Lodge - J Reynolds Mass - Sacred Heart Church - Mt St Patrick Primary followed by Rosary led by Legion of Mary
Saturday	2.00pm - 3.00pm 9.00am 6.00pm	Adoration - Sacred Heart Rosary - Sacred Heart Church Vigil - Sacred Heart Church
Sunday	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year C 8.00am 9.00am <i>There is No 10am Mass in the Parish today</i> 12.00 noon	Mass - Sacred Heart Church Parish Breakfast in Parish Hall (see note page 3) Baptisms - Sacred Heart Church

SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER - Yr C 25/26 May	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 6.00pm Saturday	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 8.00am Sunday	
Acolyte	P Egan	T Zambelli	COUNTERS: 19 May: B Brodbeck & C Kerr 26 May: G & K Bewes 02 June: T & P Zambelli 09 June: P & L McMahon 16 June: J Morgan & L Green
Altar Servers	E Wightley G Kendrick-Morosini	M & A Ryder S Calvino	
Readers	S Kendrick (C) P/F K Mumford R M Mumford R	B Nolan (C) R T Yabsley R K Ryder P/F	
Ministers of Communion	B Brodbeck (C) R Daley, R Nihill, tba, tba	J Morgan (C) J Schiller, P Sharp P Hyde, M Roberts	
Hospitality	—————	J & H Larkin	
Procession of Gifts	P & L Fox	St Joseph's School staff	CHURCH CLEANING SANCTUARY & ALTAR Sacred Heart Church: 12 May: B Gorton, M Reynolds, M Trevithick 19 & 26 May: K Mumford, J Morgan OLPS Church, Sth M'bah May: D Banner
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	C Goronszy	

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

ROSARY STATUE
Laurie & Rina Anderson 

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at Parish Meeting Centre.
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PARISH CUPPA
Sunday 23 June
hosted by BRL Family Group

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP
Thursdays 1.45pm-2.45pm
South M'bah Meeting Room
ALL WELCOME.

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 11 June

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Alan Ryan (father of Brendan Ryan), Francis Orodani (Solomon Islands), Fred Lizzio, Kath Reynolds, Des Standfield, Matthew Scius, Nancy McDonald.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Bishop P. Farrelly (3rd Bishop of Lismore), Mary Karam, Michael Kean, Jessie Peters.



NOTICE BOARD

SOLOMON ISLAND SCHOOL VISIT TO MT ST PATRICK COLLEGE

This weekend we welcome students, teachers and parish representatives from St Mary's High School, Tanagai, Solomon Islands. They are in Murwillumbah until Wednesday 22 May.

PLEASE MAKE THEM WELCOME!

FAMILY MASS

with Mt St Patrick Primary School families,
St Mary's School, Solomon Islands
& Mt St Patrick College families.

6.00pm Vigil Mass Saturday 18 May - Sacred Heart Church

This will be followed by a sausage sizzle and Cultural Exchange with families, parishioners & Solomon Island students & host families in the Hall.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

PARISH BREAKFAST

NEXT SUNDAY 26 MAY after 8am Mass

**Come and join us for a Barbeque Breakfast in the Hall
- bacon & egg muffins, tea, coffee, juice.**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

The 8am Mass will be the only Mass celebrated that Sunday.

Please note: There will be NO 10am Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, South Murwillumbah that day.

We are asking for volunteers to help with breakfast.

Please phone or email the Parish Office if you can help

- 66721118, or shpmbah@norex.com.au.

CALENDAR

~ MAY ~

29 Mass - OLPS with St Joseph's Primary

31 **Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

~ JUNE ~

Month of the Sacred Heart

02 **The ASCENSION of the LORD - YR C**

10am Mass - St Columba's, Uki

03 Rosary & Prayers - OLPS, Sth M'bah

07 10am Mass - Aveo Nursing Home

08 Legion of Mary Retreat - Kingscliff

08 Wedding: Sacred Heart Church

Bradley Gorton - Shay Davies

09 **PENTECOST SUNDAY - YR C**

10am Mass - OLPS, Sth M'bah

Legion of Mary news...

LEGION OF MARY RETREAT

St Anthony's Church, Kingscliff

Saturday 8 June

Theme: 'Invited into Dialogue'

- Focus on Christ & his love.

Facilitated by Sr. Elaine Morzone

Commencing with Rosary - 8.30am &

Mass - 9am. Lunch, tea/coffee provided.

ALL WELCOME!

FR E. LEONARD'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Saturday 15 June 10.30am

Legion of Mary will be praying the

Rosary at Bray Park Cemetery

ALL WELCOME!

Readings next week: (Yr C)

SITXH SUNDAY of EASTER

**Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Apoc 21:10-14,
22-23; Jn 14:23-29**

Murwillumbah Philharmonic Choir presents

TREASURED SHORES - NORFOLK AND TWEED

Sunday 19th May - 2pm

All Saints' Anglican Church, Murwillumbah

Tickets at door: Adults \$15, Concession \$10, Children Free

**Free Workshop for Seniors & Volunteers
to prepare for disasters and emergencies.**

Thursday 23 May 1pm - 3pm - Banora Pt.

For further information, phone

Lyn Hartley 6672 8866 (Meals on Wheels)

or Pat Ryder 6672 3437

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year C
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (144)**

**R: I will praise your name forever,
my King and my God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!**

2019 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

**First Holy Communion Parent Meeting
Tuesday 21 May 6.30pm
Sacred Heart Church**

**Holy Communion Inscription Ceremony
Saturday 25 May at 6pm Vigil Mass
or Sunday 26 May at 8am Mass
(followed by Parish Breakfast - Parish Hall)**

**Retreat Day Friday 21 June
9.30am/2.30pm - Parish Hall**

**First Holy Communion Sunday 23 June
8am Mass - Sacred Heart Church
followed by morning tea - Parish Hall**

CONFIRMATION

Tuesday 6 August 2019

REFLECTION...

Everything is new! There is a new law of love, a new heaven and earth that is established in the church, a new depth of communion there, and a new glory of God that shines forth from its members.

The new commandment that Jesus announces is more than tolerance or mutual respect. It requires self-sacrificing love. Perhaps the greatest obstacle to this love is the diversity discussed last Sunday. It is hard enough to love those who are like us; how can we possibly love those who are different? And how can we love those who do not love us? It is no wonder that the commandment is called new. It calls for something completely different.

The new commandment is the law of the new heaven and the new earth that are established in the new Jerusalem. Standards are entirely different there. The greater ones serve; the meek possess the earth; happy are the poor; woe to those who laugh. This is clearly a city that comes down from heaven, not one made by human hands. It is a city that embraces all who come to it. God dwells in the midst of this city, in the heart of this people. God dwells with them and they dwell with God.

Through this new love, this new heaven and new earth, this new depth of communion, the glory of God is manifested in a new way. The eschatological future is anticipated in the present. The age of fulfilment has dawned.

-Dianne Bergant CSA

REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE ...

What is really good about our world? What is not so good? If you could help create the 'new heaven and the new earth', what would you want the design to include?

Why do you think so many schools require students to learn a foreign language? Why do you think countries have exchange student programs? How can we learn from visiting one another's countries, and from having people from other countries visit ours? What can different languages and cultures teach us?

Love seems to be a universal value in all cultures. All cultures celebrate marriage, children, family life, and friendship based on love and caring. If this is true, why is there so much friction between peoples of different countries and different races?

- Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

**St Anthony's School Hall, Kingscliff
Tuesday nights
for 5 weeks**

**Beginning May 21st
7.15pm—9.00pm**

**21st May
28th May
4th June
11th June
18th June**

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