

# 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

### Parish Priest

Fr. Anthony Lemon

### Parish Manager

Mary-Ann Thackray

### Parish Secretary

Beth Gorton

### Pastoral Associate

Barbara Grant

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Acting Principal: Ms. Kate Salmon (*Term 1*)

## 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- YEAR A

19 January 2020

## *An Earth crying out*

At every Mass before communion, we hear the words from John witnessing to Jesus: 'Behold the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.' Anyone unfamiliar with church worship would wonder what on earth we were talking about. Why would we use such words – 'lamb' especially?

For the early Christians, the words 'lamb of God' had tremendous resonance. Everyone was then familiar with animal sacrifice. But the early Christians instantly recalled the Jewish Passover from Egypt, when the Hebrew people marked their doorframes with the blood of a lamb to save them from the angel killing the first-born males of humans and cattle to force Pharaoh to release them from bondage. The blood of the lamb rescued the first-born of the Hebrews from death.

No wonder the early Christians treasured the words 'lamb of God' when speaking of Jesus who gave his life's blood that all might live. Passages from the prophets and especially Isaiah add further power to the word 'lamb': 'He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter' (Is 53, 7).

In his gospel, John deliberately used the word 'sin' in the singular, not 'sins' in the plural, i.e. our individual sins. John is referring to the collective 'brokenness' of our world, in a collective sense, and perhaps also in a cosmic sense. For John set his gospel in a cosmic context: 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.' (John 1, 1-3).

We have always recognised the brokenness of the world of course, especially in times of acute hardship, war, famine or natural disasters. But Pope Francis stresses the urgency of 'care for our common home', the earth itself and its environment. It's as if we need to smear the blood of the lamb over all the earth, with a renewed sense of reverence and wonder for the beauty and fragility of our earth, invoking God's Word to sustain creation.

In his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, and recently with the Amazon Synod, Pope Francis stressed that our planet and its life systems were created by God as an outpouring of love. But these crucial life support systems are now gravely threatened by global warming and climate change. Pope Francis definitely considers this a global climate emergency.

Pope Francis is greatly alarmed at the environmental brokenness of the world today, which threatens us with 'catastrophic' disasters. Invoking St Francis of Assisi, he has urged us to do all we can personally, and as nations together, to reduce greenhouse emissions to avoid unimaginable distress for many millions of people.

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# THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 19 - 26 JANUARY

Sunday	<b>2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A</b> 8:00am <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church <i>No 10:00am Mass today</i>
Tuesday	8:30am <u>Communion Service</u> - Sacred Heart Church <i>No afternoon Adoration, Mass or Rosary in Sacred Heart Church today</i>
Wednesday	8:30am <u>Communion Service</u> - Sacred Heart Church 10:00am Parish Men's Group Morning Tea - RSL Club (see note page 3) <i>No afternoon Adoration or Mass in Sacred Heart Church today</i>
Thursday	8:30am <u>Communion Service</u> - Sacred Heart Church 9:15am Legion of Mary - South Murwillumbah Meeting Room
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 - Fr John Fitz - Walter 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	<b>AUSTRALIA DAY</b> <b>3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A</b> 8:00am <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church 10:00am <u>Mass</u> - Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, South Murwillumbah

<b>3RD SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME - Yr A 25/26 January</b>	<b>Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 6.00pm Saturday</b>	<b>Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 8.00am Sunday</b>	<b>COUNTERS:</b> 19 Jan: J Morgan & L Green 26 Jan: P & R Marr 02 Feb: B Brodbeck & C Kerr 09 Feb: C & J Anderson 16 Feb: G & K Bewes 23 Feb: P & L McMahon 01 Mar: T & P Zambelli
<b>Acolyte</b>	P Egan	T Zambelli	<b>CHURCH CLEANING SANCTUARY &amp; ALTAR</b> <b><u>Sacred Heart Church:</u></b> <b>19 &amp; 26 January</b> K Mumford & J Morgan <b><u>OLPS Church, Sth M'bah</u></b> <b>January:</b> M-A Thackray
<b>Altar Servers</b>	C Larkin W Ryan	E & T Loughman R Stewart-Walker	
<b>Readers</b>	B Nolan (C) P/F D Banner R L Fox R	P Yabsley (C) R P Callaghan R C Wightley P/F	
<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	M Reynolds (C) R Daley K Mumford	P Marr (C) P McMahon, J Schiller L Green	
<b>Hospitality</b>	D Haumu	M Zambelli & N Maybury	
<b>Procession of Gifts</b>	R & L Nihill	McCalman family	
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	No Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	

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 March 2020

## ROSARY STATUE

Faith & Luke Buchanan



## 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 11 February

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fr Tony Casey, Tom Albury, Vivienne Hibbard,  
Kevin Culnane, Jim Scroope, Joan Trueman, Jim O'Brien.



### ANNIVERSARIES:

Elsie Dawes, Lily Mason, Dorrie Turner, Marie Burnham (Devits),  
Maurice O'Connor.

## NOTICE BOARD

### PARISH MEN'S GROUP MORNING TEA

The next meeting of the Parish Men's Group for a Cuppa/morning  
tea will be on **Wednesday 22nd January - 10am - RSL Club.**

**ALL MEN ARE WELCOME!**

## CALENDAR

### ~ JANUARY 2020 ~

#### 28 Teachers Mass - 9am - Sacred Heart

30 Mt St Patrick College Yrs 7, 11 & 12

31 Mt St Patrick College - Yrs 8, 9 & 10

31 Mt St Patrick Primary & St Joseph's  
Primary Yr 1 - 6

### ~ FEBRUARY ~

#### 02 THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - A 10am Mass - St Columba's, Uki

03 Rosary & Prayers - OLPS, Sth M'bah

04 MSPPS Kinder commences

05 St Joseph's Kinder commences

07 MSPPS Opening Mass - 9:30am - Sacred  
Heart Church

#### 07 10am Mass - Opal Nursing Home

#### 09 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A 10am Mass - OLPS, Sth M'bah

12noon Baptisms

10 Meals on Wheels - Roster 2

#### 12 9am Mass - Greenhills Lodge

12 MSPC Inaugural Mass & Leaders  
Induction - 9:30am - Sacred Heart

14 St Joseph's Opening Mass - 9:15am -  
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church

#### 14 10am Mass - Heritage Lodge

#### 16 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A 10am Mass - St Brigid's, Burringbar

### ABORIGINAL LISMORE DIOCESAN CURSILLO

There will be an Aboriginal Lismore Diocesan Cursillo weekend  
to be held at the Yarrawarra Aboriginal Cultural Centre  
at Corindi Beach from 13th February to 16th February 2020.

Cursillo weekend helps to build up Christian Community.

If you know anyone who could be interested,  
please contact Paul Murphy, Secretary, 0428 665 445.

### NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE:

The Relics of St Therese of Lisieux and her Parents Sts. Louis &  
Zelie Martin, are visiting various parishes throughout the  
Diocese of Lismore, beginning at the Carmelite Monastery on  
15 February, St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore 16 February  
and onto Casino, Maclean, Grafton, Sawtell & Port Macquarie.

#### Below is an itinerary for the pilgrimage in Lismore:

- ♦ The relics will arrive at the Carmelite Monastery where  
they will be welcomed by Bishop Greg Homeming at  
3:30pm Saturday 15 February.
- ♦ Arrival at St Carthage's Cathedral 12:30pm Sunday 16  
February.
- ♦ 12:45pm - Welcoming Ceremony
- ♦ 1:00pm-4:00pm - Veneration
- ♦ 4:00pm-5:30pm - Rosary
- ♦ 5:30pm-6:30pm - Mass
- ♦ 6:30pm-7:30pm - Holy Hour
- ♦ 7:30pm-7:40pm - Relics to be transferred to St Mary's  
Chapel, Lismore.
- ♦ 7:40pm-7:45am - All night vigil of prayers led by the  
Carmelite Missionary Sisters, Lismore
- ♦ 7:45am-8:00am - Relics to process from St Mary's Chapel to  
St Carthage's Cathedral
- ♦ 8:00am-8:30am - Morning prayer
- ♦ 8:30am-9:30am - Veneration
- ♦ 9:30am - 10:30am - Mass
- ♦ Departure 11:00am for Casino.

**All are most welcome to attend at any of these times.**

### Gluten Free Hosts

Our parish has gluten-free hosts. If you are  
a coeliac or suffer gluten intolerance, and  
would like to receive a gluten-free host,  
please see the Acolyte prior to Mass.

They are made from: potato, rice, tapioca  
and zanthan gum.

### Readings next week: (Yr A)

#### 3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Is 32:15-18; Rom 12:9-13; Mt 5:2-12  
(Australia Day readings)

**2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr A  
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (39)**

**R:** Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**The Word of God became flesh and dwelt  
among us. He enabled those who accepted him  
to become the children of God.**

**Alleluia!**

**Reflection ...**

***The Perfume of Holiness***

What does it mean to be 'holy'? It does not mean 100% morally correct, or separate from the great mass of people: 'Holier than thou!' It means being so close to God that God's holiness rubs off.

We are adopted members of the Holy Family, and something rubs off.

Each one of us has heard at our baptism 'You are my beloved son/daughter'. We have been adopted into God's family and that brings us into close proximity to God.

So, if St Paul were writing to us today, as he did to the Corinthians, this is how it would run: '... to the church of God that is in [your town], made up of those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called holy.'

But, we are not alone. In a multitude of places there are people who have also been baptised and therefore share a certain family resemblance. How is the 'togetherness' held together? By being in communion with the Bishop of Rome, currently Pope Francis.

We might pause for a moment to thank God that we are amongst the baptised who can receive St Paul's greeting: 'Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.'

Fr Michael Tate

**BACK TO SCHOOL DATES**

**MT ST PATRICK COLLEGE**

Thursday 30 January: Yrs 7, 11 & 12 return  
and new students in Yrs 8, 9 & 10.

Friday 31 January: Yrs. 8, 9 & 10 return

**MT ST PATRICK PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Friday 31 January: Yrs. 1 - 6

Tuesday 4 February: Kinder commences

**ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Friday 31 January: Yrs. 1 - 6

Wednesday 5 February: Kinder commences

**National Prayer Campaign**

*for those affected by bushfire & drought.*

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.

**KIMBERLEY CATHOLIC VOLUNTEER SERVICE**

**URGENTLY WANTED: VOLUNTEER WORKERS**

The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church in the Kimberley. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months. We are currently seeking volunteers for several parishes including Kalumburu and La Grange/Bidyadanga.

For further details on how to be a part of this unique experience, and an application form, please contact:

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