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

PARISH STAFF

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St. Joseph's Primary School
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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C
18 August 2019

Working for justice and peace

Jesus speaks in startling words in today's gospel: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."

Christians faithfully proclaim that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and that he came to bring peace to the world! How to reconcile these seemingly contradictory claims? Well, as Jesus and the many prophets throughout the ages have shown, to speak out against abuse and injustice, to speak up for the marginalised and the vulnerable, to stand up against evil and violence, to work for truth, reconciliation and justice, and to walk the talk of peace inevitably provokes resistance, hostility and violence.

So, it was for the prophet Jeremiah, whose mistreatment is described in the first reading today. So it is for the prophets in our own time, such as Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela and Oscar Romero. So it was for Jesus. Alas, the way to peace is not necessarily peaceful. Indeed, it can be very dangerous and painful.

So too for us as Christians as we work for a better, more just and more peaceful world. Our vocation is not to maintain the status quo; it is to change the world. It is not to *keep* the peace, but to *serve* the peace. This will sometimes necessitate rocking the boat that is the status quo, and facing the confrontation and division – and perhaps even violence - that may well result.

Christian life was never meant to be easy! In facing the difficulties that confront us as we work for peace, the Letter to the Hebrews exhorts the early Christians to whom it was addressed and us today to "persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus." It reminds us to "consider how he [Jesus] endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart."

Our inspiration in working for justice and peace (for there will be no peace without justice) springs from our *faith* in Jesus himself. Our perseverance in the work is sustained by our *hope* in his promise of new life and a new creation. And, most importantly, our motivation is always *love*. "Without love," says St Therese of Lisieux, "even the most brilliant deeds count as nothing."

It is working faithfully in this way, with the energies of love, that, as the Jesuit priest and paleontologist Pierre Teilhard de Chardin SJ (1881-1955) wrote, "the day will come when . . . we shall harness for God the energies of love. And on that day, for the second time in the history of the world, we shall have discovered fire."

Let each of us hold firm to serve the peace and help fuel that fire.

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 18 - 25 AUGUST

Sunday	20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C	
	8.00am	Mass - Sacred Heart Church
	10.00am	Mass - St Brigid's, Burringbar
Tuesday	10.30am	Requiem Mass - Sacred Heart Church for Arthur Bullman
	There is No afternoon Adoration, Mass or Rosary in Sacred Heart Church today	
Wednesday	10.30am	Requiem Mass - St Columba's, Uki for Mary Roberts
	There is No afternoon Adoration or Mass in Sacred Heart Church today	
Thursday	8.30am	Mass - Sacred Heart Church
	1.45pm - 2.45pm	Christian Meditation Group - South Murwillumbah Mtg Room
	3.00pm	Junior Legion of Mary - South Murwillumbah
	4.00pm	Christmas Carnival Meeting *(see note page 3)*
	5.30pm	Finance Council Meeting
Friday	10.00am	Communion Service - M'bah Nursing Home - K Mumford
	10.00am	Communion Service - Heritage Lodge - J Reynolds
	12.15pm	Mass - Sacred Heart Church
	2.00 - 3.00pm	Adoration - Sacred Heart Church
Saturday	9.00am	Rosary - Sacred Heart Church
	6:00pm	Vigil Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Sunday	21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C	
	105TH MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY	
	8.00am	Mass - Sacred Heart Church
	10.00am	Mass - Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, South Murwillumbah
	12 noon	Baptisms - Sacred Heart Church

21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Yr C 24/25 August	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 6.00pm Saturday	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 8.00am Sunday
Acolyte	J Reynolds	P Marr
Altar Servers	C Larkin W Ryan	A & C McCabe X Palmer
Readers	D Banner (C) R L Fox R G Molloy P/F	B Nolan (C) R J Schiller R L Green R
Ministers of Communion	R Nihill (C) R Daley, K Mumford M Reynolds, C Wightley	P McMahon (C) P & T Zambelli M Chiesa, tba
Hospitality	————	M Zambelli & M Roberts
Procession of Gifts	C & J Anderson	McCalman family
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	T Jandura

COUNTERS:

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

CHURCH CLEANING

SANCTUARY & ALTAR

Sacred Heart Church:

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

Pam Willock

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 - Tuesday 10 September

CALENDAR

~ AUGUST ~

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

~ SEPTEMBER ~

01 **22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YR C**
10am Mass - St Columba's, Uki
02 Rosary & Prayers - OLPS, Sth M'bah
06 10am Mass - M'bah Nursing Home
07 YOUTH Mass - 6pm Vigil
08 **23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YR C**
10am Mass - OLPS, South Murwillumbah
10 Baptism Preparation Meeting
11 9am Mass - Greenhills Lodge
13 Communion Service - Heritage Lodge
15 **24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YR C**
No 10am Mass
19 Finance Council Meeting
22 **25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YR C**
No 10am Mass
Baptisms 12noon
26 MSPC Yr 6 Graduation Mass
29 **26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YR C**
No 10am Mass *(5th Sunday)*

MEALS ON WHEELS - Roster 1
19 - 23 August

Mon: B & M Donaghy,
P Dow & C Reynolds
Tues: J & M Reynolds
Wed: L Johnson & D Banner,
B Albury
Fri: P Ryder, D Haumu;
B Ryder, A Wilson

Readings next week: (Yr C)
21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C
Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13;
Lk 13:22-30

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:
Mary Roberts, Margaret Corbett (sister of Frances Berg), Arthur Bullman, Bob Curtis, Corey Rice.

ANNIVERSARIES:
Sr Teresa Joan Fitzgerald, Joyce O'Connor.

NOTICE BOARD

2019 CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL PLANNING MEETING

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

Natural Fertility Awareness Week 19 - 25 August
Did you know a woman's health is often reflected in her fertility? Learning The Billings Ovulation Method® can alert a woman to underlying health problems. If you would like to be able to manage your fertility naturally and to monitor your reproductive health, accredited Billing Teachers are available to assist you throughout Australia. For further information phone Billings LIFE on 1800 335 860 or visit www.billings.life

PARISH OFFICE MAIL BOX:

The Parish Office has a mail box, located at the Staff Entrance of the Parish Administration Centre.

This box may be used to drop off items or correspondence (eg. Mass Intention Envelopes, Parish Pastoral Council Recommendation Forms) at times when the office is closed.

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 4

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

HUMBLE, HEALING AND MERCIFUL?

"By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace"
(Luke 1:78-79)

This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a deep and faith-filled trust in God and a need for lament and healing within the Church, acknowledging the sexual abuse crisis as a turning point for the Church in Australia. It identified the need for relationship and reconciliation among many within the Catholic community, and with the wider Australian society, particularly with Australia's First Peoples and with all of creation. A desire was expressed for stronger prayer and sacramental life and more effective outreach to those who seek healing, as a renewed openness to and sign of God's mercy. For further information visit:
www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au.

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (39)
R: Lord, come to my aid.
IF SUNG:
R: Lord, come to my aid; do not delay.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, Alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me .
Alleluia!

Fundraising Concert for Wedgetail
The Murwillumbah Philharmonic Choir
presents

"LIGHT AND EASY 2"

Saturday 24 August 2 - 4pm
Jessie McMillan Hall
Tickets: $15 / $10 concession
Call the office 6672 8459
Email: indo@palliativesupport.com.au

FATHER'S DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Friday 30 August at 11am
Tweed Valley Cemetery, Eviron
A combined memorial service by the Murwillumbah Churches Together and Tweed Valley Cemeteries
Light refreshments provided.
For details visit: www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/Cemeteries
or phone 02 6670 2435

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Over the coming 4 weekends you are invited to consider and recommend fellow parishioners as prospective members of our new Parish Pastoral Council.

Recommendations for New Members
You are invited to recommend/nominate as many parishioners as you wish.
The number of times that any person is recommended will have no influence on the final membership of the Council.
There is no need for you to ask the person whom you wish to recommend to accept.
Every person recommended will be invited to an Information Meeting to receive current information about Pastoral Councils and the responsibilities of members.
At the end of the Information Meeting all those nominated will be asked if they wish to accept or decline possible membership.

Completed Recommendation forms can be returned by placing -
(a) in the Recommendation Box at the church entrance, or
(b) on the Collection plate, or
(c) at the Parish Office.

Closing Date for Recommendations is 3 pm Monday 9 September 2019.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO

English Teachers, Youth Workers & Youth Ministers

The Cagliero Project is an initiative of the Australia-Pacific Province of the Salesians of Don Bosco, providing overseas volunteer experiences for Australians who wish to work with disadvantaged young people.

We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers for January 2020 departure. Our volunteers placements run for 6-12 months and are centered around working with young people in educational settings. We have multiple volunteers opportunities throughout Cambodia, Samoa, Timor Leste and the Solomon Islands.

We aim to utilise the skills and talents of our volunteers in order to provide the best possible contribution to the host community. Our aim is not to 'help' but to walk in solidarity with young people and for volunteer and host to have a mutual learning experience. We are also present in host communities to be role models - people that young people can aspire to be.

Cagliero volunteers commit themselves to working in the 'Salesian way'. This means that young people are the central focus in all work. The Salesian way also means approaching life in a joyful way with a loving heart. The experience as a Cagliero volunteer is not about the volunteer, but is focused on the people we go to serve. However, serving as a Cagliero volunteer will probably be the most rewarding thing you ever do!

For more information, or to send us an inquiry, follow this link: http://cagliero.org.au/
Applications close October 15, 2019
Contact: Lauren Hichaaba, Director of the Cagliero Project
Email: lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

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