

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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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- YEAR A

16 February 2020

The heart of the matter

Over the next few weeks we will continue to listen to the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel. Today we hear of four (of six) examples of 'surpassing righteousness' which emerge out of the beatitudes and the images of salt and light we've heard over the past two weeks. Righteousness is a quality of God, as the beatitudes remind us.

All six bear upon right relationship between people, and what we're offered here, Jesus says, is meant to fulfill, or complete the law, not abolish it. A clue to the gospel's meaning is in the second paragraph where Jesus says, 'you will never get into the kingdom' if you think it's a matter of simply conforming to an agreed set of rules. Jesus is concerned with a change of heart, a new way of life that is centred on God.

So, we're not just opposed to murder, but to the anger that lies at the heart of it, as the recent stories of angry, murderous young men reveal. Jesus urges us to deal with it decisively, because if left to fester it will bring us undone. Leave your offering at the altar and go and be reconciled with your brother and sister. It's not only our anger, but theirs too we're concerned with.

Similarly, when it comes to adultery, we must deal with whatever stokes our desire. There have been enough disturbing stories of people addicted to what's on their smartphones for us to realise that we might need to act. That's what Jesus is getting at when he says chop it off, pluck it out.

With divorce, it's not enough for a man to say, legally I'm allowed to do this – except in the case of infidelity – says Jesus, but there's more to it than that. Jesus isn't on about legalities – though we may turn it into this. Instead he proposes a 'vision of marriage', where a man and a woman pledge themselves to each other.

Finally, we know how prone we are to equivocating in our daily lives. Indeed, with the influence of social media and the 24-hour news cycle these days, we're said to live in a 'post-truth' age and no amount of swearing on the bible will counteract this. What does Jesus say? We have to learn to trust one another, otherwise no relationship, no truth.

The gospel is about the heart of the matter. We're not to be distracted by a literal reading, for its dramatic language, meant to stop us in our tracks, reveals 'the hidden wisdom of God', as Paul says in the second reading, given to us 'for our glory.'

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 16 - 23 FEBRUARY

Sunday	6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A	
	8:00am	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	10:00am	<u>Mass</u> - St Brigid's, Burringbar
Tuesday	<i>No afternoon Adoration, Mass or Rosary in Sacred Heart Church</i>	
Wednesday	10:00am	Catholic Women's Group - Parish Admin Centre (see note pg 3)
	10:00am	Parish Men's Group - RSL Club (see note pg 3)
	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
	1:45pm - 2:45pm	Christian Meditation Group - South Murwillumbah Mtg Room
	3:00pm	Junior Legion of Mary - South Murwillumbah
	5:30pm	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	7TH 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
	12:00pm	Baptisms - Sacred Heart Church

7TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME - Yr A 22/23 February	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 6.00pm Saturday	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 8.00am Sunday	COUNTERS:
Acolyte	J Reynolds	T Zambelli	16 Feb: G & K Bewes
Altar Servers	R Trueman, O Barrett C Townsend	L Kee J & K Farrell	23 Feb: P & L McMahon
Readers	M Reynolds (C) R B Brodbeck R G Molloy P/F	J Schiller (C) R L Green R K Malone P/F	01 Mar: T & P Zambelli
Ministers of Communion	R Daley (C) D & B Guinea (Only 1 Minister of Communion required)	B Nolan (C) P Marr P McMahon, M Chiesa (Only 2 Ministers required)	08 Mar: J Morgan & L Green
Hospitality	—————	N Maybury & M Zambelli	15 Mar: P & R Marr
Procession of Gifts	R & L Nihill	F & B McGruther	22 Mar: B Brodbeck & C Kerr
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	T Jandura	29 Mar: C & J Anderson
			CHURCH CLEANING SANCTUARY & ALTAR
			<u>Sacred Heart Church:</u>
			16 & 23 Feb: C Wightley, Zambelli family
			1 March: B Gorton, M Reynolds
			<u>OLPS Church, Sth M'bah</u>
			February: K Ryder

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



ROSARY STATUE

16 Feb: Rose Lizzio
23 Feb: Jan Weaver

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
South Murwillumbah Meeting Room

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 10 March

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Eric Boan, Gary Stewart.



NOTICE BOARD

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!

ST JOSEPH'S CELEBRATING 50 YEARS:

A CALLOUT FOR EX-STUDENTS

As many of our Parishioners already know, this year St. Josephs in South Murwillumbah is celebrating 50 years of educating children in the Tweed Valley. To help with our celebrations, we are trying to locate the ex-student who goes back the furthest into St. Joseph's past.

If you, or someone you know attended St. Joseph's in the 70s (especially the early 70s), we would love you to get in touch.

Please contact Kate Salmon (Acting Principal) at the school if you can help 6672 1867.

~ FEBRUARY ~

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

14 Parish Family Mass with MSPPS

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

10am Mass - St. Brigid's, Burringbar

16-20 Catholic Schools Week

16-20 Meals on Wheels - Roster 1

BISHOPS GREG'S LENTEN TALKS...

This years Lenten talks will focus on
'HOLINESS'.

The talks will begin at 6pm in St
Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore.

Tuesdays 3, 10, 17 & 24 March.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

CORONAVIRUS NOTICE

Bishop Homering, 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.

Readings next week: (Yr A)

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lev 19: 1-2, 18-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23;

Mt 5:38-48

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



REACH BEYOND: BECOME SIMPLY RICH....

All trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people.

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**6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr A
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (118)**

R: Happy are those who follow the law of the Lord.

IF SUNG:

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

REFLECTION...

Truth-Telling

We have just heard the least observed command of Our Lord in the Sermon on the Mount. Referring to oaths he taught, 'Do not swear at all ... instead let your "yes" mean *yes* and your "no" mean *no*. Whatever goes beyond these simple words is from the Evil One.'

This is strong language. Why does Our Lord say this?

In the same Sermon on the Mount, he teaches us the proper use of God's name: 'Our Father'. It is our privilege as adopted children of God to *use* God's name in that way. The use of God's name for oath-swearing is an *abuse*.

Our Lord was trying to establish a new sort of society (The Kingdom) within which truth-telling was of paramount importance, where there is no two-tiered way of speaking the truth.

Truth telling should issue simply from the character of the person – the truthful person *truthes*.

We know this at the very private level of intimate relationships. As a Church, we need to heed this passage and listen to the epistle of St James recalling this passage almost verbatim. (James 5:12-13)

We could pause for a moment to pray that the Church herself heeds the Great Commission: 'Teach them to keep *all* that I have commanded you.' (Matthew 28:20)

by Fr Michael Tate

ASH WEDNESDAY

MASS TIMES:

26 February 2020

7:30am Sacred Heart Church, Murwillumbah

5:30pm Sacred Heart Church, Murwillumbah

7:30am & 9am St. Anthony's Church, Kingscliff

9:15am Sts. Mary and Ambrose Church, Pottsville

7am & 12:30pm St. Joseph's Church, Tweed Heads

**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.

Below is a list of the Lenten groups which you invited to join - just come along.

Wednesday - 9:15am

Parish Administration Centre

Thursday - 9:15am

Parish Administration Centre

Lenten books are available at the Parish Office -
\$10.00 each.

**PARISH PRAYER
FOR COMMISSIONING OF CATECHISTS**

Lord God, as a parish community we pray for our Catechists as they begin their ministry for this year.

Inspired by the Gospel, may they bring the light of faith to the children to whom they minister.



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