

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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31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 3 November 2019

The Zacchaeus within us

Most of us have heard the story, apocryphal or not, of a subway sign saying "Jesus is the answer", under which someone had written: "But what is the question?" To be a Christian is not to be someone who has all the right answers. The true disciple of Jesus is someone who searches and questions, someone who never abandons the path of seeking and asking.

Jesus did not say "I am the answer to your questions". Rather, he stated, "I am the way, the truth and the life" (Jn 14:6), promising to walk with us on life's journey. Jesus is not an answer to a problem, but an invitation to embrace the mystery – the mystery of our own personhood, the mystery of life, and the mystery of the living God.

If we choose to follow Jesus, there is much we can learn from the gospel story of Zacchaeus. Sometimes called the "Gospel in miniature", the Zacchaeus story has inspired Christian thinkers and artists throughout the centuries. First and foremost, it establishes the focus of Jesus' mission in reaching out to those on the margins, those Jesus refers to as the "lost sheep".

Secondly, it highlights the way Jesus addresses Zacchaeus and us all by name with the words: "Come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house tonight." Here we are invited to open our hearts to receive Jesus in our midst. It is this personal relationship with Jesus – "welcoming him joyfully" – that is the centre-point of our Christian faith and discipleship.

Thirdly, we do well to recognise there are many Zacchaeuses in our world today who have much to teach us. These are people on the fringes of faith, people who may call themselves agnostics or even atheists, but who continue to search and question. Even without knowing it, they are genuinely religious seekers. Moreover, they remind us that too many religious people, like the scribes and pharisees of Jesus' time, are so full of their own certainties and 'holier-than-thou' attitudes, they cannot but fail to hear the truly liberating message of Jesus.

Finally, let us recognise that Zacchaeus lives within each of us. While few of us can lay claim to being wealthy Roman tax-collectors, we all fall 'short' of being true disciples of Jesus. Like Zacchaeus, we often prefer to keep Jesus at a 'distance' lest we too are challenged to change our lives, attitudes and behaviours. Many Christians are more "fellow travellers" of Christianity than genuine disciples.

Pope Francis has noted the Zacchaeus syndrome at work in people who don't feel 'big' or worthy enough, whose sense of shame causes spiritual paralysis, and who are offset by the cynicism of others. But he then notes that Zacchaeus took a risk, "ran ahead", "climbed" the tree and, when Jesus called, "hurried down". We too are called to put our own lives on the line by accepting Jesus' invitation to enter our house and life.

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 3 - 10 NOVEMBER

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
Monday	9.00am Rosary & Prayers - Our Lady of Perpetual Succour (see note)
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	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
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 - Fr John 1.45pm - 2.45pm Adoration - Sacred Heart Church
Saturday	9.00am <u>Mass of the Angels</u> - Sacred Heart Church (see note page 3) 6.00pm <u>Vigil Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
Sunday	32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C 8.00am <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church 9.00am Cuppa in Parish Hall 10.00am <u>Mass</u> - Our Lady Of Perpetual Succour, South Murwillumbah

32nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Yr C 9/10 Nov	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 6.00pm Saturday	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 8.00am Sunday	COUNTERS: 03 Nov: G & K Bewes 10 Nov: P & L McMahon 17 Nov: T & P Zambelli 24 Nov: J Morgan & L Green 01 Dec: P & R Marr 08 Dec: B Brodbeck & C Kerr 15 Dec: C & J Anderson
Acolyte	J Reynolds	P Marr	
Altar Servers	C Townsend, R Trueman, O Barrett	M & A Ryder S & L Calvino	
Readers	M Reynolds (C) R D Banner R L Fox P/F	J Schiller (C) R L Green R F Wright P/F	
Ministers of Communion	R Nihill (C) B Brodbeck, B Nolan C Wightley, C Anderson	B Gorton (C) P McMahon, M Roberts T & P Zambelli	CHURCH CLEANING SANCTUARY & ALTAR Sacred Heart Church: 3 & 10 Nov: K Mumford, J Morgan OLPS Church, Sth M'bah November: D Banner
Hospitality	_____	N Mayberry & J Morgan	
Procession of Gifts	_____	R McCalman family	
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	A Lofts	

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

ROSARY STATUE

Peter Hyde



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:

Owen Allard, Ted Hilder, Josie Rofney, Norah Donovan,
Kath Kearney, John Gittos.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Kristopher Brewer-Charles, Charlie Roberts.



NOTICE BOARD

ROSARY & PRAYERS for God's Precious Infants and the Unborn Child - Monday 4th November at 9.00am Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, South Murwillumbah
Pregnancy Help Line: 1300 139 313

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!

CALENDAR

~ NOVEMBER ~

Month of the Holy Souls

11/15 Clergy Conference

13 Parish Men's Group - 10am RSL Club

15 Catholic Women's Group - 12noon lunch
- Uki Hotel

15 MSPC Yr 12 Formal

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

PLEASE NOTE:

**The Parish Office will be closed on
Mondays & Fridays
during the month of November.**

If there are any urgent matters during this time, please phone the Parish Office:

6672 1118 or email:

shpmbah@norex.com.au

Sorry for the inconvenience.

2019 HSC EXAMS

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

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

Ps 15:11

Readings next week: (Yr C)

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 Macc 7:1-2, 9-14;

2 Thess 2:16 - 3:5; Lk 20:27-38

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. This weekend, 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*

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."

**31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (144)**

R: I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Alleluia!

Dear Friends,

This week we saw the final stage of the re-establishment of a Parish Pastoral Council. Twenty good people offered themselves for service and each presented a beautiful vision of where they would like to see our parish develop. Under the guidance of Steve and Sandy Ellem from Casino parish, a discernment took place and eight members were selected.

Our new Parish Pastoral Council consists of:

Tony Zambelli	Carolina Carnio
Denise Banner	Faith Buchanan
Christine Wightley	Tim Waugh
Philly Zambelli	Alex Lever

I wish the new pastoral council members well. Next Saturday 9th November the new Council will be installed at the Vigil Mass. After Mass, the council will meet briefly to elect a chair, deputy chair and secretary.

I'd like to thank you all for your participation in the process. Over 70 people were nominated and some many times. Most nominees attended the information night and from that night 20 people participated in the final discernment last Wednesday. Not everyone was selected and four good people were chosen to be substitute members in the event that a serving member can not continue. I'd like to thank all the participants for being prepared to serve, you are a wonderful witness to service and love of God. My heart was touched by the incredible sharing of love for God and a vision for our parish. We now have a council who will serve with love and compassion.

A beautiful by-product of the pastoral council discernment process is that we now have a good list of parishioners who may serve in another capacity. There are many needs in our community still to be addressed.

Financially speaking it is going to be tough for a while but with good will and your support things will improve. Thank you for your continued support of the Planned Giving and many other requests that seem to pop up so often.

Please continue to pray for our friends who are suffering deeply from this prolonged drought, the level of despair is unimaginable, our prayers will not go unanswered.

With every best wish

Anthony Lemon



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

**CARNIVAL STALLS WILL OPEN
FROM 4:00 PM**

**THE NATIVITY TABLEAU WILL COMMENCE
AT 7.00PM (APPROX)
IN THE GILBEY CENTRE.**

**THERE WILL BE NO VIGIL MASS
ON SATURDAY EVENING.**

- ♦ **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**.
- ♦ **Helpers** - a number of stalls are asking for **helpers on Carnival Day**. If you can help, please **contact the Parish Office 6672 1118**.
- ♦ Now is the time to pot your plants (Plant Stall), make Christmas Cakes or Puddings (Cake Stall), donate gifts for our Raffle prizes, fill your bottles - \$2+ (Bottle Stall), make pickles, jams, etc or sew/knit/crochet items for Craft/Produce Stall.

ONLY 4 WEEKS UNTIL CARNIVAL DAY!

Position Vacant:

**Mt St Patrick Out of School Hours Care
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.

Please refer to our ad on SEEK (Out of School hours Care Administration Support Murwillumbah) or to view the role description, visit: 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 4 November.

We welcome your application.



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Agents: ALG/Egan Simpson Solicitors: 15 Prince Street, Murwillumbah.