

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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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
- YEAR C
1 September 2019

The need to welcome others

What are we to make of Jesus in today's gospel telling his host at a formal dinner not to invite his friends, relatives or rich neighbours, but instead to invite 'the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind'?

How perplexed, or even confronted, Jesus' host must have felt. Is this just hyperbole on Jesus' part? Or did this discomfited host recognise in Jesus' words the call of the ancient prophets about God's concern for the poor, for widows and orphans? What did St Luke want us to draw from this astonishing incident? Certainly Pope Francis on occasion takes Jesus literally and invites the poor, homeless and unemployed to a meal, highlighting Jesus' insistent demand that we show real care for such people.

Many families at times reach out to lonely or troubled relatives and friends, to draw them more closely into the circle of friendship. Some families even seek out people who are new migrants, isolated or down on their luck, and invite them into their homes for a special meal.

We all like to be recognised and respected in appropriate ways. What Jesus was criticising was the self-interest in wishing to be honoured above others. God does not see honour in the same way we tend to. God is not impressed by us pushing our way into the front seats, full of self-importance, or considering ourselves more worthy than others.

Instead God's eyes are drawn to those who may seem without honour, the poor, the excluded, the overlooked. These are 'the poor, lame, crippled and blind' that Jesus saw around about. These are all code words for people who were ritually unclean and so unable to take part in normal Jewish religious services of that time. They could include the sick, the beggars, impoverished and hungry people, the lonely and outcast. In our day we could include our indigenous peoples, migrants and refugees, homeless people, the unemployed or under-employed struggling to look after children, ageing people the lonely, and people dealing with demons of mental health or addictions.

All of us need good friends. Jesus throws responsibility back to us, to look around with new eyes, to see as God sees, and respond appropriately, all powerfully symbolised by inviting excluded people for a meal, a homely gesture of friendship and mutual support. Jesus warns us not to expect accolades for these efforts, but assures us that God sees and will reward us 'when the virtuous rise again'.

Of course we have to use our common sense if inviting people into our homes. But Jesus' words to his host are not easily dismissed as hyperbole. God's intense concern for the 'poor', all who are burdened or ground down with hardship, is at the very heart of Jesus' message. He teaches us that God's compassion is immensely strong and heartfelt and he invites us to share God's commitment to promote the wellbeing of others however we can.

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 1 - 8 SEPTEMBER

Sunday	22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C	
	FATHER'S DAY	
	8.00am	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	10.00am	<u>Mass</u> - St Columba's, Uki
Monday	9.00am	Rosary & Prayers - Our Lady of Perpetual Succour 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	4.15 - 5.15pm	Adoration - Sacred Heart Church
	5.30pm	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	6.15pm	RCIA Enquiry Evening - Sacred Heart Church
Thursday	8.30am	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	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	10.00am	Communion Service - M'bah Nursing Home - tba
	10.00am	Communion Service - Heritage Lodge - L Hosking
	No Mass today in Sacred Heart Parish	
	2.00 - 3.00pm	Adoration - Sacred Heart Church
Saturday	9.00am	Rosary - Sacred Heart Church
	6:00pm	<u>Vigil Mass</u> - YOUTH - Sacred Heart Church
Sunday	23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C	
	8.00am	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	9.00am	Parish Cuppa in Hall. All welcome.
	10.00am	<u>Mass</u> - Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, South Murwillumbah

23rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Yr C 7/8 Sept	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 6.00pm Saturday	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 8.00am Sunday	COUNTERS: 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 06 Oct: T & P Zambelli
Acolyte	P Egan	T Zambelli	CHURCH CLEANING SANCTUARY & ALTAR <u>Sacred Heart Church:</u> 1 Sept: B Gorton, M Reynolds 8 & 15 Sept: K Mumford, J Morgan <u>OLPS Church, Sth M'bah</u> September: K Ryder
Altar Servers	R & H Ryder	D & L Kee J Farrell	
Readers	YOUTH	T Yabsley (C) R P Callaghan R K Malone P/F	
Ministers of Communion	M Reynolds (C) B Brodbeck, D Macartney M Mumford, B Nolan	B Gorton (C) P & R Marr J Morgan, C Wightley	
Hospitality	YOUTH	F Berg & B McGrouther	
Procession of Gifts	YOUTH	T & P Zambelli	
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	V Hughes	

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

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

ROSARY STATUE

Maree & Alan Leslight



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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

Fr. D'Arcy McCarthy, Nathan Harrison.



NOTICE BOARD

FATHER'S DAY COLLECTION FOR SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS

This weekend there will be a special collection for the support of Sick and Retired Priests in the Diocese. Envelopes are provided and can be placed on the Collection plates.

CALENDAR

~ SEPTEMBER ~

- 10 Baptism Preparation Meeting
- 11 Communion Service - 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**
Social Justice Sunday
No 10am Mass (*5th Sunday*)

~ OCTOBER ~

- 04 10am Mass - M'bah Nursing Home
- 06 **27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YR C**

PLEASE NOTE:

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

PRAYER SPONSORS

FOR MSPC HSC STUDENTS

Mt St Patrick College is once again asking for Prayer Sponsors for Year 12 students during their Higher School Certificate exams. The HSC exams commence Thursday 17 October.

If you are interested in being a Prayer Sponsor for a Year 12 student from Mt St Patrick College, please take a student name card from the back of the Church and write your name and the student's name on the sheet provided.

Readings next week: (Yr C)

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 9:13-18; Philemon 9-10, 12-17;

Lk 14:25-33

Rosary & Prayers for God's Precious Infants and the Unborn Child - Monday 2 September at 9am Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, South Murwillumbah. Pregnancy Help Line: 1300 139 313

Legion of Mary news...

SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

To celebrate Our Lady's Birthday - the Mother of the Church - Legion of Mary will be distributing free Rosary Beads (made by St Joseph's Primary children), and blessed Miraculous medals, to parishioners after 8am Mass.

LITURGY ROSTERS - New Liturgy Rosters are being prepared this week. If you would like to be added to the roster or change your availability, please phone Parish Office (6672 1118).

St Joseph's Primary School Theatre Company presents

Once Upon A Time

Saturday 7 September 6:00pm

The Gilbey Centre at Mt St Patrick College

Tickets: \$10 Adults / Children under 12 free.

Available at the door and at St Joseph's Primary Office.

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 this **Wednesday 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 66721118 or email at shpmbah@norex.com.au

**22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (67)**

R: Go, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Take my yoke upon you; learn from me,
for I am gentle and lowly in heart.**

Alleluia!



**Congratulations to
Pat & Trish McDonald
who are celebrating
their 60th Wedding Anniversary
on 5th September.**

**Congratulations to
Del Gillespie
who celebrated
her 90th birthday this week.**



**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
TO ALL FATHERS**

FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

God our Father,
in your wisdom and love you made all things.
Bless these men,
that they may be strengthened
as Christian fathers.
Let the example of their faith and love
shine forth.
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honour them always
with a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**Congratulations to
Fr. John Fitz-Walter
who celebrates his 44th Anniversary
of Ordination to the Priesthood this week.**

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Over the next 2 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.**

**St Joseph's School
South Murwillumbah
50th Anniversary Celebrations!**



In 2020 St Joseph's School will celebrate 50 years of catholic education in Murwillumbah. Planning has begun for our celebrations which will centre around the Feast Day of Mary of the Cross from 3 August to 8 August 2020.

We need your photos and memories please!

Due to the loss of some of the school history, particularly photos, in the 2017 flood, we are hoping to get the news out to our ex-students and their families, past staff and parishioners to ask if the school could borrow your photos for scanning and saving as we rebuild our history book.

Photos and newspaper articles may be taken to the St Joseph's School Office or to the Sacred Heart Parish Office for scanning or may be emailed to smurp@lism.catholic.edu.au.

Other memorabilia or stories that you would like to share are also welcome.

More information regarding the celebrations will be available as the time draws closer. The St. Joseph's community is extremely proud of our school community and looks forward to making this a wonderful celebration.



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