

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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**23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
- YEAR C
8 September 2019**

The cost of following Jesus

We often speak of learning from our mistakes, even though we sometimes fail to do so. Likewise, if you are interested in sport, you will often hear sportsmen or women speak of "taking the positives" from a contest that they have lost.

As human beings we are naturally inquisitive and our search for meaning goes on from our earliest years until our dying day. We learn by trial and error, like so many great discoveries, by experimentation and reflection. Much of our knowledge comes through learning in "the school of life itself" and frequently "the school of hard knocks." It is not surprising then that throughout the scriptures, we find many of the authors almost pleading with us to stop and reflect on what is going on both in our own lives and in the world around us.

The wisdom books are particularly adept at challenging us in this way. So too does Jesus who is constantly asking us to look around and take note of the wonder of nature, and more importantly to look into ourselves and note our reactions in a variety of circumstances. The book of Wisdom itself invites us to accept the fact that we struggle to make sense of much of what is going on, but it also paves the way for what Jesus will teach us, namely that it is the spirit of God who will lead us to the truth.

St Paul realised that Christ was the Wisdom of God made manifest and all his teaching reflects this understanding, including the wonderful practical advice he gives to his friend Philemon about making peace with his former slave, Onesimus, who for some reason had run away.

Jesus invites us to follow him, but he is well aware of the demands that will be made if we accept his invitation. It is in that context that we can better understand his almost unpalatable teaching that our families might prove an obstacle to us in following him. Sometimes we need to be shocked before we get the message and undoubtedly this has something to do with Jesus' message about taking up the cross.

Clearly, he cannot be changing his fundamental teaching that we must "love our enemies and do good to those who hate us", in warning us that even the members of our families may not understand and might want to prevent us from giving up everything else for his sake. To reinforce his point, he offers us two very mundane examples – a builder preparing to build, a king preparing for battle – of calculating the pros and cons before making a decision.

Jesus invites us to be his disciples and we are continually learning more and more about the cost of that discipleship. As we weigh the pros and cons in our present situations, is he asking us to make a deeper commitment to him today?

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 8 - 15 SEPTEMBER

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
Tuesday	<i>No Adoration, Mass or Rosary in Sacred Heart Church today.</i>	
	5.30pm	Baptism Preparation - Parish Administration Centre
Wednesday	<i>No Mass at Greenhills today</i>	
	<i>No Adoration or Mass in Sacred Heart Church today.</i>	
Thursday	<i>No Mass in Sacred Heart Church 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	10.00am	Communion Service - M'bah Nursing Home - C Dennis
	10.00am	Communion Service - Heritage Lodge - B Brodbeck
	12.15pm	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Parish
	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	24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C	
	8.00am	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	<i>No 10am Mass in Parish today (see note page 3)</i>	

24th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Yr C 14/15 Sept	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 6.00pm Saturday	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 8.00am Sunday	COUNTERS: 08 Sept: C & J Anderson 15 Sept: P & L McMahon 22 Sept: G & K Bewes 29 Sept: J Morgan & L Green 06 Oct: T & P Zambelli 13 Oct: P & R Marr 20 Oct: B Brodbeck & C Kerr
Acolyte	J Reynolds	P Marr	CHURCH CLEANING SANCTUARY & ALTAR <u>Sacred Heart Church:</u> 8 & 15 Sept: K Mumford, J Morgan 22 & 29 Sept: L Johnson <u>OLPS Church, Sth M'bah</u> September: K Ryder
Altar Servers	Z Macartney L Grant	M & A Ryder S Calvino	
Readers	B Grant (C) R M Mumford R B Brodbeck P/F	B Gorton (C) P/F L Green R K Ryder P/F	
Ministers of Communion	R Daley (C) K Mumford, C Wightley R Nihill, C Anderson	M Reynolds (C) MA Thackray, tba P & T Zambelli	
Hospitality	D Haumu & M Reynolds	S Lemon & B Cook	
Procession of Gifts	—————	St Joseph's Primary staff	
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	A Lofts	

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
Margaret Traves



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:

Jim Courtney (brother of Norma McDonald), Jason Cook, Dorothy Soegaard (nee Banner), Lynette Cotelli, Sr Patricia Stewart PBVM Mary Roberts, Margaret Corbett, Arthur Bullman.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Joe & Mary Mills, Ray & Myrtle-May Simpson.



NOTICE BOARD



"Sunday Cuppa"

Please join us today,
after 8am Sunday Mass,
for a Cuppa in the Hall.
All Welcome!!

CALENDAR

~ SEPTEMBER ~

19 Finance Council Meeting

22 **25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-Yr C**

No 10am Mass

Baptisms 12noon

23/27 Meals on Wheels - Roster 2

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**

10am Mass - St Columba's, Uki

07 Rosary & Prayers - OLPS, Sth M'bah

09 9am Mass - Greenhills Lodge

11 10am Mass - Heritage Lodge

PLEASE NOTE:

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

SEWING/CRAFT GROUP

Do you quilt, knit, sew, paint, draw
or do any other craft?

A Sewing/Craft Group (adults) meet
on Tuesday afternoons at the Parish
Meeting Centre, 4-6pm.

Cost: \$7 per person.

Come along and bring your latest
project or start something new.

For further information, contact
Beth at Parish Office.

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 Mt St Patrick College, Mt St Patrick Primary and St Joseph's Primary children), and blessed Miraculous medals, to parishioners after 8am Mass.

PARISH MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting of the Parish Men's Group
for a Cuppa/morning tea will be on

Wednesday 18th September - 10am

- RSL Club, Murwillumbah

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP NEWS...

Our lunch this month will be on **Friday 20th September**
at the **Riverview Hotel** at 12 noon.

ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME!

The Cake Stall previously planned for the 29th September,
has been postponed until further notice due to unforeseen
circumstances.

WHAT
SHE SAW
CHANGED
EVERYTHING

UNPLANNED

"UNPLANNED"
- A SPECIAL SCREENING

Monday 23 September

Hoyts Tweed City

7pm-10pm

Cost: \$24

Tickets are available from St Anthony's Parish, Kingscliff. Only six left
to purchase. Either phone Kingscliff parish office 6674 1284 or email
pa@stanthonysparishkingscliff.org

Readings next week: (Yr C)

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tim 1:12-17;

Lk 15:1-32

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.

- John 8:12

**23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (89)**

**R: In every age, O Lord, you have been our
refuge.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws!**

Alleluia!

**VINNIES WINTER APPEAL
THANK YOU**

The Mary MacKillop Conference of SVDP would sincerely like to thank everyone for their generosity and support towards our 2019 Winter Appeal, especially Mt St Patrick College, Mt St Patrick Primary & St Josephs' Primary Schools, and parishioners.

With your support, of both our Winter and Christmas Appeals, we are able to continue our 'good works' and with the compassion and generosity of our wonderful community, our members and volunteers can help restore hope to those experiencing disadvantage and poverty.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

This is the final weekend for you 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.

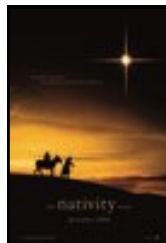
Every person recommended will be invited to an Information Meeting to receive current information about Pastoral Councils and the responsibilities of members.

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.**



**CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL
& NATIVITY TABLEAU**

SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2019

Mark The Date In Your Calendar

**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 and continue until Monday 11 November.

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.

Thank you for your prayers.

**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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