

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

PARISH STAFF

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Principal: Jason Clarke

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
- YEAR C
27 October 2019

Admitting our failings

When Bill joined AA, the first step was admitting that he was powerless when it came to alcohol. In order to heal from his sickness, he had to start again, at rock bottom. Now, rock bottom isn't a place where we feel too comfortable, but it's a place that can teach us a great deal. In fact, there are many spiritual guides who believe it's the place where we begin to grow spiritually. I think this was something the Pharisee in today's gospel didn't know.

You could say the Pharisee in Jesus' story is the total opposite of Bill. For him everything has to look right, with no chinks in the armour. If he were one of today's politicians, he'd be terrified that someone might detect a weakness, or find out about a mistake. He doesn't seem to know that image-building often comes at the expense of true human growth and insight. The problem is, once 'looking good' is the top priority, we human beings are in trouble. This poor old Pharisee has convinced himself that he has the right formula for life, but in fact he's completely wrong. Meanwhile, the tax collector, the one he despises, is clearly beloved of God. Go figure, as they say.

The Pharisee doesn't seem to know that religious grandiosity and 'big noting' yourself aren't really part of genuine spirituality. If he'd heard Jesus teaching that *'the last shall be first'* he'd probably just be scratching his head in confusion. He doesn't understand that those who spend too much time trying to be first in the spiritual realm will never get there. He wouldn't have noticed that Jesus doesn't get upset with sinners, but only with those who refuse to admit their failings.

You could safely say the Pharisee hasn't realised that the times in our lives of weakness and suffering can often deliver to us our best life lessons. They help us to say goodbye to our religious pretensions and strip us bare. These times can make us think and feel about our faith in a way that we never did before. Sometimes we even get to see that we can grow more by doing it wrong than by doing it right. Our failings can help to keep us real, and grounded, even humble, (think of the tax collector). As the mystic Julian of Norwich explained: *'First there is the fall, and then we recover from the fall. Both are the mercy of God!'*

This brings us back to Bill and to the tax collector, and to all the other people who don't necessarily fit in with our ideas about who is worthy before God. The Pharisee thought it was fine to despise and exclude such people. He didn't seem to know about the importance of loving others, in all their variety.

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 27 OCTOBER - 3 NOVEMBER

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
Tuesday	4.15pm - 5.15pm	Adoration - Sacred Heart Church
	5.30pm	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	6.00pm	Rosary - Sacred Heart Church
	6.00pm	<i>Parish Conversation - Re: future use of Hall - Parish Hall</i>
Wednesday	4.15pm - 5.15pm	Adoration - Sacred Heart Church
	5.30pm	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	7.00pm	Parish Pastoral Council Discernment 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
	4.00pm	<i>Christmas Carnival Meeting - Parish Administration Office</i>
Friday	9.30am	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church - MSPPS Grandparents Day
ALL SAINTS DAY	10.00am	<u>Mass</u> - Opal Nursing Home - Fr John Fitz-Walter
	10.00am	Communion Service - Heritage Lodge - L Hosking
	2.00 - 3.00pm	Adoration - Sacred Heart Church
Saturday	9.00am	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
ALL SOULS DAY	6.00pm	<u>Vigil Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
Sunday	31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C	
	8.00am	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	10.00am	<u>Mass</u> - St. Columba's, Uki

31st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Yr C 2/3 Nov	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 6.00pm Saturday	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 8.00am Sunday	COUNTERS:
Acolyte	R Daley	T Zambelli	27 Oct: C & J Anderson
Altar Servers	Z Macartney L Grant, L Weaver	J & K Farrell L Kee	03 Nov: G & K Bewes
Readers	YOUTH	P Yabsley (C) P/F C Wightley R K Malone R	10 Nov: P & L McMahon
Ministers of Communion	L Hosking (C) B Brodbeck, K Mumford M Reynolds, K Mumford	P & R Marr (C) MA Thackray M Chiesa, J Morgan	17 Nov: J Morgan & L Green
Hospitality	YOUTH	J & H Larkin	24 Nov: T & P Zambelli
Procession of Gifts	YOUTH	Heanes/Dusi family	01 Dec: P & R Marr
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	C Goronszy	08 Dec: B Brodbeck & C Kerr
			CHURCH CLEANING SANCTUARY & ALTAR <u>Sacred Heart Church:</u> 27 Oct: B Gorton, M Reynolds 3 & 10 Nov: K Mumford, J Morgan <u>OLPS Church, Sth M'bah</u> October: MA Thackray November: D Banner

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 CUPPA
Sunday 10 November
hosted by Anderson family group

ROSARY STATUE
Delphi Salvatore



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:

Owen Allard, Ted Hilder, Josie Rofney (cousin of Annie Leslie),
Norah Donovan (sister of Annie Leslie), Kath Kearney,
John Gittos, Melanie Campbell.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mary Lever.



NOTICE BOARD

PARISH CONVERSATION

RE: FUTURE USE OF THE
PARISH HALL

6PM TUESDAY 29 OCTOBER

PARISH HALL

All parishioners
are invited to attend.

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL MEETING

THURSDAY 31ST

OCTOBER AT 4.00PM

Parish Administration Centre

All Stall holders and
interested persons
are invited to attend.

CALENDAR

~ NOVEMBER ~

Month of the Holy Souls

04 Rosary & Prayers - OLPS, Sth M'bah

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

13 Parish Men's Group - 10am RSL Club

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**

MEALS ON WHEELS - Roster 1 28 October - 1 November

Mon: B & M Donaghy,

P Dow & C Reynolds

Tues: J & M Reynolds

Wed: L Johnson & D Banner,

B Albury

Fri: P Ryder, D Haumu;

B Ryder, A Wilson

2019 HSC EXAMS

Please keep all Year 12 students
in your prayers as they continue their
HSC exams this week.

Readings next week: (Yr C)

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 11:22 - 12:2; 2 Thess 1:11 - 2:2;

Lk 19:1-10

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

Mass of the Angels

9.00am Saturday 9 November

Sacred Heart Church

*A special Mass for families to remember their children
who 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

PLEASE NOTE:

**The Parish Office will be closed on Mondays & Fridays
during the month of November, commencing Friday 1 Nov.**

If there are any urgent matters during this time, please phone
the Parish Office: 6672 1118 or email: shpmhah@norex.com.au

Sorry for the inconvenience.

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (32)

R: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

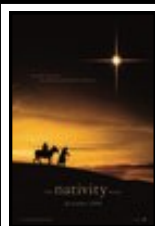
Alleluia, Alleluia!

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



BAPTISMS:

Please welcome
Eloise Mary Shoobridge
&
Tobias Edward Shoobridge
to our faith community.



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.**

ONLY 5 WEEKS UNTIL CARNIVAL DAY!

MISSION SUNDAY - THANK YOU

Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal through your kind gifts and prayers, and for reaching out to children and communities in need in Ghana and throughout the world.

Your generosity makes it possible for programs such as the Nazareth Home for God's Children to provide love and support for children rescued from life-threatening situations.

For more information about the work of Catholic Mission, phone (Freecall): 1800 257 296 or visit: catholicmission.org.au/Ghana.

BISHOP'S MESSAGE:

Rappville and Dorrigo Fire Appeal

As you know there have been devastating fires in Rappville and Dorrigo which are part of our Diocese. Over the next two weekends, we are collecting donations to assist those who have suffered in the fires. There is a Fire Appeal bucket at the church entrance for donations or alternatively money can be deposited into the following account:

BSB: 062565, Account Number: 10854726

Account Name: Diocesan Investment Fund

Reference: Fire Appeal

Let's find ways to help those who have suffered and let's also keep those affected in our prayers.

Bishop Gregory Homeming OCD



DIocese of
LISMORE
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE

Positions Vacant Mt St Patrick Out of School Hours Care Murwillumbah Admin Support Team Member

25 hours per fortnight – ongoing role

An opportunity has become available to work as part of a small team within our OSHC service. You are responsible for fees administration under the Child Care Subsidy, accounts payable and receivable etc, outlined in the position description. Days / hours negotiable.

Please refer to our ad on SEEK (Out of School hours Care Administration Support Murwillumbah) or you can view the role description by visiting the Catholic Schools Office website www.lism.catholic.edu.au – employment - positions vacant page.

Inquiries about the position can be made to the Early Childhood Education Officer: Marina Hynes on [0417 213 191](tel:0417213191) or marina.hynes@lism.catholic.edu.au

Applications close Monday 4th November 2019. Interviews held: 15 November 2019.

We welcome your application.

NOVEMBER - HOLY SOULS

November is a special time for praying for the dead.

During this month people traditionally request "November Masses" for deceased relatives & friends. Envelopes for these Masses are in the Planned Giving pack of envelopes or on the table at the Church entrance. *Please ensure all names are clearly printed.*

Prayers during November may also be requested for deceased relatives and friends by writing their names on the yellow cards (at the Church entrance) and placing the card on the Church noticeboard.

In 2 Maccabees 12:43-46 we read

"It is therefore a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the Dead."



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