

# *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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## **PARISH STAFF**

### **Parish Priest**

Fr. Anthony Lemon

### **Parish Manager**

Mary-Ann Thackray

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Beth Gorton

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### **Mt. St. Patrick College**

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Greville Street, South Murwillumbah

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Principal: Mr. Jason Clarke

**21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
- YEAR C  
25 August 2019**

## *The door to God's kingdom*

We're in the midst of Jesus' journeying to Jerusalem, but, at this point, it's not so much a journey to the centre, as a journey to the margins. Everything is happening at the margins, though, often, we like to think that nothing really happens there.

The poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind, a man with dropsy and a woman bent over, ten lepers, tax collectors and the outcasts of society. We meet them all in these chapters of Luke's gospel; and through these chapters is heard the recurrent questioning, "how shall we inherit eternal life?" Or - as in today's gospel - "will there be only a few saved?" As the crisis of faith deepens, these are critical questions both for the individual and the society.

Jesus doesn't respond with numbers, instead, he warns us not to miss this moment. There's an urgency about it, because, "many will try to enter and will not succeed." Jesus has made up his mind to go through the narrow door. Dorothy Day once reminded us: "The mystery of the poor is this: that they are Jesus, and what you do for them you do for Him. It is the only way we have of knowing and believing in our love."

We're back with the poor, the maimed, the blind and many others, at the margins, in the company God has chosen, seeing whether our love is for real. Go through the narrow door then, with them, don't put it off till you feel up to it, do it today.

In the second image from the gospel, the door having been locked, that's it, there's no second chance, even though we cry, "come on, please - hey, remember us." Despite our entreaties he'll say, "I don't know you ..." and the door will stay shut.

The narrow door, the locked-up inn, it can seem a little unjust, too cut and dry. But, at this point, when many are turning away from Jesus, the emphasis is on getting in and quickly. Jesus impresses on us the need for decisiveness: make up your mind, as he has. Having set his face like flint towards Jerusalem, he finds his way to the margins, knowing that, in the end, his decision to confront the powers that bring us undone, will open the door to the kingdom.

We can hear this in the last part of today's gospel: opposition to him will open the way for others to come from far and wide to join with Abraham and the prophets and take their place at "the feast in the kingdom of God" and behold we see something like this in our local churches - that, "there are those now last who will be first and those now first who will be last." It's a generous, inside out world that Jesus urges us to enter.

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# THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 25 AUGUST - 1 SEPTEMBER

Sunday	<b>21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C</b> <b>105TH MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY</b>	
	8.00am	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	10.00am	<u>Mass</u> - Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, South Murwillumbah
	12 noon	Baptisms - Sacred Heart 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	1.00pm	<b>Wedding: Gian Capati &amp; Clair Simpson, St Columba's , Uki</b>
	4.15 - 5.15pm	Adoration - Sacred Heart Church
	5.30pm	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
Thursday	8.30am	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	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 - B Brodbeck
	12.15pm	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	2.00 - 3.00pm	Adoration - Sacred Heart Church
Saturday	9.00am	Rosary - Sacred Heart Church
	6:00pm	<u>Vigil Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
Sunday	<b>22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C</b> <b>FATHER'S DAY</b>	
	8.00am	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	10.00am	<u>Mass</u> - St Columba's, Uki

<b>22nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Yr C</b> <b>31 Aug/ 1 Sept</b>	<b>Sacred Heart Murwillumbah</b> <b>6.00pm Saturday</b>	<b>Sacred Heart Murwillumbah</b> <b>8.00am Sunday</b>	<b>COUNTERS:</b> 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 29 Sept: G & K Bewes  <b>CHURCH CLEANING</b> <b>SANCTUARY &amp; ALTAR</b> <u>Sacred Heart Church:</u> <b>25 August &amp; 1 September:</b> B Gorton, M Reynolds <b>8 Sept:</b> K Mumford, J Morgan <u>OLPS Church, Sth M'bah</u> <b>August:</b> T Jandura <b>September:</b> K Ryder
<b>Acolyte</b>	R Daley	T Zambelli	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	E Wightley G Kendrick-Morosini	J & M Wylie K Lesleighter	
<b>Readers</b>	B Nolan (C) R B Brodbeck R M Reynolds P/F	B Cook (C) P/F M Roberts R MA Thackray R	
<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	B & D Guinea (C) L Hosking C Anderson, R Anderson	K Ryder (C) I & B Dusi L Green, J Schiller	
<b>Hospitality</b>	—————	J & H Larkin	
<b>Procession of Gifts</b>	P & L Fox	F & B McGrouther	
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	No Children's Liturgy	C Goronszy	

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

**ROSARY STATUE**  
Joan & Brian Alexander 

**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

### ~ SEPTEMBER ~

- 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 12 Graduation Mass
- 29 **26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YR C**  
No 10am Mass (5th Sunday)

### PLEASE NOTE:

**There will be NO 10am Mass on  
Sundays 15 & 22 SEPTEMBER  
while Fr. Anthony is on holidays.**

### VOLUNTEER OVERSEAS - THE CAGLIERO PROJECT, SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO

We are seeking volunteers for January 2020 departure, working with disadvantaged young people in Salesian communities throughout Cambodia, Samoa, East Timor & Solomon Islands. Applications close October 15th. Send us an inquiry - [www.cagliero.org.au](http://www.cagliero.org.au)

**Readings next week: (Yr C)  
22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29;  
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24; Lk 14:1, 7-14**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Sr Patricia Stewart PBVM, Mary Roberts, Margaret Corbett,  
Arthur Bullman, Bob Curtis.



### ANNIVERSARIES:

Jim Hyde, George Dorrough, Dominic Guinea, Teresa Palmer,  
Maria Procopio, Annie Godwin, Harry Turner, Bruce Banner.

## NOTICE BOARD

### FATHER'S DAY COLLECTION FOR SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS

Next weekend there will be a special collection for the support of Sick and Retired Priests in the Diocese. Envelopes will be provided for this collection. Thank you for your support.

### FATHER'S DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE Friday 30 August-11am Tweed Valley Cemetery, Eviron

A combined service by the Murwillumbah Churches Together and  
Tweed Valley Cemeteries Light refreshments provided.  
[www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/Cemeteries](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/Cemeteries) or phone 02 6670 2435

## 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 5

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

#### A JOYFUL, HOPE-FILLED AND SERVANT COMMUNITY?

*"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Each day they met together in the Temple; they broke bread in their homes; they shared their food with great joy and sincerity of heart; they praised God and won the favour of all the people." (Acts 2: 42-46)*

This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a yearning for the Church to be a sign of God's kingdom for all people in Australia - to be able to see the Catholic Church in action, and to recognise Jesus. There was an expression of faith-filled hope in the capacity of the Catholic community to celebrate together, to show what it is to be a follower of Christ and to be loved unconditionally by God. There was a call to contemplate the Gospel call to be a servant Church for the good of all people in Australia - particularly for refugees and asylum-seekers and other people who are vulnerable or at risk. Many responses called for greater sharing of the story of the good works done by so many people and organisations of the Church. Some responses expressed a hunger for strong witness of faith, especially by priests, young people and female leaders in parish and school ministries.

For further information visit:

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

**21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C  
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (116)**

**R: Go out to all the world, and tell the good news.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me..**

**Alleluia!**



**BAPTISMS:**

Please welcome  
**Violet Maree Smithwick,  
Lenny Jean Nadin  
& Piper Sue McIlveen**  
to our faith community.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Over the coming 3 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.**

**INVITATION TO ALL WHO WOULD LIKE TO  
KNOW ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH**

**RCIA –A JOURNEY IN FAITH**

Since Jesus invited His first followers to “Come, follow me”, the image of journey has been used to describe Christian discipleship.

The RCIA programme provides a setting where the Catholic faith can be explored and the journey of faith can be celebrated within the local Church community.

The RCIA Programme begins with an Enquiry Night to assist:

- ◆ Those who might be considering joining our Catholic community.
- ◆ Those who would like to know more about the RCIA programme.
- ◆ Those parishioners who are interested in supporting our candidates.
- ◆ Those who wish to know more about their Faith.

Following the Enquiry Night, those who wish to proceed further will join the RCIA Programme. **The Enquiry night** will be held **Wed 4th Sept at 6.15pm** in **Sacred Heart Church**.

If you are interested to learn more about the Catholic Faith, please phone Barbara at the Parish Office 6672 1118 or email at [shpmbah@norex.com.au](mailto:shpmbah@norex.com.au).

**Today the Catholic Church in Australia observes  
MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY**

The theme chosen for the 105th World Day  
of Migrants and Refugees is:

**“IT’S NOT JUST ABOUT MIGRANTS”**

“The presence of migrants and refugees - and of vulnerable people in general - is an invitation to recover some of those essential dimensions of our Christian existence and our humanity that risk being overlooked in a prosperous society. That is why it is not just about migrants.

- ◆ *It is not just about migrants: it is also about our fears.*
- ◆ *It is not just about migrants: it is about charity.*
- ◆ *It is not just about migrants: it is about our humanity.*
- ◆ *It is not just about migrants: it is a question of seeing that no one is excluded.*
- ◆ *It is not just about migrants: it is about putting the last in first place.*
- ◆ *It is not just about migrants: it is about the whole person, about all people.*
- ◆ *It is not just about migrants: it is about building the city of God and man.*

It is not only the cause of migrants that is at stake; it is not just about them, but about all of us, and about the present and future of the human family.

*An excerpt from the message of His Holiness, Pope Francis  
for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2019.*



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