

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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5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- YEAR A

9 February 2020

How are we salt and light

St Paul, the Apostle, had a powerful intellect, and he was well trained in rhetorical eloquence and philosophic reasoning. Yet he writes: "I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom." He knew that spreading the gospel did not depend upon brilliant oratory or erudite argumentation, but on the sincerity of his simple faith in 'the crucified Christ'.

Neither did Jesus rely on sublime words or clever argument. He preferred simple everyday imagery to make his point, as demonstrated in today's gospel reading. Following on from the Sermon on the Mount which we heard in last week's gospel, Jesus articulates clearly what is expected of his followers. He uses the powerful images of salt and light: We are to be salt of the earth; we are to be light of the world.

Salt was highly valued in the ancient world. It was used as a seasoning, a preservative, a disinfectant, a component of ceremonial offerings, and as a unit of exchange in trade and currency.

Just as salt enhances the flavour of food, and serves as a preservative, to 'be salt of the earth' means to be useful and helpful, and to make a real and positive difference to the world. We are to be a presence which brings out the best in our society.

As for light, it too is vital to life. Light dispels darkness, warming all it reaches, illuminating all in its path. Jesus' followers would have appreciated how a single lamp would illuminate their one-room home at night. We know that the very existence of life on Earth depends on the light from the sun. It warms our seas, generates our weather patterns, powers our solar energy systems, and gives energy to the growing green plants that provide food and oxygen for life on Earth.

To be the light of the world means that we are to bring light, to bring warmth, to illuminate and enlighten all that nurtures life in our world. It means that we will dispel darkness caused by ignorance or selfishness or prejudice. It means that we will be a light for others, illuminating their way on life's journey.

The prophet Isaiah in today's first reading spells out what this means in very practical terms: "share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own."

Jesus' teaching, the Christian message, is so very simple and yet so profoundly challenging. We are to have a life-giving effect on others, on the society in which we live, and on the world around us. He challenges us to reflect on what we do and how we might do better.

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 9 - 16 FEBRUARY


Sunday	5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A 8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church <u>Mass</u> - Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, South Murwillumbah Baptisms - Sacred Heart Church
Tuesday	4:15 - 5.15pm 5:30pm 6:00pm 7:00pm	Adoration - Sacred Heart Church <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church Rosary - Sacred Heart Church Baptism Preparation Meeting - Parish Administration Centre
Wednesday	9:30am	Mt St Patrick College Opening Mass - Sacred Heart <i>No afternoon Adoration or Mass in Sacred Heart Church</i>
Thursday	8:30am 9:15am 9:30am 1:45pm - 2:45pm 3:00pm	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church Legion of Mary - South Murwillumbah Meeting Room St Joseph's Primary School Opening Mass - OLPS Church Christian Meditation Group - South Murwillumbah Mtg Room Junior Legion of Mary - South Murwillumbah
Friday	10:00am 10:00am 12:15pm 1:45pm - 2:45pm	Communion Service - Opal Nursing Home - C Dennis <u>Mass</u> - Heritage Lodge - Fr Anthony <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church Adoration - Sacred Heart Church
Saturday	9:00am 6:00pm	Rosary - Sacred Heart Church <u>Vigil Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
Sunday	6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A 8:00am 10:00am	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church <u>Mass</u> - St Brigid's, Burringbar

6TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME - Yr A 15/16 February	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 6.00pm Saturday	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 8.00am Sunday	COUNTERS: 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 15 Mar: P & R Marr 22 Mar: B Brodbeck & C Kerr
Acolyte	P Egan	P Marr	
Altar Servers	Z Macartney L Weaver	J & M Wylie K & C Lesleighter	
Readers	R Daley (C) R K Mumford R M Mumford P/F	K Ryder (C) P/F B Nolan R P Callaghan R	
Ministers of Communion	C Wightley	R Marr (C) M Reynolds, B Gorton L Green	
Hospitality	M Reynolds & D Haumu	J Morgan & N Maybury	
Procession of Gifts	C & J Anderson	P Yabsley & S Lemon	
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	V Hughes	

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**
09 Feb: Philomena Zambelli
16 Feb: Rose Lizzio

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP
Thursdays 1:45pm-2:45pm
South Murwillumbah Meeting Room

**CHURCH CLEANING
SANCTUARY & ALTAR**
Sacred Heart Church:
9 February: L Johnson
16 & 23 Feb: C Wightley,
Zambelli family
OLPS Church, Sth M'bah
February: K Ryder

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:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Jack Breakwell, Fr Frank O'Gorman (PP 1975-88),
Fr James O'Rourke, Bob Flanagan.



NOTICE BOARD

CORONAVIRUS NOTICE

Bishop Homeming, following discussions with an infectious disease specialist, has asked all parishes in the Lismore Diocese to cease distribution of Holy Communion from the Chalice until further notice.

CALENDAR

~ FEBRUARY ~

19 Catholic Women's Group (*see note*)

19 Parish Men's Group (*see note*)

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

12 noon Baptisms

25 First Reconciliation Parent Meeting -
Sacred Heart Church

26 **ASH WEDNESDAY**

~ MARCH ~

01 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT - A

10am Mass - St. Columba's, Uki

02 Rosary & Prayers - OLPS

06 10am Mass - Opal Nursing Home

08 **2ND SUNDAY OF LENT - A**

10am Mass - OLPS, Sth M'bah

12 noon Baptisms

15 **3RD SUNDAY OF LENT - A**

10am Mass - St. Brigid's, Burringbar

16-20 Catholic Schools Week

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP

Our New Year commences on **Wednesday 19 February with morning tea at 10am in the Parish Administration Centre.**

The Women's Group is an informal gathering, meeting every 2nd month on the 3rd Wednesday for a 'cuppa' and on alternate months - lunch at a local venue. (*Please note change of day.*)

ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!

PARISH MEN'S GROUP MORNING TEA

The next meeting of the Parish Men's Group for a Cuppa/morning tea will be on **Wednesday 19 February - 10am - RSL Club.**

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME!

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

MEALS ON WHEELS - ROSTER 2

10 - 14 February

Monday: G & K Bewes

Tuesday: K & C Kerr

Wednesday: B Heanes & H Larkin

Friday: C & C Dennis

NAME BADGE ORDER...

We're doing a name badge order for the Sacred Heart Parish, and wondering if anyone would like to order one. If so, please phone the Parish Office 6672 1118, by Fri 14 Feb.

Readings next week: (Yr A)

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10;

Mt 5:17-37

**5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr A
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (111)**

R: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me will have the light
of life.**

Alleluia!



BAPTISMS:

Please welcome
Olivia Mae McInnes
to our faith community.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL
CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

The Mary MacKillop Conference would sincerely like to thank all those who contributed and assisted with our 2019 Christmas Appeal, especially our wonderful volunteers, IGA Murwillumbah, Mt. St. Patrick College, Mt. St. Patrick Primary, St. Joseph's Primary South Murwillumbah, The Murwillumbah Bridge Club, the Parishioners of our Parish as well as many anonymous donations of moneys received. A very special thanks also to Mary-Ann and Beth who worked hard to ensure that we had premises to pack up and hand out 58 hampers to disadvantaged families in our community.

M Donaghy
Conference President

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be
consoled. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst
for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.*

- Matthew 5:5-6

**THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LISMORE
SAFEGUARDING OFFICE**

If you, or a person close to you, has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Diocese of Lismore, we ask you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss options you have available to you. To contact the Safeguarding Office, please phone (02) 6621 9444 or email: safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au

ASH WEDNESDAY

MASS & LITURGY TIMES:

26 February 2020

- 7:30am** Mass - Sacred Heart Church
- 9:30am** Liturgy - Mt St Patrick College - Gilbey Centre
- 9:30am** Liturgy - Mt St Patrick Primary - Sacred Heart Church
- 10:10am** Liturgy - St Joseph's Primary - Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church
- 5:30pm** Mass - Sacred Heart Church

BISHOPS GREG'S LENTEN TALKS...

This years Lenten talks will focus on Holiness.
The talks will begin at 6pm in the Cathedral.

Tuesdays 3, 10, 17 & 24 March.

ALL ARE WELCOME.



2020 LENTEN PROGRAMME

Grace.

You are invited to join us for prayer and reflection during the weeks of Lent, which commences with Ash Wednesday on 26 February. The Lenten Programme will commence the week 24 - 28 February.

This year's Lenten Programme is published by the Diocese of Wollongong and designed as a six-week Lenten resource for small groups, staff reflections, families and individuals.

It also includes daily reflections from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday.

**Please, sign up today,
to either host/lead a group,
or if you would like to join a group.**

Six beautiful Gospel Reflections written by **Fr. Christopher Sarkis** (Parish Priest of Rosemeadow, NSW), complimented by **Sr Anastasia Reeves OP** (St. Cecilia Dominican Sister, Nashville USA) **Spiritual Direction** and **Mgr Graham Schmitzer** (Parish Priest of Unanderra, NSW) artwork reflections.

Lenten books have arrived and are available at the Parish Office - \$10.00. Books may be purchased for individual use.



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