

# 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

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## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YR A 12 January 2020

### *You are my beloved*

Father Anthony had a reputation of being a 'giant' among the Redemptorists and in the Church. He was a highly respected missionary priest, preacher, confessor, teacher, author, and spiritual director.

My experience of Anthony was not as a 'giant'. I never saw him stand. I never saw him walk. I never saw him celebrate Mass. I never heard him preach. My experience of Anthony was as a beloved confrere, confined to bed battling Parkinson's disease and suffering greatly from its effects.

One memory of Anthony will always remain with me. I was saying goodbye to him one day before going away for work. He said to me, *Thank you for spending time with me, otherwise I would be here shaking alone.*" Anthony was referring to the constant tremors that racked his body, particularly his hands and arms.

This simple encounter with Anthony was a turning point for me; a valuable life lesson. His words really struck a chord and they roused me from my slumber. His words challenged me to be more attentive to people and their needs and to appreciate what's really important and of value in life. Anthony's powerful statement taught me that I don't have to do very much to bring a little happiness, love, joy and companionship into someone's life.

I left Anthony's room that day filled with new understanding and insight; sent out to live differently and to relate to people around me with renewed purpose.

Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River is a major turning point in his life. After decades of silent obscurity in Nazareth, Jesus is overwhelmed by an experience of being the Son of God: *"This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased"*. Through these words, Jesus profoundly experiences that he is loved and delighted in by his Father and he's never the same again. He doesn't look back. Gone are his days of plying the carpenter's trade.

Now Jesus sets out on his mission to preach, teach and heal. He generously shares with everyone, the love and intimacy he experienced at his baptism, because God says to every person: *You are my beloved son or daughter. I love you. I delight in you.* He reveals God's love to the whole world. Jesus is also ready to challenge his contemporaries by taking the side of the poor against their oppressors; helping people reclaim their God-given humanity and dignity. Everything Jesus says and does during his public ministry comes from his intimate communion with his Father, so clearly demonstrated at his baptism.

*You are my beloved.* Today, God says this to each one of us, with immense love and delight. May these words be a turning point in our lives that lead us closer to God and each other.

David J Hore CSsR © Redemptorists 2020

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**Agents:** ALG/Egan Simpson Solicitors: 15 Prince St, Murwillumbah  
(Re-opens Monday 13 January)

# THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 12 - 19 JANUARY

<b>Sunday</b>	The BAPTISM of the LORD - Year A 8:00 am <b>Mass</b> - Sacred Heart Church <i>No 10am Mass today</i>	
<b>Monday</b>	9:00am	Rosary & Prayers - Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30am	<b>Mass</b> - Sacred Heart Church <i>No afternoon Adoration or Rosary today</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30am	<b>Mass</b> - Sacred Heart Church <i>No afternoon Adoration today</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	8:30am	<b>Communion Service</b> - Sacred Heart Church
<b>Friday</b>	8:30am	<b>Communion Service</b> - Sacred Heart Church
	10:00 am	Communion Service - M'bah Nursing Home - K Mumford
	10:00 am	Communion Service - Heritage Lodge - L Green
	1:45 pm - 2:45 pm	Adoration - Sacred Heart Church
<b>Saturday</b>	6:00 pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b> - Sacred Heart Church
<b>Sunday</b>	2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year A	
	8:00 am	<b>Mass</b> - Sacred Heart Church
	<i>No 10am Mass today</i>	

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

## LITURGY ROSTER: 2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - 18/19 January

	Saturday Vigil 6.00pm	Sunday 8.00am	<b>ROSARY STATUE</b>
Acolyte	R Daley	P Marr	John & Evelyn Cook
Altar Servers	C & H Leslight	S Gibbons	<b>COUNTERS:</b> 12 Jan: T & P Zambelli 19 Jan: J Morgan/L Green 26 Jan: P & R Marr
Readers	L Daly	L Clark	
	G Molloy (C) R	B Gorton (C) R	<b>PARISH MEN'S GROUP</b> Morning tea/meeting Wed 22 January 10am RSL Club <b>ALL MEN WELCOME!</b>
	M Reynolds R	MA Thackray R	
	C Anderson P/F	F Wright P/F	
Ministers of Communion	D & B Guinea (C)	B Cook (C),	
	R Nihill	R Marr, J Morgan	
	C Wightley	T & P Zambelli	
Hospitality	_____	J & H Larkin	
Procession of Gifts	_____	F & B McGrouther	

### LITURGY & ALTAR SERVER ROSTERS:

New Liturgy & Altar Server Rosters are being prepared this week. If you would like to be added to the roster or change your availability, please phone Parish Office (6672 1118).

**ROSARY & PRAYERS** for God's Precious Infants and the Unborn Child - Monday 13 January at 9.00am Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, South Murwillumbah.

### NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE:

The Relics of St Therese of Lisieux and her Parents Sts. Louis & Zelig Martin, will visit 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 until 19 February. More details shortly.

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fr Tony Casey, Tom Albury, Vivien Hibbard, Kevin Culnane, Jim Scroope, Joan Trueman, Jim O'Brien, Kathleen Cavanagh, Kieran Dolan, Richard Mudge.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Vicki Mather, Maree Everingham.

### FR. TONY CASEY RIP

Fr. Tony Casey, who had been a priest of the Lismore Diocese for 65 years, died 8th January aged 90. During his retirement he lived in Kingscliff for about 20 years before moving to Crowley Village, Ballina about 6 years ago. Fr. Casey's funeral will take place at St. Augustine's Church, Coffs Harbour on Thursday 16th January at 10:30am. May he rest in peace.

### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YR A RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 28)

**R: The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

**IF SUNG:**

**R: The Lord will bless his people with his peace.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Alleluia!**

### Readings for next week:

**2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year A**  
**Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34**