

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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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- YEAR A

26 January 2020

South Land of the Holy Spirit

The Beatitudes we just heard are at the beginning of the 'Sermon on the Mount'. This sermon provides a picture of a society where the usual expectations of how people relate to each other are overturned.

Our Lord wants to create a new society where the old rules of engagement are superseded, especially in relation to enmity and violence. In fact, in the Sermon on the Mount all forms of resolving disputes, starting with families (spouses, brothers) are turned upside down.

And we are a 'Land Down Under'.

Australia is a place to which people have been attracted over the millennia to forge a new future. First, the original inhabitants coming down through Asia, and then the settlers, migrants and refugees of the last 220 years. (Of course, the convicts were a less voluntary part of the movement of peoples!)

Most were attracted by a vision of a different future, a future where human beings could relate to each other differently to the old order in Europe, and more recently in the Middle East or Africa or Asia or Central or South America.

People were and are prepared to take the risk of being dislocated, of re-locating because of that vision of a different future, particularly a future not determined by the violence of feud and warfare which had characterised their homelands for generations, centuries, and even millennia.

They come because they aspire to be someone different, to do something different, in ways not predetermined by centuries of custom and tradition in their home society.

Is this movement of people to Australia a 'chance event'? Is it just another phase of world history? No.

I recall walking down a corridor in the Vatican, the wall of which was painted with a map of the world. Where Australia is, there was just ocean blue. It was painted before European explorers began to map our coastline!

Those mapping expeditions gave us our name 'Australia'? De Quiros, the great Portuguese explorer of the 16th Century, set out on a quest for '*Terra Australia del Espiritu Santo*', South Land of the Holy Spirit. Right from the start, the full title of our land was bound up with the Holy Spirit.

I am confident that 'Australia' is a work of the Holy Spirit, no chance event in world history but a gathering of peoples for a Divine purpose.

One of the most distinctive works of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost was the breaking down of ethnic, tribal and language barriers between people. That is why Christianity spread like wild fire across the Roman Empire.

Australia is a place where that Pentecostal impulse is felt very strongly. People from every nation, tribe, ethnic, and religious group on the face of the earth have relocated here and are creating a new sort of society.

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 26 JANUARY - 2 FEBRUARY

Sunday	AUSTRALIA DAY 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A 8:00am <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church 10:00am <u>Mass</u> - Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, South Murwillumbah 11:30am Baptism - Sacred Heart Church	
Tuesday	9:00am <u>Combined Schools Teacher's Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church <i>No afternoon Adoration, Mass or Rosary in Sacred Heart Church today</i>	
Wednesday	4.15 - 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	
Friday	10:00am Communion Service - Opal Nursing Home - K Mumford 10:00am Communion Service - Heritage Lodge - B Brodbeck 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	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - Year A 8:00am <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church 10:00am <u>Mass</u> - St Columba's, Uki	

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - Yr A 25/26 January	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 6.00pm Saturday	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 8.00am Sunday	COUNTERS: 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 08 Mar: J Morgan & L Green
Acolyte	J Reynolds	P Marr	CHURCH CLEANING SANCTUARY & ALTAR <u>Sacred Heart Church:</u> 26 Jan: K Mumford & J Morgan 2 & 9 February: L Johnson <u>OLPS Church, Sth M'bah</u> January: M-A Thackray February: K Ryder
Altar Servers	E Wightley G Kendrick-Morosini	B & J Lofts V O'Keefe	
Readers	YOUTH	MA Thackray (C) R L Green R K Malone P/F	
Ministers of Communion	R Anderson (C) C Anderson D Macartney	M Chiesa (C) I & B Dusi B Gorton	
Hospitality	YOUTH	B McGrouther & F Berg	
Procession of Gifts	YOUTH	St Joseph's staff	
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	A Lofts	

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

ROSARY STATUE

Paula Beresford



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

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

CALENDAR

~ FEBRUARY ~

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

23 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A
10am Mass - OLPS, Sth M'bah

12 noon Baptisms

PRAYER...

Do not look for God in place or space.
Close the eyes of your body,
chain your imagination
and go down into yourself:
there you reach the Holy of Holies
where the Holy Spirit dwells.'

*Fr Karl Rahner SJ provided by the
Benedictine Sisters,
Benedictine Abbey, Jamberoo*

Readings next week: (Yr A)

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Malachi 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18;

Lk 2:22-40

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fr Tony Casey, Tom Albury, Vivienne Hibbard,
Kevin Culhane, Jim Scroope, Joan Trueman.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Frank Berg.



NOTICE BOARD

LITURGY ROSTERS

New Liturgy Rosters are available this weekend
on the table at the Church entrance.
Please take yours home with you today.

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.

**3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr A
(AUSTRALIA DAY READINGS)**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (84)

R: The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called
children of God.**

Alleluia!

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

We welcome back all teachers, staff & students to our three parish schools for the 2020 year.

We extend a warm welcome to all new staff to our College and two Primary Schools, including Mr. Paul Reidy, Principal of Mt St Patrick College and Ms. Kate Salmon, acting Principal of St Joseph's Primary.

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Human beings can relate to each other free from past structures of oppression and division in their old homeland societies.

They have come, in their millions, to escape the histories of societies where everyone 'knew their place', to a land where we relate to each other for our inherent worth. Hence the great Australian characteristic: 'egalitarianism'.

Have we responded to the Holy Spirit perfectly? No. Our treatment of the earliest inhabitants of this land was shameful, and is not yet fully remedied as the Lord of the Sermon on the Mount desires.

Our treatment of those genuinely fleeing persecution in their homelands falls short of what the Lord of the Sermon on the Mount desires.

But on the whole, we are creating a version of the Kingdom of God under the Southern Cross of which we can be proud.

So, Australians All, let us rejoice –

For our land abounding in nature's gifts of beauty rich and rare,

For our freedom to share life in our 'Common-Wealth',

For the divine Spirit of Pentecost attracting us to follow Jesus in this

Australia del Espiritu Santo, South Land of the Holy Spirit.

- Fr. Michael Tate



AUSTRALIA DAY

Sunday

26th January

God of Australia ...

We bring you our gratitude
for the diversity and wealth
of this land and its people;
for its weathered old mountains, fertile valleys,
and vast plains;
for its riches of mine and agriculture,
forest, and grazing lands;
for the first Australians, who know and love
this continent with an intimate, profound sensitivity;
for the courage, vision and sacrifice
of the early settlers;
for the diverse races who now call Australia home:
For these and all your gifts
we offer you, O Lord, our joyful, thankful hearts.

Amen.

Bruce Prewer, Australian Prayers

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



BAPTISM:

Please welcome
Khoa Daniel Kelly
to our faith community.

*Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones
the mysteries of the kingdom.
- Matthew 11:25*



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