

# 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

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Greville Street, South Murwillumbah

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Principal: Mr. Jason Clarke

**25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**- YEAR C**  
**22 September 2019**

## *Travelling the road ahead*

One of the most enduring motifs in modern film is the road trip, usually involving two or more travelling companions, sometimes strangers thrown together by circumstance, who must navigate a series of obstacles to make it home or escape to a new life. We need only think of such popular hits as *Planes*, *Trains and Automobiles*, *Thelma and Louise* or *Mad Max: Fury Road*.

Typically, the plot of the road trip movie will follow the protagonists through uncharted or foreign territory, where they will be forced to rely on each other to survive.

In today's reading from Luke (16:1-13), we have a small extract from what is a larger section in Luke's Gospel (Luke 9:51-19:44), which presents Jesus and his companions on Jesus' final journey to Jerusalem. Like all good road trip stories, the protagonists are traveling through the foreign territory of Samaria, encountering sights and people that Jews of the day would normally avoid.

While on the road, Jesus takes the opportunity to teach his disciples, to prepare them for life after his death, resurrection and ascension – when his disciples will again be in “foreign territory”. Luke, who is also the author of the Acts of the Apostles, will pick up this theme again in Acts, plotting the spread of the gospel from Jerusalem out to Samaria and beyond into the wider Gentile world of the Roman empire.

Jesus seeks to prepare his disciples for this challenge by teaching them how they should behave when in the future they travel outside their homelands. Some of that advice may strike us as surprising. For example, today, Jesus holds up an unlikely model for emulation, a cunning and self-serving property manager who “cooks the books” and reduces his own profit margin to evade punishment from the land owner. By reducing the debts of his employer's debtors, he gains both the undying loyalty of the debtors and the grudging admiration of his employer.

Luke's Jesus tells this story in the context of the road trip to Jerusalem to make the point that the journey is not a means to an end – to be “saved” or to be successful; it is an end in itself. For Luke, the Church is a fellowship of fellow travellers, for whom money and possessions are merely the “means” to the more important goal of attaining deeper engagement with God and with all of humanity.

This is a life task that is neither complete; nor is it one that we can accomplish on our own. Like the protagonists in a road trip movie, we have been thrown together by circumstance and a shared mission. So, this Sunday why not take the opportunity to engage with the people in the pews around you? Introduce yourself to someone you don't know. Stay a few minutes longer after Mass and join in conversation with your fellow travellers. Perhaps then we can better prepare ourselves to meet the challenges together of the road ahead.

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# THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 22 - 29 SEPTEMBER

Sunday	<b>25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C</b>	
	8.00am	<u>Mass</u> - 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>
Tuesday	4.15pm - 5.15pm	Adoration - Sacred Heart Church
	5.30pm	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	6.00pm	Rosary - Sacred Heart Church
Wednesday	4.15pm - 5.15pm	Adoration - Sacred Heart Church
	5.30pm	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
Thursday	<i>No 8.30am Mass today.</i>	
	9.15am	Legion of Mary - South Murwillumbah Meeting Room
	10.30am	<b>Mt St Patrick College Yr 12 Graduation Mass - Sacred Heart</b>
	1.45pm - 2.45pm	Christian Meditation Group - South Murwillumbah Mtg Room
	3.00pm	Junior Legion of Mary - South Murwillumbah
Friday	<b>St. Vincent de Paul, memorial</b>	
	10.00am	Communion Service - M'bah Nursing Home - K Mumford
	10.00am	Communion Service - Heritage Lodge - J Reynolds
	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>26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C</b>	
	<b>SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY</b>	
	8.00am	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	<i>No 10am Mass in Parish today (Fifth Sunday of the month)</i>	

26th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Yr C 28/29 Sept	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 6.00pm Saturday	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 8.00am Sunday	COUNTERS: 22 Sept: P & L McMahon 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 03 Nov: G & K Bewes
<b>Acolyte</b>	J Reynolds	P Marr	<b>CHURCH CLEANING SANCTUARY &amp; ALTAR</b> <b><u>Sacred Heart Church:</u></b> <b>22 &amp; 29 Sept:</b> L Johnson <b><u>OLPS Church, Sth M'bah</u></b> <b>September:</b> K Ryder <b>October:</b> MA Thackray
<b>Altar Servers</b>	O Adams R Trueman	I Dusi, S Gibbons L Clark	
<b>Readers</b>	B Grant (C) R G Molloy R D Banner P/F	B Gorton (C) R J Schiller R F Wright P/F	
<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	C Anderson (C) R Daley, D Macartney B Nolan, M Mumford	R Marr (C) B Cook, J Morgan M Roberts, C Wightley	
<b>Hospitality</b>	M Reynolds & D Haumu	B McGrouther & F Berg	
<b>Procession of Gifts</b>	R & E Nihill	Heanes/Dusi family	
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	No Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	

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

**ROSARY STATUE**  
Anne Manning



## 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

## 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

### ~ OCTOBER ~

#### *Month of the Holy Rosary*

- 04 10am Mass - Aveo Nursing Home
- 05 6pm Vigil Mass - Youth Mass
- 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
- 16 Parish Men's Group - 10am RSL Club
- 17 HSC exams commence
- 19 6pm Family Mass with Mt St Patrick Primary School
- 19 7pm-Pizza in Hall following Family Mass
- 20 **29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YR C**  
10am Mass - St Brigid's, Burringbar

### PLEASE NOTE:

**There will be NO 10am Mass this Sunday 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.

*I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.  
John 10:14*

**Readings next week: (Yr C)**  
**26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**Amos 6:1, 4-7; 1 Tim 6:11-16;**  
**Lk 16:19-31**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Margaret Buring, Jim Courtney, Jason Cook,  
Dorothy Soegaard, Lyn Cotelli.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Maria Zambelli, Tyrone Adams, Jane O'Farrell,  
Michael Dusi.



## NOTICE BOARD

### MEALS ON WHEELS - ROSTER 2

**23 - 27 September**

Mon: G & K Bewes

Tues: K & C Kerr

Wed: M Roberts & B Heanes;

Fri: C Dennis & B McGrouther

### WEBSITES FOR PRAYER & REFLECTION

[www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com) (daily)

[www.sacredspace.ie](http://www.sacredspace.ie) (daily)

[www.prayasyoucan.com.au](http://www.prayasyoucan.com.au)  
(weekly)

[www.therosary3.com](http://www.therosary3.com) - a  
reflective way to pray the Rosary

### Next Sunday 29th September we will celebrate SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY.

This year's Social Justice Statement is titled:

***'Making it Real: Genuine human encounter  
in our digital world'.***

The Statement affirms the positive possibilities for encounter and solidarity offered by new digital media, while warning of those elements that are harmful to the dignity of individuals and the common good.

Pope Francis is calling us to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world'.

Statements and Prayer Cards will be available next Sunday.

### REFLECTION...

We are creatures of this world. We are made of it and we are totally dependent upon it for our very existence. We require its air, its water, its food, its heat. We need it for covering and for shelter; we need it to stimulate our minds and our spirits. Therefore, our use of its phenomenal resources cannot in itself be immoral. What is questionable is the character of our use.

There are many circumstances that contribute to the complexity of these matters. The merchant in the passage from Amos is not faulted because he was prosperous. Nor is the steward in the gospel criticised for putting resources aside for future use. But how much does a person need when there are others who are really needy?

We live our lives on the horns of a dilemma. We have the right to use and to enjoy the marvels of our world, but we cannot do this free of responsibility to each other and to the world itself. We are not called to disown the world. It is impossible for us to do that, because of our total dependence upon it. But we are called to live in it gently, using what we need and sharing what we can. We must make decisions as trustworthy stewards of the household of God, not like the man in the gospel who was only concerned with his own well being. We must serve God, not mammon.

- Dianne Bergant CSA

**25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C  
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (112)**

**R: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.**

**IF SUNG:**

**R: Praise the Lord; who raises up the poor.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,  
to make you rich out of his poverty.**

**Alleluia!**



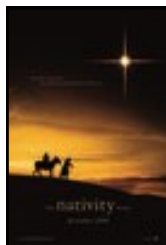
**BAPTISMS:**

Please welcome

**Euan John Frank Cornale  
& George John Hasrouny**  
to our faith community.

**POPE FRANCIS'  
FIVE FINGER PRAYER**

1. The thumb is the closest finger to you. So start praying for those who are closest to you. They are the persons easiest to remember. To pray for our dear ones is a 'Sweet Obligation'.
2. The next finger is the index. Pray for those who teach you, instruct you and heal you. They need the support and wisdom to show direction to others. Always keep them in your prayers.
3. The following finger is the tallest. It reminds us of our leaders, the governors and those who have authority. They need God's guidance.
4. The fourth finger is the ring finger. Even that it may surprise you, it is our weakest finger. It should remind us to pray for the weakest, the sick or those plagued by problems. They need your prayers.
5. And finally we have our smallest finger, the smallest of all. Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. When you are done praying for the other four groups, you will be able to see your own needs but in the proper perspective. And also you will be able to pray for your own needs in a better way.



**CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL  
& NATIVITY TABLEAU  
SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2019  
10 weeks to Carnival Day!**

**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.

**There are only a few names left!**

If you would like to be 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  
50<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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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