

# *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**

Fr. Anthony Lemon

### **Parish Manager**

Mary-Ann Thackray

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Beth Gorton

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### **Mt. St. Patrick Primary School**

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Principal: Brendan Ryan

### **St. Joseph's Primary School**

Greville Street, South Murwillumbah

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Principal: Jason Clarke

**27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
- YEAR C  
6 October 2019**

## *God's delays are not denials*

How often, when hard times come our way, we cry out to God in distress and dismay, just as the prophet Habakkuk does in today's first reading: "I cry for help but you do not listen! I cry out to you, 'Violence!' but you do not intervene. Why do you let me see ruin; why must I look at misery?"

The Lord's answer to Habakkuk is an answer for us too: "The vision still has its time, presses on to fulfilment, and will not disappoint; if it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late." In other words, hold on, hold out, hold fast! God's delays are not God's denials.

But hard times can, if we let them, embitter us. They can harden our hearts and harden us to the needs and the suffering of others. The psalmist today cautions us not to let life's hard times harden us. Suffering and sorrow will inevitably come our way; but let it not make us bitter, resentful, cold, or hard hearted.

The challenge is to let those pain points in our lives – those wounds, hurts, or injuries that befall us – become growth points. It is to let them soften whatever hardness of heart has set in and to let those pain points open us up to new life, new understanding, and new compassion for those around us and the world and its needs.

The Letter to Timothy reminds us that we have the strength to do this: "God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control ... bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God."

Looking back on our lives, we can often see that the pain points were growth points and that we did in fact have the strength to endure them. But how often, when a new struggle befalls us, we forget this. We lose faith. We doubt God's presence and care for us.

So too the apostles. In today's gospel, they ask Jesus, "Increase our faith." But, in reply, Jesus indicates that they, like Habakkuk, and like us, are asking the wrong question. They are looking in the wrong direction, and focussing on the wrong things.

Jesus challenges us all not to focus on ourselves and whether we think we have enough faith, but to focus on God, who is with us, and at work in and through us, whether we recognise it or not. It is for us to hold on, through thick and thin, focussing on God for whom all things are possible, and keeping our hearts open and attune to Jesus.

Finally, Jesus reminds the apostles that they should not expect thanks for doing what is commanded of them! So too for us. Like them, we too are to play our part as witnesses to and agents of Jesus' mission of love for all creation.

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# THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 6 - 13 OCTOBER

Sunday	<b>27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C</b>	
	8.00am	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	10.00am	<u>Mass</u> - St Columba's Church, Uki
Monday	Public Holiday - Parish Office Closed	
	9.00am	Rosary & Prayers - OLPS, Sth Murwillumbah
Tuesday	4.15pm - 5.15pm	Adoration - Sacred Heart Church
	5.30pm	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	6.00pm	Rosary - Sacred Heart Church
Wednesday	9.00am	<u>Mass</u> - Greenhills Lodge
	4.15pm - 5.15pm	Adoration - Sacred Heart Church
	5.30pm	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
Thursday	8.30am	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church.
	9.15am	Legion of Mary - South Murwillumbah Meeting Room
Friday	10.00am	Communion Service - Opal Nursing Home - C Dennis
	10.00am	<u>Mass</u> - Heritage Lodge - Fr Anthony
	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>28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C</b>	
	8.00am	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	10.00am	<u>Mass</u> - Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, South Murwillumbah

28th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Yr C 12/13 Sept	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 6.00pm Saturday	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 8.00am Sunday	COUNTERS:
<b>Acolyte</b>	R Daley	P Marr	06 Oct: T & P Zambelli
<b>Altar Servers</b>	C Larkin W Ryan	B & J Lofts V O'Keefe	13 Oct: P & R Marr
<b>Readers</b>	B Grant (C) R T Waugh R G Molloy P/F	J Schiller (C) R P Yabsley R L Green P/F	20 Oct: B Brodbeck & C Kerr
<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	C Anderson (C) L Hosking, D Macartney K Mumford, M Mumford	J Morgan (C) M Reynolds, T Zambelli M Chiesa, B Nolan	27 Oct: C & J Anderson
<b>Hospitality</b>	—————	M Zambelli & M Roberts	03 Nov: G & K Bewes
<b>Procession of Gifts</b>	P & L Fox	F & B McGrouther	10 Nov: P & L McMahon
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	No Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	17 Nov: J Morgan & L Green

**CHURCH CLEANING**  
**SANCTUARY & ALTAR**  
**Sacred Heart Church:**  
**6 & 13 October:** C Wightley,  
Zambelli family, N Gear  
**20 Oct:** B Gorton, M Reynolds  
**OLPS Church, Sth M'bah**  
**October:** MA Thackray

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

**ROSARY STATUE**  
Susan & Vincent Kean



## 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 12 November

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Melanie Campbell,  
Debbie Jeffrey, Chris Waters, Margaret Buring

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Pat Walker, Kevin Reading,  
Eric Roberts, Margaret Grant



## NOTICE BOARD

### PARISH MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting of the Parish Men's Group for a Cuppa/  
morning tea will be on **Wednesday 16th October -**

**10am - RSL Club, Murwillumbah**

**ALL MEN ARE WELCOME!**

## CALENDAR

### ~ OCTOBER ~

#### *Month of the Holy Rosary*

16 Parish Men's Group - 10am RSL Club

17 HSC exams commence

18 Catholic Women's Group - 10am Parish  
Administration Centre

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

24 Parish Finance Council

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

10am Mass - OLPS, Sth Murwillumbah  
Baptisms

28 Oct/1 Nov Meals on Wheels - Roster 1

### ~ NOVEMBER ~

01 **ALL SAINTS DAY**

01 9.30am MSPPS Grandparents Mass

01 10am - Opal Nursing Home

02 **ALL SOULS DAY**

02 9am Mass - Sacred Heart Church

03 **31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YR C**

10am Mass - St Columba's, Uki

09 Mass of the Angels - 9am - Sacred Heart

10 **32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YR C**

10am Mass - OLPS, Sth Murwillumbah  
Baptisms - 12 noon - Sacred Heart

### 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

### Public Square Rosary

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2019

at 10:00 am (daylight saving time)

to be held in

Budd Park Murwillumbah

BYO Chair

As we all know Australia is in need of public  
prayer, repentance and conversion.

We must ask God's merciful blessing upon  
Australia through the powerful intercession  
of Our Lady of Fatima.



### LITURGY ROSTERS -

Liturgy Rosters for 21/09/2019 to  
19/01/2020 are available this weekend  
on the table at the Church entrance.  
Please take yours home with you today.

### Readings next week: (Yr C)

**28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**2 Kg 5:14-17; 2 Tim 2:8-13;**

**Lk 17:11-19**

### 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](http://www.millionkidspraying.org)

**27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C  
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (94)**

**R:** If today you hear his voice, harden not  
your hearts.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**The word of the Lord stands forever:**

**it is the word given to you, the Good News.**

**Alleluia!**

**BAPTISM:** *Please welcome*

**Sage Lillian Walters, Gloria Ayu Coughlan &  
Saktika Dewi Coughlan** *to our faith community.*



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

**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 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](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.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**THE RELICS OF ST THERESE OF LISIEUX AND HER  
PARENTS STS. LOUIS & ZELIE MARTIN IN THE  
DIOCESE OF LISMORE FROM SATURDAY 15TH -  
WEDNESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2020**

October 1st, 2019, the Feast of St Therese of Lisieux, marks the official launch of this National Pilgrimage. The pilgrimage will be a special time of grace for all who venerate the relics and a prayerful precursor to the historic convening of Plenary Council 2020.

The relics will visit various parishes throughout the Diocese, beginning at the Carmelite Monastery on 15 February, St Carthage's Cathedral 16 February and onto Casino, Maclean, Grafton, Sawtell & Port Macquarie until 19 February.

**REFLECTION ...**

In our struggles to be faithful disciples, we frequently must endure periods when we feel abandoned by God. When we have been intent on serving God with genuine devotion, such times are particularly trying, for one would expect that God would not withdraw consolations. When this happens, the broken heart and the strained spirit cry out to God in complaint: How long? Why? We have all been worn down by life, tempted to give up, too weary to go on.

Faith in God is a gift for which we pray. It enables us to accomplish marvellous feats; with it we can move mountains. As unprofitable servants, we do not earn it; we have no right to claim it as our own. We are the ones from whom faithful service will be expected. We will be sent to plough the fields and tend the sheep. We will be called to serve at table.

The faith that is ours has been mediated to us through the community. We have heard about God and about Jesus from others, from our parents and families, from our teachers and those who preach, from those with whom we work and play. Faith comes from God, but through the mediation of the community. Timothy received faith from his mother and grandmother. It was strengthened in him through the imposition of Paul's hands and through his preaching of the word of God. Furthermore, what Paul taught had first been handed down to him from those who preceded him.

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Though many, we are one bread, one body,  
for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.  
1 Cor 10:17



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