

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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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 29 September 2019

God's purpose for us

The words from today's responsorial Psalm - *'The Lord shall reign forever'* - proclaim a theme that is like a golden thread woven through the entire Bible, from beginning to end.

God created the world for a purpose. He redeems the world for that same purpose. Jesus reveals this purpose; he is the purpose. In him *the Lord shall reign forever*. That's why we call Jesus the Alpha and Omega. By his teaching, and by his life, death and resurrection, Jesus reveals to us that God created humanity in the beginning with a special purpose in mind, a purpose born of love. This means that we ourselves have a purpose. And that purpose is articulated by these words of the Psalm: *The Lord shall reign forever*. How does this work?

The plan of God for the world and for humanity within it has unfolded over the millennia of human history through the life of a chosen people, the children of Abraham, who are chosen, elected by God, to collaborate in the accomplishment of God's purpose.

The Bible is a vast library of books, built up through those millennia, telling of the relationship - called a covenant - of *companionship and collaboration* with God. From Adam to Jesus the covenants which God has forged with human partners form a developing series. As such, the covenants are the historical baseline of the biblical story. They are the road-markers on the journey of the accomplishment of God's purpose.

The Bible describes five central covenants made between God and humans:

The covenant with all creation through Noah,

The covenant of election with Abraham,

The national covenant with the people of Israel through Moses,
The royal covenant with David, and

The new covenant of Jesus the Messiah.

As the biblical story unfolds it becomes clear that the common purpose of the covenants is, to use Jesus' expression, the *Kingdom*. It is also clear that the covenants are so intimately interconnected that they effectively constitute one covenant unfolding in five stages. Through them God reveals and shares God's purpose with us, who among all God's creatures are uniquely called *to collaborate in bringing about God's reign*.

So the unity of the biblical story is found in the theme of the reign of God, the *Kingdom*, and its accomplishment which unfolds through the stages of God's covenantal companionship and collaboration with humanity, culminating in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Jesus' parable of the rich man and Lazarus in today's gospel offers us a striking illustration of what God's reign is like and what it calls us to in our work of collaborating in the coming of God's reign. Once again Jesus highlights that God's steadfast love and paramount concern is for the poor and oppressed, the marginalised and the lost. So it should be for us, his followers.

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 29 SEPTEMBER - 6 OCTOBER

Sunday	26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 8.00am Mass - Sacred Heart Church <i>No 10am Mass in Parish today (Fifth Sunday of the month)</i>	
Monday	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	
Tuesday	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 4.15pm - 5.15pm Adoration - Sacred Heart Church 5.30pm Mass - Sacred Heart Church 6.00pm Rosary - Sacred Heart Church	
Wednesday	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 4.15pm - 5.15pm Adoration - Sacred Heart Church 5.30pm Mass - Sacred Heart Church	
Thursday	8.30am Mass - Sacred Heart Church. 9.15am Legion of Mary - South Murwillumbah Meeting Room	
Friday	10.00am Mass - Opal Nursing Home - Fr Anthony 10.00am Communion Service - Heritage Lodge - L Hosking 12.15pm Mass - Sacred Heart Church 2.00 - 3.00pm Adoration - Sacred Heart Church	
Saturday	9.00am Rosary - Sacred Heart Church 6:00pm Vigil Mass - Sacred Heart Church	
Sunday	27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C 8.00am Mass - Sacred Heart Church 10.00am Mass - St Columba's Church, Uki	

**Daylight Savings
commences Sunday
6 October.**

27th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Yr C 05/06 Sept	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 6.00pm Saturday	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 8.00am Sunday	COUNTERS: 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 10 Nov: P & L McMahon CHURCH CLEANING SANCTUARY & ALTAR Sacred Heart Church: 29 Sept: L Johnson 6 & 13 October: C Wightley, Zambelli family, N Gear OLPS Church, Sth M'bah October: MA Thackray
Acolyte	P Egan	T Zambelli	
Altar Servers	C & H Leslight L Daly	E & T Loughman	
Readers	R Daley (C) P/F L Fox R M Reynolds R	B Nolan (C) R M Roberts R K Malone P/F	
Ministers of Communion	D & B Guinea (C) R Nihill, C Wightley R Anderson	B Gorton (C) P Marr, J Schiller MA Thackray, P Zambelli	
Hospitality	————	J & H Larkin	
Procession of Gifts	————	McCalman family	
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	

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

ROSARY STATUE

Marion Roberts



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

(Not during school holidays)

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 8 October

CALENDAR

~ OCTOBER ~

Month of the Holy Rosary

07 Public Holiday - Parish Office closed

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**
WORLD MISSION DAY

10am Mass - St Brigid's, Burringbar

24 Parish Finance Council

27 **30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YR C**

10am Mass - OLPS, Sth Murwillumbah
Baptisms

PLEASE NOTE:

**There will be NO 10am Mass this
Sunday 29 SEPTEMBER
(Fifth Sunday)**

PLEASE NOTE:

**The Parish Office will be closed
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
this coming week.**

LITURGY ROSTERS -

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

Readings next week: (Yr C)

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14;

Lk 17:5-9

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Debbie Jeffrey (daughter of Bernice Tomson),
Chris Waters, Margaret Buring, Jim Courtney,
Jason Cook, Dorothy Soegaard.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Ted Leape, Allan Wolstenholme.



NOTICE BOARD

CATHOLIC LIFE -

The September edition of 'Catholic Life', our FREE diocesan journal, is available this weekend. Articles include:

Bishop Gregory's writes ...

Notre Dame's Crown of Thorns...

Something beautiful for Cambodia...

Around the Schools ...

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Catholic Life is also on the diocesan website:

<http://www.lismorediocese.org>

PRAYER SPONSORS

FOR MSPC HSC STUDENTS

Please keep all Year 12 students in your prayers as they prepare to sit for their Higher School Certificate exams.

The HSC exams commence Thursday 17 October and continue until Monday 11 November.

MARIAN VALLEY TRIP...

A group of parishioners is travelling by bus to the Marian Valley on Sunday 13 October, for the Fatima Day Programme.

The bus is leaving the Queensland Road Bus Bay at 8.45am.

Cost per head is \$25.00.

If you would to go on the bus, please leave you name and phone number on the sheet provided at the church entrance.

For further details phone Susan Kean 6672 2566.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN)



Aid to the
Church in Need
ACN AUSTRALIA

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

MISSION ADVENTURE?

Communities in Asia, Africa and the Pacific seek volunteer medics, teachers, tradies, business and admins to assist their development.



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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (145)

R: Praise the Lord, my soul.

IF SUNG:

R: Praise the Lord my soul, O praise the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Alleluia!



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

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 5 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.

Today is

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

This year, the Australian Catholic Bishops' 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.

The Australian Bishops invite you to reflect on how the internet has changed the way we communicate, work, learn, and do business - and how we can contribute towards a more just and loving digital world. We are called to 'make real' the love of God in the lives of our neighbours - both offline and on.

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

Limited copies of the Social Justice Statement, along with prayer cards & brochures, are available today at the church entrance.

For further details, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website:

www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or call (02) 8306 3499.

**Are you able to give back to the community
as a member of the
St Vincent de Paul Society?**

There are many jobs to do including, taking phone appointments, office administration, computer data entry, interviewing & assisting people, making follow up phone calls and meeting together as Vincentians

⁴⁴"Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?" ⁴⁵"He will reply, 'truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these; you did not do for me.' Matthew 25:44-45

Put your faith into action and make a difference.

If you would like to know how to become involved in the St Vincent de Paul Society in our parish, please contact Marie Donaghy 0266722933.



St Vincent de Paul Society
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good works

**Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.**

This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Ps 118:49-50



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