

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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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YR A **15 December 2019**

Who are we expecting?

Amidst the rush of the 'festive season', who are we expecting this Advent? A Messiah perhaps? If so, what sort of Messiah do we imagine will turn up? John the Baptist, in prison, sends messengers enquiring of Jesus are you the one, or must we wait for another?

Last week John declared Jesus was the one who is to come – as the prophet Isaiah had foretold – but now he's not so sure. He's puzzled by what he's heard. Jesus responds by saying, "go and tell John what's been happening throughout Galilee". What disorients John is that not only does Jesus instruct, he also heals the blind, the lame, the lepers, the deaf, the poor, and those with no one to turn to. A new creation is happening – a re-creation – and Matthew's gospel has called our attention to it from the beginning.

The ascetic, prophetic John of last week – calling people to repent, dressed in camel hair and eating off the land – has told of the one who will bring a fierce judgment. So, who is this? Is this what the prophets foretold? Yes, Jesus calls people to repentance, but, by calling up the words of the prophet Isaiah again, lets it be known these healings are a sign of the new age that the Messiah will usher in: the kingdom of heaven is here.

The question for all of us at this time is what have we seen and heard this year? What is happening among us? Do the blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear, do the poor get dental care, the homeless a place to live? Is the good news good for them? Is Jesus the one, or must we look around for another? These questions are being asked of us, all the more pointedly at this moment, which is why we have to make a response.

If there are no signs, or few that we can discern, then we might, like John in prison, become more and more uncertain of this person and wonder whether he is the one we continue to say he is. And we may turn away from him, because we had expected someone, something different. Jesus, recognising God's grace, says: 'Happy is the man who doesn't lose faith in me'.

The messengers leave and Jesus declares John to be the greatest of the prophets; but, he continues, the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater still. John's greatness only serves to highlight the fullness of life to which we are called; but, it is a fullness, a greatness, made real by doing what Jesus does – like the disciples he sent out previously – listening to, inviting into our midst those with no one to turn to. Is this the one we're expecting this Advent?

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 15 - 22 DECEMBER

Sunday	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year A	
	8:00am	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	10:00am	<u>Mass</u> - St Brigid's, Burringbar
Tuesday	9:30am	<u>Mt St Patrick Yr 6 Graduation Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	<i>No evening Adoration, Mass or Rosary in Sacred Heart Church today</i>	
Wednesday	10:00am	Parish Men's Group Morning Tea - RSL Club (see note page 3)
	<i>No Adoration or Mass in Sacred Heart Church today</i>	
	6:00pm	II Rite of Reconciliation - 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
	5:30pm	Parish Finance Council Meeting
Friday	10:00am	Communion Service - Opal Nursing Home - K Mumford
	10:00am	Communion Service - Heritage Lodge - L Green
	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> - Sacred Heart Church
Sunday	FOURTH 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
	4:00pm	<u>Filipino Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church (see note page 3)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Yr A 21/22 Dec	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 6.00pm Saturday	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 8.00am Sunday	COUNTERS:
Acolyte	R Daley	P Marr	15 Dec: C & J Anderson
Altar Servers	R & H Ryder	tba	22 Dec: G & K Bewes
Readers	D Banner (C) P/F B Nolan R K Mumford R	P Yabsley (C) R L Green R F Wright P/F	29 Dec: Parish Staff
Ministers of Communion	R Nihill (C) K Mumford, M Mumford C Anderson, L Hosking	M Chiesa (C) B Gorton, J Morgan M Reynolds	05 Jan: P & L McMahon
Hospitality	M Reynolds, D Haumu	F & B McGrouther	12 Jan: T & P Zambelli
Procession of Gifts	P & L Fox	T & P Zambelli	19 Jan: J Morgan & L Green
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	26 Jan: P & R Marr
			02 Feb: B Brodbeck & C Kerr

**CHURCH CLEANING
SANCTUARY & ALTAR**
Sacred Heart Church:
15 & 22 December:
B Gorton, M Reynolds
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'
will resume in 2020

ROSARY STATUE
John & Margaret Reynolds



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 17 December

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Ron Marshall, Laurie Kinneally, Tony Dowling, Mary Kelly.



ANNIVERSARIES:

Pattie O'Keefe, Veronica Carroll, Edmund & Lavinia Roche, Frank & David Roche, Betty & Mary-Anne Franks, Rita & Arthur Salter.

NOTICE BOARD

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!

II RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday 18 December

Sacred Heart Church, Murwillumbah - 6pm

PLEASE NOTE: There is no II Rite of Reconciliation in Kingscliff on Tuesday evening, as previously advertised,

FILIPINO MASS

Sunday 22 December

4:00pm Sacred Heart Church

celebrated by Fr. Wilber Tobe

CALENDAR

~ DECEMBER ~

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

8.30am Mass - Sacred Heart Church

03 10am Mass - Opal Nursing Home

05 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - Yr A

10am Mass - St Columba's, Uki

06 Parish Office Opens for 2020

06 Meals on Wheels - Roster 1

08 Communion Service - Greenhills Lodge

10 10am Mass - Heritage Lodge

12 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - Yr A

10am Mass - OLPS, Sth M'bah

Wishing all Year 6 students all the best,
as they leave their primary years behind
and begin their high school life.

School Holidays

As another school year draws to a close,
we wish all the staff and students of our
three Parish Schools, a safe and happy
holiday.

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

**Readings next week: (Yr A)
FOURTHSUNDAY OF ADVENT
Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24**

CHRISTMAS MASS ROSTER

Volunteers are needed for
the Christmas Mass liturgy
roster - please add your
name & your ministry, to the
sheet - for the Mass that you
are available - located on table
near the Church entrance.

CHRISTMAS DAY SPECIAL COLLECTION

This year at both our Christmas
Masses, there will be a special
collection for Wedgetail Retreat,
our local Palliative Care Hospice.
Envelopes will be available at both
the Christmas Vigil and Christmas
Day Masses for this collection.

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.

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. 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, phone Harvest Journeys on: 1800 819 156 or at
www.harvestjourneys.com/PV5420
Brochures available in the church.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Yr A
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (145)**

R: Lord, come and save us.

IF SUNG:

R: Come O Lord, come and save us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!**

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.

**CHRISTMAS
MASS TIMES**

**CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL
Tuesday 24th December**

7:00pm - Sacred Heart Church

**CHRISTMAS DAY
Wednesday 25th December**

8:00am - Sacred Heart Church

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH, KINGSCLIFF

Christmas Eve Vigil - 6:00pm

Christmas Day - 9:00am

STS MARY & AMBROSE CHURCH, POTTSVILLE

Christmas Eve Vigil - 6:00pm

Christmas Day - 7:30am

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TWEED HEADS

Christmas Eve Vigil - 6:00pm, 8:00pm

Christmas Day - 8:00am

ST CAMILLUS' CHURCH, BILAMBIL

Christmas Day - 9:00am

CATHOLIC LIFE -

The December edition of 'Catholic Life', our FREE diocesan journal, is available this weekend.

Please support the advertisers who make it possible for this Diocesan magazine to be distributed free to all parishes.

Catholic Life is also on the diocesan website:

<http://www.lismorediocese.org>

CONGRATULATIONS

to John & Evelyn Cook

who are celebrating
their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

POSITION VACANT

Catholic Schools Office Lismore is offering a 12mth traineeship in Information, Digital and Media Technology. The successful applicant will be self motivated, enthusiastic and demonstrate initiative. Skills in word processing, communication and customer service are desirable and required to complete a Certificate III during this period.

How to apply?

Email your resume and cover letter to: recruitment@lism.catholic.edu.au

Applications close: Monday 13 January 2020.

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