

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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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A 1 December 2019

Are you ready for Advent?

Today we want to be ready and well prepared for whatever it is that we are expecting to happen. We want everything to be on time. We don't want to waste time waiting for something, not knowing when it will happen.

This also applies to our discipleship journey. We want to know when the Lord is coming. So that we can prepare and be ready for His coming. But, as Jesus tells us; *"about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father"*. It might sound pessimistic. It might even prompt some doubts in faith. But Jesus does not intend to discourage us. He assures us that His coming is certain, but that its coming will be unexpected.

The season of Advent returns and a new liturgical year begins as we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent today. We will hear again and again these words: *"The hour is at hand, you must be ready for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."* Advent invites us to enter into the stage in which *"the coming of the Lord"* is promised but, as for when it will happen, no one knows. The timing is not the crucial matter; it is our preparation that matters.

The Advent season provides us with an opportunity to prepare and be ready. It invites us to be an Advent people, waiting for the Lord's coming. It calls us to be active in waiting confidently for his coming, setting our hearts on God, and deepening our relationship with God and His people. Saint Paul says, *"We instructed you how to live in the way that pleases God, and you are so living, but make more progress still."*

Advent announces that the Lord's coming will happen soon. It is a time of preparation. It calls us to ourselves, because we know that the Person who is coming has the power to change our lives, and that He will take us into his own Kingdom where we will share true joy and the fullness of life. We must always be ready because He comes at an unexpected time, with no great fanfare or grand parades.

The Lord comes again because He loves us and wants our salvation. Advent is a time to remember God's great gift, the gift of his own beloved Son, made human to be one like us. The Son then shared His Father's love by giving His own life for everyone who comes to Him. During this season of Advent, we are invited to give, in return, our gift to God by preparing ourselves for his coming.

This is the time, as today's gospel reminds us, *"therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."*

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 1 - 8 DECEMBER

Sunday	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year A	
	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 Church
Tuesday	4:15 - 5:15pm	Adoration - Sacred Heart Church
	5:30pm	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	6:00pm	Rosary - Sacred Heart Church
Wednesday	9:15am	<u>St Joseph's Thanksgiving Mass</u> - OLPS, Sth Murwillumbah
	<i>No afternoon Mass or Adoration today</i>	
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	Pastoral Council meeting—Parish Admin Centre
Friday	10:00am	<u>Mass</u> - Opal Nursing Home - Fr Anthony
	10:00am	Communion Service - Heritage Lodge - Leah Hosking
	12:15pm	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	1:45pm - 2:45pm	Adoration - Sacred Heart Church
Saturday	9:00am	Rosary - Sacred Heart Church
	6:00pm	<u>Vigil Mass</u> - YOUTH Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Sunday	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year A	
	8:00am	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	10.00am	<u>Mass</u> - Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, South Murwillumbah
	12 noon	Baptisms

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Yr A 1/8 Dec	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 6.00pm Saturday	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 8.00am Sunday	COUNTERS:
Acolyte	J Reynolds	P Marr	01 Dec: P & R Marr
Altar Servers	C Larkin W Ryan	B & J Lofts V O'Keefe	08 Dec: B Brodbeck & C Kerr
Readers	YOUTH	J Schiller (C) R P Callaghan R K Malone P/F	15 Dec: C & J Anderson
Ministers of Communion	C Anderson (C) B Brodbeck, L Hosking D & B Guinea	P & T Zambelli (C) M Reynolds, P McMahon	22 Dec: G & K Bewes
Hospitality	YOUTH	N Mayberry & J Morgan	29 Dec: Parish Staff
Procession of Gifts	YOUTH	Heanes/Dusi family	05 Jan: P & L McMahon
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	K Anderson	12 Jan: T & P Zambelli
			19 Jan: J Morgan & L Green

CHURCH CLEANING
SANCTUARY & ALTAR
Sacred Heart Church:
1 & 8 Dec : C Wightley,
T & P Zambelli, N Gear
OLPS Church, Sth M'bah
December: 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 8 December
Please bring a plate to share.

ROSARY STATUE
Laurie & Rina Anderson



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 10 December

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Tony Dowling, Tom Brown, Mary Kelly

ANNIVERSARIES:

Maria Butters.



NOTICE BOARD

Christmas Carnival 'Evaluation' Meeting

Thurs 12 December
4.00pm in Parish
Administration Centre

PARISH MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting of the Parish
Men's Group for a Cuppa/morning
tea will be on **Wed 18th December**
- 10am - RSL Club.

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME!

CALENDAR

~ DECEMBER ~

- 10 MSPPS Primary Presentation
- 10 St Joseph's Yr 6 Graduation Mass
- 11 9am Mass - Greenhills Lodge
- 11 St Joseph's Primary Presentation
- 12 MSPPS Infants Presentation
- 12 Carnival Evaluation Meeting
- 13 10am Mass - Heritage Lodge
- 15 **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT-YR A**
10am Mass - St Brigid's, Burringbar
- 17 MSPPS Yr 6 Graduation Mass
- 17 II Rite of Reconciliation - Kingscliff 6pm
- 18 Parish Men's Group - RSL Club - 10am
- 18 II Rite of Reconciliation - Mbah - 6pm
- 19 Parish Finance Council
- 22 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT-YR A**
10am Mass - OLPS, South Murwillumbah
Baptisms
- 22 **Filipino Mass - Sacred Heart - 4pm**
- 24 **Christmas Eve**
- 25 **The NATIVITY of the LORD**
(Christmas Day)
- 29 **The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

No 10am Mass today - Fifth Sunday

~ JANUARY 2020 ~

- 01 **MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**
9am Mass - Sacred Heart Church
- 05 **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - YR C**
10am Mass - St Columba's, Uki

2020 Josephite Calendars
on sale Sacred Heart Church
or at the Parish Office (\$10.00 each)

2020 Columban Calendars
on sale at Vinnies Store (\$9.00 each)

Readings next week: (Yr A)
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

LEGION OF MARY ANNUAL REUNION DAY

SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TWEED HEADS



9am Legion Rosary & Prayers.

10am Mass of Anointing

Followed by morning tea - please bring a plate to share.

All welcome to attend.

BISHOP'S MASS DEDICATION FOR RAIN

Bishop Greg has asked for all Wednesday Masses until Christmas,
to be said for those who have suffered from the fire and the
drought and for the gift of rain.

BISHOP'S DIOCESAN BUSH FIRE APPEAL

During the month of November, 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

Thank you for your continued generosity.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2020

with St Joseph's Parish, Tweed Heads

Departure 14th August 2020 - 10 nights/13 days

What a wonderful opportunity for you to walk the land where
2000 years ago Jesus preached and taught us to pray in the form
of the Our Father.

Your pilgrimage begins from Australia travelling to Amman, then
by road to Mt Nebo and on to the shore of the Dead Sea. The
pilgrimage will travel over lands once walked by Jesus. Fr
Michael Brady, Parish Priest, Tweed Heads, will be your Spiritual
Chaplain. Each day on the Pilgrimage, Mass will be celebrated in a
special place. Now is the ideal time to make a booking.

To book or for further information, contact Harvest Journeys on:

Ph: 1800 819 156 or at www.harvestjourneys.com/PV5420

Brochures available in the church.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Yr A
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (121)**

**R: Let us go rejoicing to the house of
the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.**

Alleluia!

**CHRISTMAS
MASS TIMES**

**CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL
Tuesday 24th December**

7.00pm - Sacred Heart Church

**CHRISTMAS DAY
Wednesday 25th December**

8.00am - Sacred Heart Church

POSITIONS VACANT

**MOUNT ST PATRICK PRIMARY
OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE
CASUAL EDUCATORS**

After School Care - Mon - Fri - 3pm - 6pm

Vacation Care - Mon to Fri - 7am to 6pm

Our OSHC provides each child with a diverse range of out of school recreation activities in an environment where children can grow, form relationships, be enriched and nurtured.

We are seeking flexible, motivated and creative individuals who enjoy working with school age children. You will need to be familiar with the ACECQA National Quality Framework to be successful in this role.

Successful applicants will hold a current Working with Children Check, a First Aid Certificate (suitable for working in an ECE service) and be willing to achieve Child Protection Qualifications (CHCPRT001).

Enquiries can be made to OSHC Coordinator, Darlene Sayre on 0474 827 651, or send your resume to mshp-oshc@lism.catholic.edu.au

We welcome your applications to be received no later than Monday 2nd December 2019.

**THE 58TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS
CARNIVAL & NATIVITY TABLEAU**



The Tableau is a wonderful way to begin the season of Advent and to remind us that Christmas is about the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Sincere thanks to all who helped in any way to make the

Christmas Carnival such a wonderful occasion. Its success always depends on the combined effort of many in our Parish community - the Parish schools, various groups and individuals all working together.

It is very much appreciated.

Well done!

National Prayer Campaign

*for the gift of rain, the people affected by drought,
for support services.*

Eternal God,

In wisdom and love
you created our earth
to sustain us and give us life.

We turn to you now in faith, hope and love,
asking you to look with favour on our drought-
stricken land, on our starving animals,
on our failing crops.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers
and to all who are affected by drought;
be with those who support them.

In your loving providence, send abundant rain
and restore our parched earth.

Father of all compassion,
hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son
in whom the promise of new life has dawned,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
the Lord the giver of life:

Renew your faithful people;
Renew the face of the earth.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross,
Mary, help of Christians - Pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop - Pray for us.



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