

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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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
- YEAR C
28 July 2019

Lord, teach us to pray

When close family members come together, heartfelt conversations and sharing of personal stories often follow. Parents who are close to their children, no matter how old their children are, can relate to this. Whenever I return home for my annual holidays my parents can spend hours conversing with me.

In the gospel today, the disciples must have seen first-hand, as Jesus prayed, the close connection and bond between Jesus and his Father. They must have witnessed, in the silence and the quiet, the extraordinary conversation that was taking place between Jesus and God and wondered about this deeply. And hence their request to him, "Lord teach us to pray."

Jesus' response is not so much an instruction on how to pray or even a new way to pray. It goes much deeper. To his disciples he demonstrates a totally and completely new way of relating and being in relationship with God and also with each other. He invites all of his disciples to call God, "Father". They should no longer feel that they are on the outside watching him on the inside of the relationship with God. Rather, Jesus calls all of them to be on the inside of the relationship with God, and be together with him.

God is not Father to just one or even a few but God is Father to everyone and everyone is invited to enter into that special relationship with God as Father. When we recite the "Our Father", it is not "My Father" or "Your Father"; it is "Our Father". God is "Ours", ours together, which means that the person standing on my left, on my right, behind and in front of me is not just another person but my brother and my sister. When we call God "Our Father", we are invited to enter and to participate in a very strong relationship not only with God as Father but with each other as brothers and sisters.

It is also not possible to say that we love God and listen to God but do not listen to the cries and pleadings of our brothers and sisters around us, especially those who are suffering from war, violence, hate and discrimination.

In the world today, there is much debate about putting up walls and fences to separate, to push back and exclude others. However, this is not what Jesus does or continues to do. By inviting all of us to call God, "Father", Jesus continues to break down barriers, walls and fences, both physically and, more importantly, those around peoples' hearts. Where once we may have been strangers to each other, we are now invited to be brothers and sisters. Where once, there was division, suspicion and hate, there is an invitation for openness, for trust and for love. To enter into conversation with God and with each other, "Lord teach us to pray."

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 28 JULY - 4 AUGUST

Sunday	17 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C	8.00am	Mass - Sacred Heart Church <i>No 10am Mass in Parish today (see note page 3)</i>
Tuesday	9.45am		State School Children's Mass (see note page 3) <i>No afternoon Adoration, Mass or Rosary in Parish today</i>
Wednesday	4.15pm - 5.15pm		Adoration - Sacred Heart Church 5.30pm Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Thursday	<i>No Mass in Parish today</i>		
	9.15am		Legion of Mary - South Murwillumbah Meeting Room
	1.45pm - 2.45pm		Christian Meditation Group - South Murwillumbah Mtg Room
	3.00pm		Junior Legion of Mary - South Murwillumbah
Friday	9.30am - 2.30pm		Confirmation Retreat Day - Parish Hall & Sacred Heart Church <i>No 10.00am Mass or Communion Service at M'bah Nursing Home today</i>
	10.00am		Communion Service - Heritage Lodge - L Hosking <i>No Mass or Adoration in Sacred Heart Church today</i>
Saturday	9.00am		Rosary - Sacred Heart Church
	6:00pm		Vigil Mass - YOUTH - Sacred Heart Church
Sunday	18 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C		
	8.00am		Mass - Sacred Heart Church
	10.00am		Mass - St Columba's, Uki

18th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Yr C 3/4 August	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 6.00pm Saturday	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 8.00am Sunday	COUNTERS:
Acolyte	J Reynolds	P Marr	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 08 Sept: C & J Anderson
Altar Servers	R Trueman C Townsend	I Dusi S Gibbons, L Clark	CHURCH CLEANING SANCTUARY & ALTAR <u>Sacred Heart Church:</u> 28 July & 4 August: L Johnson 11 & 18 August: C Wightley, Zambelli family, N Gear <u>OLPS Church, Sth M'bah</u> July: K Ryder August: T Jandura
Readers	YOUTH	B Cook (C) R B Nolan R K Malone P/F	
Ministers of Communion	M Reynolds (C) D & B Guinea K Mumford, R Nihill	MA Thackray (C) P McMahon, M Chiesa L Green, C Wightley	
Hospitality	YOUTH	J & H Larkin	
Procession of Gifts	YOUTH	St Joseph's Primary Staff	
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	P Zambelli	

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

ROSARY STATUE
Jan Weaver



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

CONFIRMATION SUPPER
Tuesday 6 August
Parish Hall

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

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 13 August

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Corey Rice (Katherine NT, grandson of Kathy & John Rice),
Cecele Devine, Terry Belmont, Mary McCarthy,
Colin Leslight, John Park, Arthur Ensbey.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Richard De Lyon, Kath Ayres.



NOTICE BOARD

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.

CALENDAR

~ AUGUST ~

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

Baptisms - 12 noon - Sacred Heart

13 Baptism Preparation Meeting

14 9am Mass - Greenhills Lodge

15 THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED

VIRGIN MARY (*Holy Day of Obligation*)

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

19/23 Meals on Wheels Roster 1

22 Christmas Carnival Meeting

22 Finance Council Meeting

25 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YR C

MIGRANT & REFUGEE SUNDAY

10am Mass - OLPS, South Murwillumbah

Baptisms - 12 noon - Sacred Heart

28 Wedding: Claire Simpson & Gian Capati
- St Columba's Church, Uki

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)

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C

Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11;

Lk 12:13-21

PLENARY COUNCIL SNAPSHOTS

As we move into this second stage of the Plenary Council
journey, we continue to seek the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.
Beginning in July 2019, we are invited to reflect on Scripture,
Church teaching and our contemporary situation in order to
discern the answer to this question:

SNAPSHOT REPORT 1

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is:

MISSIONARY AND EVANGELISING

"...You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon
you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem...and to the
ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices
of the People of God who shared a passion for participating in
the missionary nature of the Church and desire stronger
support, involvement and formation among all the baptised
who make up the Church. The data also identified the need to
reach out and communicate more effectively and to find new
ways of living and proclaiming the Gospel in Australia today.
There was a call for the strengthening of leadership and
ministries in parishes and schools, training to equip leaders
for ministry, pastoral support for various groups within parish
and faith communities, and a desire for a unified voice in
engaging social issues such as life and religious freedom.

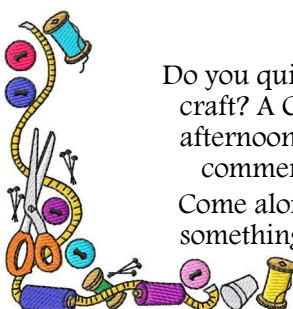
For further information visit:

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au.

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.



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (137)

**R: Lord, on the day I called for help,
you answered me.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**You have received the Spirit which makes us
God's children, and in that Spirit we call God
our Father.**

Alleluia!

DO THIS IN MEMORY John Burland

1. We gather all to hear Your Word.
Like Jesus showed us.
We learn to follow in Your way.
Like Jesus showed us.

Chorus:

Do this, do this, do this in memory of me.

Do this, do this, do this in memory of me.

2. We break this bread for all to share.
Like Jesus showed us.
The bread of life to nourish us.
Like Jesus showed us. **Chorus.**
3. We shared Your cup of life for all
Like Jesus showed us.
We celebrate God's greatest gift.
Like Jesus showed us. **Chorus.**
4. We are one body, we are one
Like Jesus showed us.
Together as one we celebrate
Like Jesus showed us. **Chorus.**
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PLEASE NOTE:

**There will be NO 10am Mass this Sunday
28 JULY as Fr. Anthony is on holidays.**

CONFIRMATION

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

followed by supper - Parish Hall

**THE ASSUMPTION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Thursday 15th August

9.30am Mass with Mt St Patrick College
- Sacred Heart Church

12.15pm Mass with Mt St Patrick Primary School
& St Joseph's Primary School
- Sacred Heart Church

5.30pm Mass - Sacred Heart Church

KINGSCLIFF PARISH

7.30am & 9am - St Anthony's, Kingscliff
9.15am at Sts. Mary & Ambrose, Pottsville

TWEED HEADS PARISH

6pm Vigil - St Joseph's Church (*Wednesday 14th*)
12.30pm - St Joseph's Church, Tweed Heads

Holy Days of Obligation for Australis

are 15th August (Assumption) and 25th December
(Christmas). A Holy Day is simply a solemnity
celebrated like a Sunday, that is, with obligation.

REFLECTION...

The readings invite us to reflect on prayer. Whether our prayer be praise, contrition, thanksgiving or petition, it always recognises our need for God. In the gospel Jesus instructs us to ask for what we need. He assures us that God is more than willing to give us what we need. However, for this to happen we must turn to God and humbly acknowledge our need.

The most obvious characteristic of prayer depicted in the readings for this Sunday is persistence. Neither Abraham nor the man in the gospel was deterred by any obstacle. They show that it is not so much that we persist in prayer in order to change God's mind as it is that we persist in order to discover what God's mind might be.

The salutariness of prayer is often found in the change that it effects in us, not in God. By persevering in genuine prayer we may come to acknowledge that all things are in God's hands, and that we can rest content to leave them there, trusting that the situation will be cared for as God sees fit. It seems trite to say that God hears all prayer and sometimes the answer is 'No!' It is better to say that God respects the freedom of people and will seldom intervene to change the way events unfold. Still, prayer can change the one who prays and also the one for whom the prayer is offered if only human need is recognised and divine solicitude is acknowledged.

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