

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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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
- YEAR C
11 August 2019

A life serving others

Jesus' parable of an approaching wedding feast, an absent master, and good and bad servants might at first appear to us somewhat arcane, or at least culturally specific to a very different world to the one in which we live. We need, therefore, to ask a deeper question. That is; what is Jesus trying to tell us by this story?

At one level the parable may seem to be saying to us to be on our guard, watchful and alert, as we don't know what calamity awaits us around the corner! However, Jesus begins his discourse with just the opposite piece of advice: *"There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased the Father to give you the kingdom!"*

So, Jesus is not directing us to fear the future, but inviting us to live in the present with the right attitude, acknowledging the gifts we have been given, and setting our hearts on a life of service: *"sell your possessions and give alms."* This is the truly counter-cultural challenge that Jesus presents to us today: don't live your life to gain wealth for yourselves, but live it to serve others in love. This is the life of the kingdom or "reign of God."

Jesus reminds us: *"where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."* If our major life-focus is the gaining of wealth, power or prestige, then we have every reason to be afraid lest misfortune makes us poor, powerless and unimportant in the eyes of the world. However, if our life is primarily directed towards loving service of others, we have nothing to fear, as we are already living the life of the kingdom.

Another perspective on today's gospel is given to us in the first reading from the Book of Wisdom where the Israelites celebrate the original Passover when God heard the cries of the people and delivered them from their enemies. Rather than focus on the future which is beyond our control, we are invited to remember and re-enact all that God has already done and continues to do for us.

In fact, the Eucharist is itself a re-enactment of Jesus' Last Supper and offering of his Body on Calvary in order that we may live. The Greek word for *Eucharist* means *Thanksgiving*. Every time we celebrate the Eucharist we remember and re-enact what God has given to us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

To return to the master-servant language in Jesus' parable, there is an implicit critique of what Pope Francis has called *"the sin of clericalism."* He reminds us that all Christians, including priests and other clerics, are called to belong to *"God's faithful people as servants, not the master!"* There is but one master, Jesus the Christ, who in giving his life for us also demonstrates that all genuine leadership is servant-leadership.

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 11 - 18 AUGUST

Tuesday	4.15pm - 5.15pm 5.30pm 6.00pm 7.00pm	Adoration - Sacred Heart Church Mass - Sacred Heart Church Rosary - Sacred Heart Church Baptism Preparation Meeting - Parish Administration Centre
Wednesday	9.00am 10.00am 4.15pm - 5.15pm 5.30pm	Mass - Greenhills Lodge Parish Men's Group - RSL Club (see note page 3) Adoration - Sacred Heart Church Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Thursday	The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - Holy Day of Obligation 9.15am 9.30am 12.15pm 1.45pm - 2.45pm 3.00pm 5.30pm	Legion of Mary - South Murwillumbah Meeting Room Mass with Mt St Patrick College Mass with Mt St Patrick Primary & St Joseph's Primary Christian Meditation Group - South Murwillumbah Mtg Room Junior Legion of Mary - South Murwillumbah Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Friday	10.00am 10.00am 10.00am 12.15pm 2.00 - 3.00pm	Communion Service - M'bah Nursing Home - K Mumford Communion Service - Heritage Lodge - L Green Catholic Women's Group - Parish Admin Centre (see note pg 3) Mass - Sacred Heart Church Adoration - Sacred Heart Church
Saturday	9.00am 6:00pm	Rosary - Sacred Heart Church Vigil Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Sunday	20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C 8.00am	Mass - Sacred Heart Church

20th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Yr C 17/18 August	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 6.00pm Saturday	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 8.00am Sunday	COUNTERS: 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 15 Sept: P & L McMahon 22 Sept: J Morgan & L Green
Acolyte	P Egan	tba	
Altar Servers	C & H Leslight L Daly	B & J Lofts V O'Keefe	
Readers	C Anderson (C) R R Daley R T Waugh P/F	K Ryder (C) P/F C Wightley R T Yabsley R	
Ministers of Communion	B Nolan (C) M Mumford, D Macartney D & B Guinea	B Cook (C) M Roberts, M Reynolds B Gorton, tba	
Hospitality	D Haumu & M Reynolds	J Morgan & N Mayberry	
Procession of Gifts	R & L Nihill	Heanes/Dusi family	
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	K Anderson	

**CHURCH CLEANING
SANCTUARY & ALTAR**
Sacred Heart Church:
11 & 18 August: C Wightley, Zambelli family, N Gear
25 August: B Gorton, M Reynolds
OLPS Church, Sth M'bah
August: T Jandura

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

ROSARY STATUE
Ann Palmer 

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 8 September
hosted by Sharp family group

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 - this Tuesday 13 August

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Robert 'Bob' Curtis (Tweed Heads), Corey Rice,
Cecele Devine, Terry Belmont.



ANNIVERSARIES:

Ruth Weidemann, Andrew Quan, Mamie Roberts, Maurice Ellem.

NOTICE BOARD

PARISH MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting of the Parish Men's Group
for a Cuppa/morning tea will be on
Wednesday 14 August - 10am - RSL Club, Murwillumbah
ALL MEN ARE WELCOME!

CALENDAR

~ AUGUST ~

- 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

2018 CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL PLANNING MEETING

Thursday 22 August 4.00pm
Parish Administration Centre
All interested persons are invited
to attend.

CRAFT & CHAT GROUP

Do you quilt, knit, sew, paint, draw
or do any other craft?
A Craft & Chat Group (adults) 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.



Readings next week: (Yr C)
20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C
Jer 13:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4;
Lk 12:49-53

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP NEWS...

The next informal gathering for morning tea and a friendly chat
will be on **Friday 16 August 10am at the Parish**
Administration Centre. ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME.

The ladies will be holding a **'Cake & Goodies' Stall on Sunday**
29 September following 8am Mass. The proceeds this year will
go to 'You Have A Friend'. Donation of any 'goodies' are greatly
appreciated. Phone Marion 66722501 or Barbara 66723377
for further information.

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 3

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

PRAYERFUL AND EUCHARISTIC?

"When they were at table, Jesus took bread, said the blessing,
broke it and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened and they
recognised him." (Luke 24:30-31)

This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of
the People of God who shared how deeply they treasured the
Eucharist and the sacramental and liturgical life of the Church.
There was a call for stronger and more engaging preaching, with
an emphasis on the Word of God and connection to daily life,
some seeking a uniquely Australian expression of prayer and
Eucharistic celebration, drawing from the wisdom and rituals of
the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and also
bringing together the many migrant communities which make up
the Church in Australia. There were many divergent expressions
of ways in which people and communities encounter God
through their experiences of prayer, music and liturgy, and a
desire for catechesis, training and formation for those in
ministries related to these.

For further information visit:

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

**19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (32)**

R: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!



BAPTISM:

Please welcome
**Birdie Joan Nancy Kean
& Imogen Marjorie Johnston**
to our faith community.

**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.

SOLOMON ISLAND NEWS...

Jackson Meke is the Principal of Bishop Epalle Catholic School in the Solomon Islands. Jackson has accompanied students from the Solomon Islands to be hosted at Mt St Patrick College during the past 10 years. Jackson has a serious heart condition that requires surgery that cannot be provided in his home country, Solomon Islands.

A Go Fund Me page has been set up. Any small donation is appreciated.

<http://www.gofundme.com/f/help-jackson-get-his-heart-surgery>



CONFIRMATION

Last Tuesday evening, Bishop Gregory Homeming administered the SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION to twenty-eight children in our Parish.

Thank you to parents, teachers and catechists who helped prepare the children for this sacrament, and to our parish community, for the prayers and support that you offered the children and their families.

From the Pastor ...

Thank you for your warm welcome on my return from holidays. Thank you to Fr. John who stood in for me whilst I was away.

In the next few weeks we will try and get our Parish Pastoral Council re-established. Today I'll update you on what a Parish Pastoral Council is.

Firstly its role -

Our Pastoral Council's role is to promote the Church's mission to live and communicate the love and values of Christ in our world.

Our Pastoral Council shares in the building of our parish community, with parishioners, in our efforts to live as followers of Christ.

Our Pastoral Council seeks to support our Pastor, working with him and each other.

Secondly Membership

The Pastoral Council consists of at least ten members. This includes the Parish Priest and Pastoral Representative. The parishioners recommend other members.

The Council seeks as broad a membership as possible, with a diversity of age, gender and ethnic origin. Each Pastoral Councillor represents the whole parish community, not one group. Council members attend a session of formation prior to the first meeting of the new council.

Lastly, How many meetings!!!

The Pastoral Council usually has a minimum of six meetings a year. A consensus approach is used in the process of making decisions, with all members offering a voice.

The Pastoral Council reports to the parish community regularly via the bulletin and at Mass, and seeks the input of parishioners usually by discussions, meetings, and conversations.

Many pastors, myself included have asked is it worth while having a Pastoral Council? Yes it is, it gives every parishioner a voice. It also helps me avoid the trap of only listening or noticing a select few.

Please consider the pastoral council in your prayers and pray for its successful re-establishment.



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