

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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7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- YEAR A

23 February 2020

Living a moral life

Gordon Gekko, the infamous lead character in the 1987 movie *Wall Street*, uttered the dictum, "Greed is good", which was to become the anthem for the decade of the 80s. Greed, or variously avarice and covetousness, are one of the Seven Deadly Sins, that popular list of "cardinal vices" that seem to have entered Catholic lore back in the 13th century.

The Seven Deadly Sins (pride, greed, lust, envy, gluttony, wrath and sloth) have left their imprint on art and literature over the centuries. They figure in Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* and the paintings of Hieronymus Bosch. Stephan Sondheim's musical *Getting Away with Murder*, Kurt Weill's opera and ballet *The Seven Deadly Sins*, as well as the 1995 movie *Seven* all took the cardinal vices as their leitmotif.

The impetus behind this listing of sins is founded on the notion that simply following rules or laws is not enough to ensure a moral life. Observing the letter of the moral code may make one appear virtuous; but genuine virtue derives from the quality of one's character. To live a moral life, one must cultivate virtuous habits and avoid habitual vices.

The same thought is woven through today's readings, where Moses, Jesus and Paul recommend the habitual practices of love over envy, mercy over wrath, and generosity over greed.

Such a lifestyle that seeks to foster the virtue of loving neighbour and enemy alike might seem foolish or unwise, as Paul notes. It would appear to be counterintuitive to let one's guard down, to build bridges across economic, cultural and ideological boundaries, rather than to construct walls that perpetuate such divisions. It may also challenge our natural inclinations to be greedy and jealous of own ideas, culture and lifestyle. Being generous, merciful and inclusive may require us to give up some aspects of our cherished possessions.

Pope Francis has noted that human morality is akin to the maintenance of ecological balance in the world. Just as we can violate and compromise the environment by polluting our waterways and air with toxic waste, we can do violence to our moral ecology when we sully our relationships with discord, dissension, fear, mistrust and alienation.

Vices such as greed, wrath, pride, envy or more accurately avarice (Lt *avarus*, meaning "to crave"), becomes injurious to the moral ecology when "wanting more" or "wanting what others don't have" becomes obsessions that pollute and poison relationships with other people.

In *Wall Street*, Gordon Gekko, typified the person whose obsession to possess money, power and influence would lead him to sacrifice all the relationships in his life. Today's readings ask us to reflect on our relationships and consider how our obsessions may be preventing us from a more fulfilling engagement with our neighbours and with God.

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 23 FEBRUARY - 1 MARCH

Sunday	7TH 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
Shrove Tuesday	4:15 - 5.15pm 5:30pm 6:30pm	Adoration - Sacred Heart Church <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church First Reconciliation Parent Meeting - Sacred Heart Church
ASH WEDNESDAY	7.30am 9.30am 10:10am 4.15 - 5.15pm 5.30pm	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church Liturgy - Sacred Heart Church - Mt St Patrick Primary School Liturgy - OLPS, Sth Murwillumbah - St Joseph's Primary Adoration - Sacred Heart Church <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
Thursday	8:30am 9:15am 1:45pm - 2:45pm 3:00pm	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church Legion of Mary - South Murwillumbah Meeting Room Christian Meditation Group - South Murwillumbah Mtg Room Junior Legion of Mary - South Murwillumbah
Friday	10:00am 10:00am 12:15pm 12:45pm - 1:15pm 1:45pm - 2:45pm	Communion Service - Opal Nursing Home - K Mumford Communion Service - Heritage Lodge - J Reynolds <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church Stations of the Cross - Sacred Heart Church Adoration - Sacred Heart Church
Saturday	9:00am 6:00pm	Rosary - Sacred Heart Church <u>Vigil Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
Sunday	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - Year A 8:00am 10:00am	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church <u>Mass</u> - St. Columba's, Uki

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - Yr A 29 Feb/1 March	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 6.00pm Saturday	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 8.00am Sunday	COUNTERS: 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 29 Mar: C & J Anderson 05 April: G & K Bewes
Acolyte	R Daley	P Marr	
Altar Servers	O Adams Y Van Rosi	M & A Ryder S & L Calvino	
Readers	L Fox (C) R D Banner R T Waugh P/F	B Cook (C) R K Ryder R P Yabsley P/F	
Ministers of Communion	C Anderson (C) B Brodbeck, K Mumford (Only 1 Minister required)	I & B Dusi (C) L Green, J Schiller (Only 2 Ministers required)	
Hospitality	M Reynolds & D Haumu	F Berg & B McGrouther	
Procession of Gifts	_____	T & P Zambelli	
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	K Anderson	

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

23 Feb: Jan Weaver
1 Mar: Ann Palmer

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Thursdays 1:45pm-2:45pm
South Murwillumbah Meeting Room

CHURCH CLEANING

SANCTUARY & ALTAR

Sacred Heart Church:

23 Feb: C Wightley, Zambelli family

1 March: B Gorton, M Reynolds

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 10 March

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Robyn McDermott (Fingal), Mavis Besford (nee Mahoney),
Eric Boan, Gary Stewart.



ANNIVERSARIES:

Grahame Johnson, Noel O'Meara, Mary Lazenby, Dr Betty Marks.

NOTICE BOARD

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

During Term One a number of children from our parish will be preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

*There will be Parent Information Meeting
this Tuesday 25 February at 6:30pm
in the Sacred Heart Church.*

Welcoming Masses for this Sacrament will take place at all weekend Masses next weekend, 29 February/1 March.

First Reconciliation will take place after their Retreat Day, on Friday 27 March at 12noon in the Sacred Heart Church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Sacred Heart Church - 12.45pm Fridays
during Lent led by Legion of Mary
(following 12.15pm Mass)

PARISH FAMILY MASS with MT ST PATRICK PRIMARY
6pm - Saturday 14 March.
ALL WELCOME!!

ST JOSEPH'S CELEBRATING 50 YEARS:

1) COMMEMORATIVE PATHWAY

Be part of our history and our future

To commemorate 50 years of Catholic education in South Murwillumbah at St. Joseph's this year, we will be laying a commemorative pathway. The pathway will be made up of engraved bricks to represent past and present students, families and staff, and will be built at the playground near the play equipment. All past & present families, students, staff & parishioners are invited to sponsor a brick and be part of our anniversary celebrations in August.

Order forms are available on the table at the Church door.

2) A CALLOUT FOR EX-STUDENTS

As many of our Parishioners already know, this year St. Joseph's 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.

CALENDAR

~ MARCH ~

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

17 St Patrick's Day

19 St Joseph's Day

19 Finance Council Meeting

21 Wedding: Sacred Heart Church
Aimee South & Paterika Tepania

22 **4TH SUNDAY OF LENT - A**
10am Mass - OLPS, Sth M'bah

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.

These talks will be available on the Lismore Diocese website after the 4 talks are completed: www.lismorediocese.org

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.

Readings next week: (Yr A)

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Gen 2: 7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19;
Mt 4:1-11

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr A

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (102)

R: The Lord is kind and merciful.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God.

Alleluia!

2020 LENTEN PROGRAMME

‘Grace’

Below is a list of the Lenten groups. You are invited to come along and join in. Commencing this week.

Wednesday - 9:15 am - Parish Administration Centre

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Lenten books are available from the Parish Office & the Church. Cost - \$10.00.

Books may also be purchased for individual use.



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. They're not asking for money or gifts that contribute to degrading dependence. Your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. [Palms Australia](http://www.palms.org.au) will provide you with thorough preparation and support.

You will be rewarded with riches greater than you might imagine.

Look at www.palms.org.au and talk to Roger on 0422472567, or email palms@palms.org.au

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



BAPTISM:

Please welcome
Annabelle Clare Tuffield
to our faith community.

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

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.



PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY 23RD MARCH 2020



Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "Go Further Together".

Your generosity will assist some of the world's most vulnerable communities to lift themselves out of poverty. When we **Go Further Together** in love and compassion, the whole world thrives.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion.



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