

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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**29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
- YEAR C
20 October 2019**

Pray always

Jesus' rather humorous parable in today's gospel provides abundant material for a reflection on the importance of constant prayer in our lives.

This parable tells of a corrupt judge, pestered by a persistent widow. A woman without a man in the ancient world was extremely vulnerable. She could be among the true outcasts of society. The unjust judge finally gives in to her, not because he is won over by her pleading to him to acting justly, but because she is going to 'worry him to death'. Jesus uses such everyday life situations to emphasise 'the need to pray always and not to lose heart.'

The parable, therefore, does not focus on the behaviour of the unjust judge, rather it highlights the persistent fight of the widow to win over the judge. Jesus is saying that, if even an unjust judge could be forced by a persistent widow to give her justice, how much more will a loving God act justly towards struggling humanity. The judge is eventually moved by the desperate pleading of the helpless widow, so how much more is God moved by our persistent prayer day and night?

We are all like the powerless widow when we come before God. But God is always on the side of the vulnerable. The God to whom we pray is compassionate, ready to respond to the needs of the powerless and oppressed. Do we really put ourselves totally in the hands of God's providence? Have we placed our hope in the God who will hear our calls for help – and who has inspired our prayers in the first place?

This parable was very relevant to the situation of the first Christians who faced persecution for their faith. It was an encouraging call for them to persist in prayer in order to withstand situations of persecution and discouragement. It is also a call for us today to remain constant in faith when we are facing difficult situations in our own lives and communities.

Prayer connects us with God. Jesus himself prays, and teaches us how to pray. Our prayer can be in the community, or with family or in our own personal and often hidden manner. Our prayer might be prompted by a feeling of awe; a sense of happiness and peace prompted by the beauty of creation; a moment of transcendence in the presence of music or art; an overflowing of wonder at a birth; even a moment of connection with another person's death. It might be saying set prayers or it might be spontaneous conversation with God. But praying is a very important part of our life.

For the family, it is worth recalling the advice, "The family that prays together stays together". Most importantly, St Paul tells us, "pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 20 - 27 OCTOBER

Sunday	29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C 2019 CATHOLIC WORLD MISSION DAY APPEAL 8.00am <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church 10.00am <u>Mass</u> - St Brigid's, Burringbar
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 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council Information Meeting - Sacred Heart
Thursday	8.30am <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church 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 Parish Finance Council
Friday	10.00am Communion Service - Opal 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	30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C 8.00am <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church 10.00am <u>Mass</u> - Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, South Murwillumbah 12 noon Baptisms - Sacred Heart Church

30th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Yr C 26/27 Sept	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 6.00pm Saturday	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 8.00am Sunday	COUNTERS: 20 Oct: B Brodbeck & C Kerr 27 Oct: C & J Anderson 03 Nov: G & K Bewes 10 Nov: P & L McMahon 17 Nov: J Morgan & L Green 24 Nov: T & P Zambelli 01 Dec: P & R Marr
Acolyte	P Egan	P Marr	
Altar Servers	R & H Ryder V Kirk, O Barrett	J & M Wylie K & C Lesleighter	
Readers	C Anderson (C) R M Mumford R B Brodbeck P/F	F Wright (C) P/F B Nolan R M Roberts R	
Ministers of Communion	R Anderson (C) R Daley, D Macartney D & B Guinea	P & T Zambelli (C) B Gorton, M Reynolds J Schiller	
Hospitality	M Reynolds & D Haumu	B McGrouther & F Berg	CHURCH CLEANING SANCTUARY & ALTAR <u>Sacred Heart Church:</u> 20 & 27 Oct: B Gorton, M Reynolds 3 & 10 Nov: ??? <u>OLPS Church, Sth M'bah</u> October: MA Thackray
Procession of Gifts	R & L Nihill	P Yabsley & S Lemon	
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	T Jandura	

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

ROSARY STATUE

Narelle Gear



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 10 November

hosted by Anderson family group

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 12 November

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Kath Kearney, John Gittoes, Melanie Campbell, Debbie Jeffrey.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Archdeacon John Dalton (1st Parish Priest of Murwillumbah),
Monsignor John Henry Fitzpatrick (PP Murwillumbah),
Noel Sims, Salvatore Procopio.



NOTICE BOARD

MASS TIMES

1 & 2 NOVEMBER

ALL SAINTS DAY

FRIDAY, 1 NOVEMBER

9.30AM MASS in Sacred Heart Church
with Mt St Patrick Primary School
celebrating Grandparents Day.

ALL SOULS DAY

SATURDAY, 2 NOVEMBER

9.00AM MASS in Sacred Heart Church

CALENDAR

~ OCTOBER ~

Month of the Holy Rosary

28 Oct/1 Nov Meals on Wheels - Roster 1

30 Pastoral Council Discernment Meeting

~ 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 (see note)

10 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YR C

9am - Parish Cuppa in Hall

10am Mass - OLPS, Sth Murwillumbah

Baptisms - 12 noon - Sacred Heart

11/15 Clergy Conference

17 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YR C

10am Mass - St Brigid's, Burringbar

23 Mass of Anointing (see note)

24 OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE -YR C

10am Mass - OLPS, Sth Murwillumbah

30 CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL & NATIVITY TABLEAU

Mass of the Angels

9.00am Saturday 9 November

Sacred Heart Church

*A special Mass for families to remember their children
that have died at, or before birth, or as young children.*

MASS OF ANOINTING

*Come and receive the Healing Touch of God
at this Healing Mass*

Saturday 23 November 9.00am - Sacred Heart Church

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is a prayer of healing
which may be celebrated individually and communally, and may
be received more than once.

ALL WELCOME

2019 HSC EXAMS

Please keep all Year 12 students
in your prayers as they continue their
Higher School Certificate examinations
this week.

CHURCH PEWS FOR SALE - \$100-\$300 each

Great piece of furniture for a hallway or verandah.
Old church pews – a variety of styles, lengths and timbers –
some small marks/chips as might be expected given the age
and usage of these old pews.
Contact Parish Office 6672 1118 - Pick Up Only

Readings next week: (Yr C)
30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19;
2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

CAROLS ON THE HILL

All Saints Anglican Church are hosting a community carols event on
Sunday 15th December at 6.30pm.

If you are a singer or musician, and are available for 1-2 rehearsals
before the Carols, please contact Anna Mullholland 0418 880 697.

**29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (120)**

R: Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!**

**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.

**58TH CHRISTMAS
CARNIVAL
& NATIVITY TABLEAU
SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER**



As we countdown the weeks before this important parish event, have you thought how can you help make the 2019 Carnival & Tableau a really great success!

Here are a few ideas...

- ♦ **RAFFLE TICKETS** - Please collect your 2019 Christmas Carnival Raffle tickets, located on the table at the Church entrance.
Parishioners, not on the Planned Giving Programme, and who **would like Raffle tickets, can pick up a book of tickets after Mass** - located on the table at the Church entrance (Enter your name against the ticket number on the sheet provided), **or from the Parish Office.**
- ♦ **Bottle Stall** - donations of filled bottles/jars - \$2+ (preferably plastic).
- ♦ Plant cuttings, seedlings or herbs for the **Plant Stall**
- ♦ Cook Christmas Cakes & Puddings for the **Cake Stall**
- ♦ Sew, knit or crochet items for the **Craft/Produce Stall**
- ♦ Perhaps you could make pickles, jams, relishes for the **Produce/Craft Stall AND...**

ONLY 6 WEEKS UNTIL CARNIVAL DAY!



Today is WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

'Do not fear, for I am with you.' Isaiah 41:10

Sister Stan Mumuni is at the forefront of the Church's work in reaching out to children in need in Ghana. As the director of the Nazareth Home for God's Children, Sister Stan works endlessly to provide education, healthcare and a safe home for children rescued from life-threatening situations.

In line with traditional beliefs, in parts of Ghana, children born with a disability, or whose mother passes during childbirth, are considered to be 'spirit children', and thus at risk of being harmed or killed.

The Church in Ghana is dedicated to protecting these children and educating families to ensure every child has a chance to live a full life. The Nazareth Home for God's Children is among the pioneers in this crucial mission.

However, the survival of these programs, and the children and young people who benefit so greatly from them, relies so much on the support you can provide today.

Envelopes can be found in the church, and may be placed on the Collection Plates, this weekend or next weekend. Or phone (Freecall): 1800 257 296 Or visit: catholicmission.org.au/Ghana



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