

# 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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## PARISH STAFF

### Parish Priest

Fr. Anthony Lemon

### Parish Manager

Mary-Ann Thackray

### Parish Secretary

Beth Gorton

### Pastoral Associate

Barbara Grant

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## PARISH OFFICE

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## PARISH SCHOOLS

### Mt. St. Patrick College

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

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Principal: Mr. Paul Clohesy

### Mt. St. Patrick Primary School

Mooball Street, Murwillumbah

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### St. Joseph's Primary School

Greville Street, South Murwillumbah

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Principal: Mr. Jason Clarke

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

- YEAR C

2 June 2019

### *Piecing the story together*

Undoubtedly this is the age of celebrity. To have a selfie taken with a famous person would seem to be the ambition of half the population, and it would be churlish to frown upon this; after all, in every generation people have looked up to those who have made their mark in life. Any association with them would become more significant if they were to have a conversation with us and even share some confidential information. Then we would truly feel privileged. To some extent this instinct explains the cult of devotion to the saints in the history of the Church. We recognise that those who have been faithful to the Lord's teaching and lived their lives close to him provide us with models for our imitation and by association they are able to share privileged information about him with us. Of course, among the saints, Mary, the mother of Jesus, holds a unique place.

Scripture scholars are unanimous in concluding that the evangelist, Luke, had a close friendship with Mary, and that many of his insights and the intimate details that he shares with us are the result of this relationship. Luke tells us more about Mary than any of the other gospel writers. He also tells us that she pondered what was going on and treasured the memory in her heart. Luke, both in his gospel and in the Acts of the Apostles, describes the Ascension, the event which marked the completion of Jesus' ministry here on earth.

In neither account is there mention that Mary was there, but in Acts Luke goes on to tell us that when the apostles gathered back in Jerusalem and waited for the coming of the Holy Spirit, Mary was with them. At the beginning of Acts, Luke reminds us that he is now picking up where his gospel had finished. He refers to the fact that Jesus, after his Passion and over a period of forty days, had shown himself to be alive on many occasions. Interestingly, all the resurrection stories are shrouded in mystery and the apostles will need the gift of the Spirit to help them put the jig-saw together.

As we know, their hopes were duly fulfilled when Pentecost came and they were given the power to witness fearlessly to the resurrection and ascension of Jesus. Like Mary, they must have done a lot of pondering and this was not just thinking about things but realising that they were intimately part of the story. Luke wants us to realise that this is true for us as well.

We are all being called to be part of the story and be Christ's witnesses in our own time and place. It is not surprising that the Church came to the conclusion that Mary must have shared the experience of the Ascension. Later in the liturgical year, we celebrate her Assumption into heaven. Ultimately, this gives meaning to today's feast for all of us: it is our destiny too.

Timothy Buckley CSsR © Redemptorists 2019

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# THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 2- 9 JUNE

Sunday	<b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - Year C</b>	
	8.00am	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	10.00am	<u>Mass</u> - St. Columba's, Uki
Monday	9.00am	Rosary & Prayer - Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church
Tuesday	<i>No Adoration, Mass or Rosary in Sacred Heart Church today</i>	
Wednesday	10.15am	<u>Mass</u> - Our Lady of Perpetual Succour - St Joseph's Primary
	11.00am	Scripture Reflection Group - Parish Administration Group
	4.15 - 5.15pm	Adoration - Sacred Heart Church
	5.30pm	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
Thursday	8.30am	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	9.15am	Legion of Mary - South Murwillumbah Meeting Room
	1.45 - 2.45pm	Christian Meditation Group - South Murwillumbah Mtg Room
	3.00pm	Junior Legion of Mary - South Murwillumbah Meeting Room
Friday	10.00am	<u>Mass</u> - M'bah Nursing Home - Fr. Anthony
	10.00am	Communion Service - Heritage Lodge - L Hosking
	12.15pm	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	2.00pm - 3.00pm	Adoration - Sacred Heart
Saturday	9.00am	Rosary - Sacred Heart Church
	11.00am	Wedding - Sacred Heart Church - Brad Gorton & Shay Davies
	6.00pm	Vigil - Sacred Heart Church
Sunday	<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY - Year C</b>	
	8.00am	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	10.00am	Mass - Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Sth Murwillumbah

<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY - Yr C 8/9 June</b>	<b>Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 6.00pm Saturday</b>	<b>Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 8.00am Sunday</b>	<b>COUNTERS:</b> 02 June: T & P Zambelli 09 June: P & L McMahon 16 June: J Morgan & L Green 23 June: B Brodbeck & C Kerr 30 June: G & K Bewes
<b>Acolyte</b>	R Daley	T Zambelli	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Z Macartney L Grant	I Dusi S Gibbons, L Clark	<b>CHURCH CLEANING SANCTUARY &amp; ALTAR</b> <b><u>Sacred Heart Church:</u></b> <b>2 &amp; 9 June:</b> L Johnson <b><u>OLPS Church, Sth M'bah</u></b> <b>June:</b> P Sharp
<b>Readers</b>	M Reynolds (C) P/F B Grant R G Molloy R	P Callaghan (C) R M Roberts R F Wright P/F	
<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	L Hosking (C) K Mumford, B Nolan C Wightley, R Anderson	M Reynolds (C) P McMahon, P Sharp M Chiesa, L Green	
<b>Hospitality</b>	D Haumu & partner	N Mayberry & J Morgan	
<b>Procession of Gifts</b>	C & J Anderson	F & B McGrouther	
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	No Children's Liturgy	A Lofts	

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

**ROSARY STATUE**  
John & Margaret Reynolds 

## 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 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:

Sr Jill Kennedy PBVM, Carmel Mortimer, Len McInerney,  
June Bornholt, Alan Ryan, Francis Orodani, Fred Lizzio.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Bishop Jeremiah Doyle ( 1st Bishop of Lismore),  
Doris Connolly, Allan Grant.



## NOTICE BOARD

**Rosary & Prayers** for God's Precious Infants and the Unborn Child - Monday 3 June at 9.00am Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, South Murwillumbah  
Pregnancy Help Line: 1300 139 313

## CALENDAR

~ JUNE ~

### *Month of the Sacred Heart*

- 10 **The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**
- 10/14 Meals on Wheels - Roster 1
- 11 Baptism Preparation Meeting
- 12 9am Mass - Greenhills Lodge
- 14 10am Mass - Heritage Lodge
- 15 Rosary for Fr. Leonard's 10th Anniversary at Bray Park Cemetery - led by Legion of Mary - 10.30am
- 16 **The Most HOLY TRINITY - Yr C**  
10am Mass - St Brigid's, Burringbar
- 18 Confirmation Parent Meeting
- 19 Parish Men's Group
- 20 Finance Council Meeting
- 21 Holy Communion Retreat Day - Hall
- 23 **The Most Holy BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST - Year C**  
**'First Holy Communion'**  
Followed by morning tea - Parish Hall  
No 10am Mass in Parish today

### 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

- Bray Park Cemetery

Legion of Mary will be praying the Rosary

**ALL WELCOME!**

### PLEASE NOTE:

The Parish Office will be Closed  
next Friday 7 June.

If there are any urgent matters please  
phone the Presbytery: 6672 1118.

Sorry for the inconvenience.

### PARISH MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting of the Parish Men's Group for a Cuppa/morning tea will be on Wednesday 19 June - 10am - Tiki's Café, Top of the Town. All men are welcome!

### FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT

#### SPECIAL RENEWAL PRESENTATION

Sunday 23 June at 9.30am in Alstonville Church Hall  
by Fr Ray Sanchez CP.

Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to connect & listen to  
Fr Ray Sanchez.

### GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP

Wednesday mornings

11am - Parish Administration Centre

### DIOCESAN APPOINTMENT

Bishop Gregory Homeming has announced the appointment of Dr Sally Towns as the new Diocesan Director of Catholic Schools/Chief Executive Officer of the Diocese of Lismore Catholic Schools Ltd, to commence on 22 July, replacing Mr David Condon who is retiring after 20 years service in our Diocese.

Readings next week: (Yr C)

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Acts 2:1-11; Rom 8:8-17;

Jn 14:15-16, 23-26

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - Year C  
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (46)**

**R: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with  
you always, until the end of the world.**

**Alleluia!**

**2019 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:**

**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**

**Confirmation Parent Meeting**

Tuesday 18 June - 6.30pm

Sacred Heart Church

**Sacrament of Confirmation**

Tuesday 6 August 2019

**How much do you know about the Eucharist?**

**Eucharist means....**

- a) Unity
- b) Bread and Wine
- c) Thanksgiving
- d) Passover

*C – ‘Eucharistia’ is a Greek word which means  
‘thanksgiving’.*

*It was adopted sometime in the first century where it  
first appeared as a verb in Paul’s first letter to the  
Corinthians (11:23-24).*

*Thanksgiving is the response of a grateful heart and is  
the foundational disposition for every Christian as we  
approach Mass.*

*We begin by remembering everything that God has  
given us, especially our salvation in Christ. This  
gratitude leads us to give praise and thanks to God  
and helps us see more clearly how much we need  
God’s mercy.*

*These ideas are reflected in the prayers at the  
beginning of Mass – the Penitential Rite (‘Lord have  
Mercy’ etc) and the Gloria (‘Glory to God in the  
highest’ etc).*

**SACRAMENT ESSENTIAL:**

**FIRST EUCHARIST IN A NUTSHELL**

The sacrament of the Eucharist is a sacred meal where we break bread and share the one cup that has been transformed into Christ’s body and blood. It is the paramount sign of our unity with and in Christ. It has been described as the ‘source and summit’ of the Church’s life. When we receive the Eucharist we receive Jesus in an extraordinarily intimate way: we take him into our very being in the form of food (his body) and drink (his blood).

It’s a profoundly intimate gesture, similar to the way husband and wife becomes ‘one flesh’ in the marital embrace.

In fact, St Pope John Paul II, and many of the mystics and saints before him, wrote extensively about how Jesus’ love is like marital love. Jesus described himself in scriptures as ‘the bridegroom’. The Eucharist expresses the intimate, passionate love of Jesus – he yearns to be one in body and soul with us, to be in ‘communion’.

**EUCHARIST BASICS...**

We all know that kids don’t pay attention to what we say, but they observe more astutely and perceptively the things we do.

For this reason, the starting point for any preparation is always refreshing our own understanding of the Sacrament and committing ourselves more deeply to the living of our faith.

God invites us to ask: how much do I understand of the Eucharist?

How willing am I to let the reality of this profound Sacrament take root in my heart?

Do I consistently show my understanding in my words and actions?

Do I have a visible and consistent personal prayer life?

Being Catholic is not a destination – it’s a journey of growth.

The Eucharist is one of those mysteries that is continuously revealed, deeper and deeper, throughout our life.

Over the next few weeks, we will have questions exploring or investigating or discovering the Eucharist. It is not a test – it’s an opportunity to explore some of the deeper meanings of the Eucharist.

**Quote...**

Saint Mother Teresa was once asked what in her opinion was the first thing that would have to change in the Church. Her answer was: ‘You and me.’



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