

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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**13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
- YEAR C
30 June 2019**

The need to just do it

I have a friend who recently turned 70. At her birthday party, she told her gathered friends and family something of the values and principles that had governed her life. One of these principles was a constant exhortation, a motto she would recite when she was forced to negotiate with the many challenges that life presented. It was a motto that she shared with a well-known athletic shoe company – Just Do It!

Whenever my friend was confronted by a distasteful task at work or an unavoidable confrontation with a co-worker, she would tell herself “just do it!” and face the problem. When serious ill health visited her in her fifties, she faced the ordeal of invasive treatment with the same invocation, “just do it!” And even when family decided to plan a big 70th birthday, she related to us that, despite her misgivings, she embraced the occasion by telling herself “just do it!”

In today's gospel, Luke tells us that Jesus at an important turning point in his ministry “resolutely took the road to Jerusalem” or as the original Greek has it, “[Jesus] set his face for Jerusalem” (Luke 9:51).

We cannot know how much Jesus knew of his coming mission in Jerusalem; what his expectations were; or what he thought might be the outcome. Did Jesus suspect what we know, that his mission in Jerusalem would end in his arrest, trial and death?

The story that Luke tells about Jesus up until this point is one that is characterised by conflict and confrontation. Jesus must have known that taking his revolutionary message to the heart of the Jewish nation and the site of the Roman Imperial headquarters, would only escalate the controversy surrounding him. But he was resolved to “just do it!”

Luke hints that Jesus' final, fateful journey to Jerusalem will not ultimately end in defeat, but rather in Jesus being “taken up” into heaven and exalted. Jesus' “path to life” would lead down into the very depths of despair and even death.

This is the paradox that lies at the heart of human existence. Often, we are the victim of circumstances beyond our control. There is a certain fateful inevitability to events that befall us in our everyday lives and test our resolve. And, yet, we do have the “freedom” of which Paul speaks in today's second reading to imitate Jesus and “set our faces” to these challenges with love, tolerance, and hope.

Responding to disaster and disappointment with such a positive ‘just-do-it’ attitude would seem meaningless if it were not for the promise of the gospel. As Paul writes elsewhere, “For I am convinced that neither death, nor life ... nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:38-39).

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 30 JUNE - 7 JULY

Sunday	13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C	
	8.00am	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	9.30am	Pastoral Planning Information Session (see note page 3)
	No 10am Mass in Parish today - 5th Sunday of Month	
Monday	9.00am	Rosary & Prayers - Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church
Tuesday	4.15 - 5.15pm	Adoration - Sacred Heart Church
	5.30pm	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	6.00pm	Rosary - Sacred Heart Church
Wednesday	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	9.15am	Legion of Mary - South Murwillumbah Meeting Room
	11.45am	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church celebrating Feast of the Sacred Heart - Mt St Patrick College
	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>Requiem Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church for Sheila Knell
	10.00am	<u>Mass</u> - M'bah Nursing Home
	10.00am	Communion Service - Heritage Lodge - L Hosking
	No 12.15pm Mass today	
Saturday	9.00am	<u>Anointing Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	6.00pm	<u>Vigil Mass</u> - YOUTH - Sacred Heart Church
Sunday	14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C	
	Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday	
	8.00am	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	10.00am	<u>Mass</u> - St Columba's Church, Uki

14th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Yr C 6/7 July	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 6.00pm Saturday	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 8.00am Sunday
Acolyte	P Egan	tba
Altar Servers	C Larkin W Ryan	J & M Wylie K Lesleighter
Readers	D Banner (C) R M Reynolds R R Daley P/F	J Schiller (C) R C Wightley R K Malone P/F
Ministers of Communion	C Anderson (C) L Hosking, B Cook M Reynolds, M Mumford	MA Thackray (C) B Gorton, L Green K Ryder, B Nolan
Hospitality	—————	J Morgan & N Mayberry
Procession of Gifts	P & L Fox	Heanes/Dusi family
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy

COUNTERS:

30 June: G & K Bewes
 07 July: T & P Zambelli
 14 July: P & R Marr
 21 July: C & J Anderson
 28 July: P & L McMahon
 04 Aug: J Morgan & L Green
 11 Aug: B Brodbeck & C Kerr

CHURCH CLEANING SANCTUARY & ALTAR

Sacred Heart Church:
30 June & 7 July: B Gorton,
 M Reynolds, M Trevithick
OLPS Church, Sth M'bah
July: K Ryder

PARISH CUPPA Sunday 14 July

hosted by Marr Family Group

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

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP

Wednesday mornings
 11am - Parish Administration Centre

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Thursdays 1.45pm-2.45pm
 South M'bah Meeting Room

ROSARY STATUE

Cathy Martin



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 9 July

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Sheila Knell, Terry King, Frank van den Broek,
Brian Woodward, Lyn Smith, Bernie Swift.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Fr. Bede Parker.



NOTICE BOARD

'MASS OF HEALING & ANOINTING'

9.00am - Saturday 6 July

Sacred Heart Church

ALL WELCOME

CALENDAR

~ JULY ~

- 10 9am Mass - Greenhills Lodge
- 10 Parish Men's Group (*see note page 3*)
- 12 10am Mass - Heritage Lodge
- 14 **15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-Yr C**
Peter's Pence & Apostleship of the Sea
10am Mass - OLPS, South Murwillumbah
Baptisms - 12 noon
- 15/19 Meals on Wheels - Roster 2
- 18 Finance Council Meeting
- 21 **16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-Yr C**
No 10am Mass today
- 27 6pm Family Mass with Mt St Patrick
Primary School
- 28 **17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-Yr C**
No 10am Mass today
- 30 9.45am - State Schools Mass

Gold Coast Tweed Catenian

Association Circle - 100th Meeting

Thursday 8 August at South Tweed Sports
Club at 6.30pm. \$30 per person Enquiries &
RSVP: Thursday 4 July Seamus McCarthy
0412 854 286 or seamusmc48@gmail.com

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The new Planned Giving envelopes for 2019
-2020 have arrived and are available to take
home today!

PLEASE NOTE:

**There will NO 10am Mass
on Sundays 21 & 28 JULY
while Fr. Anthony is on holidays**

Readings next week: (Yr C)

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C
Is 66:10-14; Gal 6:14-18;
Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

Rosary & Prayers for

God's Precious Infants and the
Unborn Child - Monday 1 July
at 9.00am Our Lady of Perpetual
Succour Church, South
Murwillumbah

Pregnancy Help Line:
1300 139 313

PARISH MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting of the Par-
ish Men's Group for a Cuppa/
morning tea will be on
Wednesday 10 July - 10am -
Tiki's Café, Top of the Town.

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME!

CATHOLIC LIFE -

The June edition of 'Catholic Life', our FREE diocesan journal, is
available this weekend. Articles include:

Bishop Gregory's writes ...

Around the Schools ...

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magazine to be distributed free to all parishes.

Catholic Life is also on the diocesan website:

<http://www.lismorediocese.org>

PLANNED GIVING

Reminder - Changes to Planned Giving options from 1 July 2019

As recently advised, the Parish Finance Council has made a
decision to remove the tax deductible component of Second
Collection Planned Giving with effect from 1 July 2019 and that
100% of Planned Giving will be directed to the parish. This
means that there will no longer be an option to direct part of
your planned giving to the School Building Fund.

We wish to thank our existing contributors whose loyalty has
helped maintain the parish over many years and invite those
parishioners who have not been part of the Planned Giving
Program to consider joining the program. New planned giving
envelopes for 2019-2020 are now available. Donations to
planned giving may be made by cash, cheque or by EFT.

If you have any questions regarding planned giving or wish to
join or update your planned giving, please contact our Parish
Business Manager, Mary-Ann Thackray at the Parish
Administration Centre during business hours (9am - 3pm).

**13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (15)**

R: You are my inheritance, O Lord!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening;
you have the words of everlasting life.**

Alleluia!



**Congratulations
to Tony Annecca
who celebrates
his 80th birthday
this weekend.**

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.*

- Ps 102:1

**PLANNING FOR A NEW PARISH
PASTORAL COUNCIL**

29-30 June

I have invited Steve & Sandy Ellem from St Mary's Parish, Casino to join us this weekend 29-30 June to share their experiences of Parish Pastoral Councils and to help us in the initial stages of planning for a new Parish Pastoral Council.

Steve and Sandy will speak to us briefly during both Masses this weekend.

An Information Session for all interested parishioners will be held in the Parish Hall on Sunday 30 June at 9:30 am.

Join us for a cuppa and a talk about the formation of a Pastoral Council in our Parish.

The Information Session will take about an hour.

I hope you will join with us as we discuss the future of a new Pastoral Council.

Fr Anthony Lemon PP

REFLECTION...

Today we consider some of the personal difficulties we might have to face as disciples. First, there is no part-time discipleship. Our commitment must be wholehearted and complete. We must have a willing attitude that frees us interiorly from all other concerns so that we might be able to follow Christ regardless of our state in life or our occupation. This attitude of commitment comes not merely from our own generosity of heart but from our having been transformed into Christ through faith and baptism.

We may face conflicts when our various allegiances seem to clash. We may have family responsibilities. There are children to raise, elderly parents or infirm relatives to care for. What does discipleship require of us? We all must earn a living. Are we expected to leave our employment to follow Jesus? And if so, what then will we do? All disciples must face the interior struggle caused by the conflict of legitimate responsibilities.

The freedom of which Paul speaks comes with genuine love. If, out of love, we can negotiate successfully these conflicts caused by competing responsibilities, without compromising our total commitment to Christ, we will find a new kind of freedom. This is the freedom that enables us to be faithful to both sets of responsibilities according to the proper priority. We will see that commitment to Christ is primary and the circumstances of our lives with the accompanying responsibilities set the parameters within which we live out our commitment. It is not in opposition with these responsibilities or despite them, but by means of or through them that we live out our discipleship.

- Dianne Bergant

REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE ...

Jesus is telling us how hard it is to be a follower. Sometimes we have to make sacrifices and give up part of our life. Sometimes we will have no place to rest our head because our schedule is so intense or because we are not among friends.

What do you think it means to be a follower of Jesus? What hardships might it entail?

Is anything worth these hardships? Who could dedicate their life to anything so demanding?

Do you think Jesus was exaggerating to make a point?

Religious life, marriage, parenting and certain careers make incredible demands on one's life. What do you think are the most demanding life choices? How so?

What would you be willing to make life-sacrifices for? What sacrifices would you make?

- Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart



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