

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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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- YEAR C

21 July 2019

From Martha, on reflection

Ever had one of those days when you realise you haven't exactly been your best self? I'm hoping you might understand how it was for me on one particular day when Jesus visited our home in Bethany. He often came to see us, and my sister Mary and brother Lazarus and I loved to make him welcome.

Jesus' human friendship and love for the people around him was pretty special, and I was lucky enough to be one of those women he counted among his closest friends. So, of course when I heard he was in the area I started cleaning and planning the menu.

I wanted to be a good hostess, and I was the one who actually welcomed him into our home. Now, to understand what happened later that day you need to know something about our Jewish society at the time. As women, Mary and I didn't have any of the rights enjoyed by men. We had no place in social life outside the home, and people expected us to devote ourselves exclusively to household tasks.

We were viewed as being inferior to men, and certainly didn't have the same status they had before the law. In our religious life, it was the same story. We were kept on the margins, and the scribes didn't accept us as disciples. In fact, men would recite a prayer each day, thanking God that they had not been born a woman. So that's how it was for us.

Then Jesus came along. This man treated us with respect and openness, compassion and sympathy, with no prejudices and none of the stereotypes we were used to. We'd never heard anyone talk about God the way he did. He even challenged the moral standards which judged us more harshly than men. So anyway, as I said, I wanted to receive him with great affection into our home. I suppose I was doing exactly what was expected of me, waiting on the group. Well, I didn't mind this too much, except that I thought Mary should have been with me in the kitchen.

Note to self: on reflection: I should have given it more thought before I made a fuss about what was happening. Jesus was trying to get through to me, and I was too flustered at the time to see it. In having Mary sitting at his feet like a disciple, he was refusing to act like the scribes. He was telling us that as women we weren't inferior and that women could expect equality from the arrival of God's reign.

He didn't want me to think I belonged in the kitchen just because I was a woman. He was letting me know that we have the same right as men to the 'better part' which is hearing the word of God. I learnt a big lesson that day, and it has stayed with me.

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 21 - 28 JULY

Sunday	16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C <i>Vinnies Winter Appeal</i> 8.00am Mass - Sacred Heart Church <i>No 10am Mass in Parish today (see note page 3)</i>	
Tuesday	<i>No Adoration, Mass or Rosary in Parish today</i>	
Wednesday	<i>No Adoration or Mass in Parish today</i>	
Thursday	<i>No Mass in Parish today</i> 9.15am Legion of Mary - South Murwillumbah Meeting Room 1.30pm Funeral Prayers - Sacred Heart Church for Cecele Devine 1.45pm - 2.45pm Christian Meditation Group - South Murwillumbah Mtg Room 3.00pm Junior Legion of Mary - South Murwillumbah	
Friday	10.00am Communion Service - M'bah Nursing Home - K Mumford 10.00am Communion Service - Heritage Lodge - J Reynolds 10.00am Requiem Mass - Sacred Heart Church for Terry Belmont 2.00 - 3.00pm Adoration - Sacred Heart Church	
Saturday	9.00am Rosary - Sacred Heart Church 6:00pm Family Mass with Mt St Patrick's Primary - Sacred Heart Church 7.00pm Pizza Night in Parish Hall (see note page 3)	
Sunday	17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C 8.00am Mass - Sacred Heart Church <i>No 10am Mass in Parish today (see note page 3)</i>	

17th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Yr C 27/28 July	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 6.00pm Saturday	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 8.00am Sunday	COUNTERS: 21 July: C & J Anderson 28 July: P & L McMahon 04 Aug: J Morgan & L Green 11 Aug: B Brodbeck & C Kerr 18 Aug: G & K Bewes 25 Aug: T & P Zambelli 01 Sept: P & R Marr CHURCH CLEANING SANCTUARY & ALTAR Sacred Heart Church: 21 July: K Mumford, J Morgan 28 July & 4 August: L Johnson OLPS Church, Sth M'bah July: K Ryder
Acolyte	P Egan	T Zambelli	
Altar Servers	Z Macartney L Grant	D, J, R & S Buchanan	
Readers	MSPPS	T Yabsley (C) R L Green R J Schiller P/F	
Ministers of Communion	L Hosking (C) R Daley, B Nolan D Macartney, M Mumford	M Reynolds (C) M Roberts , B Gorton P Zambelli, tba	
Hospitality	MSPPS	J Morgan & N Mayberry	
Procession of Gifts	MSPPS	F & B McGrouther	
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	V Hughes	

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

ROSARY STATUE
Rose Lizzio



**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 PIZZA NIGHT
Saturday 27 July
with Mt St Patrick Primary families

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

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION - Sacred Heart:
There is NO Reconciliation in the Parish until Fr Anthony returns from Holidays.

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 13 August

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Cecele Devine, Terry Belmont, Mary McCarthy, Colin Leslight, John Park, Arthur Ensbey, Sheila Knell, Terry King.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Basil & Michael Walker, Nancy O'Connor, Maureen Foley, Eva Sterling, Kevin O'Keefe, Rita Rogers.



NOTICE BOARD

FAMILY MASS
with MT ST PATRICK PRIMARY SCHOOL
6pm - Saturday 27 July
followed by Pizza Night in Parish Hall.
ALL WELCOME!!

CALENDAR

~ JULY ~

30 9.45am - State Schools Mass (*see note*)

~ AUGUST ~

02 Confirmation Retreat Day - Hall

02 **No 10am Mass** - Aveo Nursing Home

04 **18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YR C**
10am Mass - St Columba's, Uki

05 Rosary & Prayers - OLPS Church

06 SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

08 **ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP**

09 10am Mass - Heritage Lodge

11 **19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YR C**
10am Mass - OLPS, South Murwillumbah

14 9am Mass - Greenhills Lodge

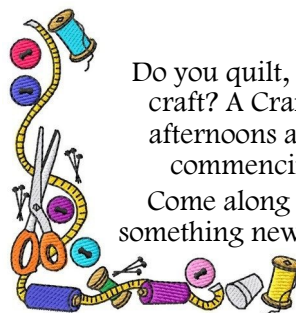
15 **THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

15 9.30am Mass - Mt St Patrick College

15 12.15pm Mass - Mt St Patrick Primary & St Joseph's Primary Schools

18 **20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YR C**
10am Mass - St Brigid's, Burringbar

STATE SCHOOL CHILDREN'S MASS
Tuesday 30 July - 9.45am - in Sacred Heart Church
followed by morning tea in the Hall.
All children who attend state schools, and their families, are welcome to attend.



CRAFT GROUP

Do you quilt, knit, sew, paint, draw or do any other craft? A Craft Group will be meeting on Tuesday afternoons at the Parish Meeting Centre, 4-7pm, commencing 13 August. Cost: \$7 per person.

Come along and bring your latest project or start something new. For further information, contact Beth at Parish Office.

PLEASE NOTE:

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

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES & STATEMENTS

Planned Giving Statements for the year ended 30 June 2019 are available at the back of the church today.

There are also a few 2019-2020 Planned Giving envelopes to be collected. Please take yours home with you.

Readings next week: (Yr C)

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C
Gen 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14;
Lk 11:1-13

PLENARY COUNCIL DISCERNMENT AND WRITING GROUP APPLICATIONS.

Position Vacant – Plenary Council Discernment and Writing Group Chairs and Members.

As we move into the Listening and Discernment stage of our preparation for the Plenary Council 2020, the Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council is seeking both **lay people and clergy** who are willing to be leaders and partners in the process of discernment.

Opportunities are available to apply to be the Chair, or to be a member, of one of six Discernment and Writing Groups.

The Discernment and Writing Groups will explore one of the 6 following themes regarding how the Catholic Church is being called to be a Christ-centred Church that is: Missionary and Evangelising; Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal; Prayerful and Eucharistic; Humble, Healing and Merciful; A Joyful, Hope-filled and Servant Community; Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform.

For more information visit:

The Office for Employment Relations website
www.employmentrelations.catholic.org.au

or contact Ms Olivia Lee on (02) 9919 7822 or olivia.lee@catholic.org.au. Applications close on 22 July 2019.

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (14)

R: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

CONFIRMATION

Instruction 3 - 27/28 July

Instruction 4 - 3/4 August

Retreat Day - Friday 2 August

9.30am / 2.30pm - Parish Hall

(please note change of date)

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Tuesday 6 August - 6pm - Sacred Heart Church

REFLECTION...

A Cardinal Role for Women?

Jesus turned the customs and taboos of his society upside down. In this Gospel, against all the rules of segregation, Jesus is alone with women who are *not* his relatives, completely at ease with their hospitality. It is personal relationships, not gender determined relationships, which are important to him.

Further, here is Mary assuming the posture of a student at the feet of a Rabbi (teacher) listening to his teaching. We remember that Jesus had chosen his male disciples in order to teach *them*. Mary chooses *Him* to teach *her!* Maybe it was a counter-cultural step too far for Martha. Is that what she is really 'anxious and troubled' about?

Jesus was willing to upset the social conventions and religious taboos of his day in respect of women. What would be a good contemporary response of the Catholic Church?

The word 'cardinal' means hinge - 'hinge of the door' - an essential part of the structure of the Church which is our home, in which we listen to the words of Jesus Christ. Could the College of Cardinals be supplemented to include women alongside the ordained male prelates? Outstanding women, religious or lay, could head some Vatican departments and take part in the election of the Pope.

That would be a strongly symbolic step with repercussions throughout the Church.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the Church to show a greater willingness to sit, like Mary, at the feet of Jesus so that we may hear his words: 'You have chosen the better portion.'

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

is being held in our parish this weekend.

'THE PAIN OF POVERTY'

The 2019 St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal's theme focuses on the impact of poverty on older Australians. Poverty often comes with the added burden of loneliness and social isolation when you can't afford to go out. This is particularly so for older people as their mobility becomes limited and their social network decreases.

Vinnies is committed to giving people choices that provide the sanctuary, security and safety each person deserves, and helps end the pain of poverty. We work to alleviate immediate need, to empower those people we serve to regain control of their lives and to challenge the structures and public policies that create or exacerbate inequalities. We advocate for change at a structural level with the aim of eliminating the root causes of impossible choices.

This winter, your commitment to helping those experiencing disadvantage and poverty is still very much needed and appreciated. In addition, may we continue to be open to that same Spirit, responding in love to those we serve, living in hope of providing ordinary things of life extraordinarily well!

Donations can be made at the Church this weekend, or at Vinnies.

Collection buckets will also be at all doors at each Parish Mass.

THANK YOU!



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Paying 1.65% (effective 10 July)

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