

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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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
- YEAR C
15 September 2019

We are never alone

It all began with a birthday. On Saturday June 23, 2018, Peerapat "Night" Sompiangjai turned seventeen. After football practice, "Night" didn't immediately go home to celebrate with his family. Instead, he went with his team mates and the assistant coach to their favourite haunt, *Tham Luang* cave.

Arriving at the cave the group ventured into the darkness with just their torches. They didn't need much else. After all, they were only planning to be there for an hour. But fast rising monsoonal floods changed everything. Suddenly they were trapped, lost and alone. It would be two weeks before they would again see the light of day.

The group had spent nine days in the cave with little food or light when British divers first reached them on July 2. Even after they were found, rescuing them was by no means certain. To extract exhausted and weakened boys through a black labyrinth of mud and swirling water was technically daring, physically improbable, and logistically overwhelming. Yet dozens of people with specialised skills travelled from around the world to save 13 strangers. Among them, Adelaide anaesthetist Richard Harris and Craig Challen, a cave diver from Perth, who were instrumental in the rescue and were jointly named 2019 Australians of the Year.

The boys' nail-biting tragedy-turned-survival-story was followed by millions worldwide, who received live updates from hundreds of journalists staked out at the foot of the mountain range. The boys were finally pulled from the cave by Thai Navy Seals and foreign cave diving experts, in a three-day rescue mission. Across the world there was great rejoicing and a collective sigh of relief when the last of the boys was brought out. The lost had been found!

What happened over those two weeks was a remarkable story of sacrifice; demonstrating the lengths some people will go to (with one rescuer dying), under extremely perilous and hazardous conditions, to save a human life, or in this case 13 lives.

Hopefully this story can help us understand and appreciate more deeply, just how far God will go for you and me, especially when we are lost or in trouble. Jesus uses three situations – a lost sheep, a lost coin and a lost son – to dramatise what happens when we find ourselves lost. God goes to extraordinary lengths to seek and find us and embrace us with abundant mercy and steadfast compassion. Then having found us, God is lavish in his love and rejoicing.

In today's world of balance sheets and bottom lines, no one would risk 99 for one or turn a house upside down to find a lost penny. The loss would be simply written off. Yet God never writes off anyone. God's desire is that no one be lost. When we find ourselves lost, God doesn't wait for our return. God actively seeks us out. And when the lost are found, how could we not celebrate and rejoice?

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 15 - 22 SEPTEMBER

Sunday	24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C 8.00am Mass - Sacred Heart Church <i>No 10am Mass in Parish today (see note page 3)</i>
Tuesday	<i>No Adoration, Mass or Rosary in Sacred Heart Church today.</i>
Wednesday	10.00am Parish Men's Group - RSL Club <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 5.30pm Finance Council Meeting
Friday	10.00am Communion Service - M'bah Nursing Home - K Mumford 10.00am Communion Service - Heritage Lodge - L Green 12 noon Catholic Women's Group - Riverview Hotel 12.15pm Mass - Sacred Heart Church with Mt St Patrick Primary Stage 2 2.00 - 3.00pm Adoration - Sacred Heart Church
Saturday	9.00am Rosary - Sacred Heart Church 6:00pm Vigil Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Sunday	25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C 8.00am Mass - Sacred Heart Church <i>No 10am Mass in Parish today (see note page 3)</i> 12 noon Baptisms - Sacred Heart Church - <i>Deacon Graeme Davis</i>

25th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Yr C 21/22 Sept	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 6.00pm Saturday	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 8.00am Sunday	COUNTERS: 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 27 Oct: C & J Anderson
Acolyte	R Daley	T Zambelli	
Altar Servers	R Trueman C Townsend	D, J, R & S Buchanan	
Readers	T Waugh (C) R B Brodbeck R K Mumford P/F	MA Thackray (C) R P Callaghan R C Wightley P/F	
Ministers of Communion	R Anderson (C) M Reynolds, L Hosking D & B Guinea	M Chiesa (C) P McMahon, L Green I & B Dusi	
Hospitality	—————	N Mayberry & J Morgan	
Procession of Gifts	C & J Anderson	S Lemon & P Yabsley	
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	P Zambelli	

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 PIZZA NIGHT
Saturday 19 October
with Mt St Patrick Primary families

ROSARY STATUE
Wendy Hancock



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP
Thursdays 1.45pm-2.45pm
South M'bah Meeting Room

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION - Sacred Heart:
There is NO Reconciliation in the Parish until Fr Anthony returns from Holidays.

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 8 October

CALENDAR

~ SEPTEMBER ~

- 23/27 Meals on Wheels - Roster 2
- 26 MSPC Yr 12 Graduation Mass
- 27 *St Vincent de Paul, memorial*
- 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
- 13 **28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YR C**
10am Mass - OLPS, Sth Murwillumbah

PLEASE NOTE:

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

LITURGY ROSTERS -

New Liturgy Rosters are available this weekend on the table at the Church entrance. Please take yours home with you today.

*The chalice of blessing that we bless
is a communion in the Blood of Christ;
and the bread that we break
is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.
1 Cor 10:16*

Readings next week: (Yr C)
25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Amos 8:4-7; 1 Tim 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Margaret Buring, Jim Courtney, Jason Cook, Dorothy Soegaard,
Lyn Cotelli, Sr Patricia Stewart PBVM.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Lenore Roberts, Gus Dignan, Monica Spackman,
Bruno Gransotto.



NOTICE BOARD

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

Our lunch this month will be on
Friday 20th September
at the Riverview Hotel at 12 noon.
ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME!

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 6

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

OPEN TO CONVERSION, RENEWAL AND REFORM?

"After John the Baptist had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee and began preaching the Good News of God. He said, 'The time has come; the Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe the Good News.'" (Mark 1:14-15)

This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a desire to do things differently in response to Christ and the experience of our people, accepting that faithfulness to tradition requires change that is both personal and communal. Respondents also affirmed the important role of the clergy, expressing their appreciation for their vocation and recognising the need for support and ongoing formation and accompaniment. Some asked for a consideration of alternative approaches to ordained ministry, some for a greater inclusion of laity and different groups in the Church's life, some for new models of governance and leadership, and some for a renewed fidelity to the Church's teachings. There was also a call for a renewed life of prayer and communion with one another, including understanding the many different ways in which we encounter God and experience a conversion of heart.

For further information visit:

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

**24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (50)**

R: I will rise and go to my Father.

IF SUNG:

R: I will arise, and go to my Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

**PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT
- MT ST PATRICK COLLEGE**

I would like to announce that Paul Reidy has been appointed to the position of Principal, Mount St Patrick College, Murwillumbah from the commencement of the 2020 school year.

Paul is currently the Assistant Principal at Xavier College, Ballina, with approximately 14 years' experience in teaching and leadership roles.

I congratulate Paul on his new role and look forward to his contribution to Catholic Education in our Parish.

Fr Anthony Lemon Parish Priest

**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.



**AID TO THE CHURCH IN
NEED (ACN)**

On the 18th of October Aid to the Church in Need is inviting children worldwide to take part in the campaign "One Million Children Praying the Rosary." For more information and for prayer resources visit, www.millionkidspraying.org



**CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL
& NATIVITY TABLEAU**

SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2019

We are ready to start planning for our 2019 Christmas Carnival & Tableau; however the planning meeting held on

Thursday 22 August was very poorly attended so there is some concern that we might not have the help we need for the Carnival this year. In the coming weeks the Parish Office staff will make contact with previous stall holders to ensure that we have some people willing to man the stalls on the night. At the moment we are considering some changes to the number of stalls and the overall format of the carnival.

The Tableau planning is well underway with all our schools committed to another fabulous performance. Thank you to our school co-ordinators Tameka Harris, Vanessa Hughes, Vanessa Bowe and Mary-Anne McShane.

The Parish Raffle tickets are being printed and will be ready for distribution early in October.

If you are keen to be involved in the Carnival in any way, please contact the Parish Office Monday to Friday 9am to 3pm to let us know you want to help.

**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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