

# 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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## PARISH STAFF

### Parish Priest

Fr. Anthony Lemon

### Parish Manager

Mary-Ann Thackray

### Parish Secretary

Beth Gorton

### Pastoral Associate

Barbara Grant

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## PARISH OFFICE

**Monday to Friday 9.00am - 3.00pm**

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## PARISH SCHOOLS

### Mt. St. Patrick College

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

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[mshpmurwillumbah@lism.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mshpmurwillumbah@lism.catholic.edu.au)

Principal: Paul Reidy

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Mooball Street, Murwillumbah

Ph: 02 6672 1821

[mspprimary@lism.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mspprimary@lism.catholic.edu.au)

Principal: Brendan Ryan

### St. Joseph's Primary School

Greville Street, South Murwillumbah

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Acting Principal: Kate Salmon (Term 1)

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

- YEAR A

15 March 2020

## Encountering Jesus

Going to Jacob's well was her daily chore. She went to the well with the heavy weight of the water jar on her shoulder and the heavy weight of people's judgment in her heart. That was why she chose the unusual time to come to the well, about noon.

Ordinary women from her place wouldn't come to the well at noon. They came to the well in the evening (Genesis 24:11). But she was not an ordinary woman. She was an extraordinary one. In the eyes of others in her town, she was a sinful woman, someone they would like to talk about and not talk to. She had lived with five different husbands. And now she lived with a sixth man. This might be the reason she came to the well at an unusual time. She wanted to avoid the embarrassment of people staring at her with their judgmental eyes.

Jesus chose the same time, an unusual time. The reason was similar. Jesus heard that people, especially the Pharisees started to talk about his increasing popularity. So, he decided to go back to Galilee. John writes Jesus was tired from his journey. He wanted to rest (4:6), so he went to the well at an unusual time.

But it was at a moment like this the encounter occurred. It was a very special encounter between a "sinful" woman who wanted to avoid people and the tired Lord who didn't want to be disturbed. It was an unplanned encounter but ended up with a long conversation. If the definition of a prayer is conversation with the Lord, this is the longest prayer in the gospel.

John writes at the end of the conversation at chapter 28: "The women left her water jar and ran to the town." That was the first time in her life she went back home without the burden of her water jar on her shoulder and the burden of shame in her heart. After the encounter with Jesus, her life became lighter. Jesus has freed her from her every day burden. She ran back to the town to tell others that she has encountered the messiah and was a sinner no more.

Many of us live with our everyday burdens; marriage breakdown, the death of a loved one, unpaid bills, the unreachable dreams. We carry these heavy burdens like the Samaritan woman. Here, we have her story about the need to encounter Jesus. We too need to encounter him, tell him our story and to let him lift these burdens from our shoulder. And if we experience this kind of salvation from our encounter with him, we need to tell our story so that other people might come to him as well and find salvation.

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# THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 15 - 22 MARCH

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| Sunday    | <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - Year A</b><br>8:00am <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church<br>10:00am <u>Mass</u> - St. Brigid's, Burringbar   |
| Tuesday   | 4:15 - 5:15pm Adoration - Sacred Heart Church<br>5:30pm <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church<br>6:00pm Rosary - Sacred Heart Church   |
| Wednesday | 10:00am Parish Men's Group Morning Tea - RSL Club (see note page 3)<br>11:00am <u>Requiem Mass</u> for Jo Dunne - Sacred Heart Church<br><i>No afternoon Adoration or Mass in Sacred Heart Church</i>  |
| Thursday  | 8:30am <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church<br>9:15am Legion of Mary - South Murwillumbah Meeting Room<br>1:45pm - 2:45pm Christian Meditation Group - South Murwillumbah Mtg Room<br>3:00pm Junior Legion of Mary - South Murwillumbah<br>5:30pm Finance Council Meeting   |
| Friday    | 10:00am Communion Service - Opal Nursing Home - K Mumford<br>10:00am Communion Service - Heritage Lodge - L Green<br>10:00am <u>Funeral Prayers</u> for Noel Mather - Sacred Heart Church<br>12 noon Catholic Women's Group - lunch - RSL Club (see note page 3)<br>12:15pm <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church<br>12:45pm - 1:15pm Stations of the Cross - Sacred Heart Church<br>1:45pm - 2:45pm Adoration - Sacred Heart Church |
| Saturday  | 9:00am Rosary - Sacred Heart Church<br>2:30pm Wedding: Aimee South & Pateriki Tepania<br>6:00pm <u>Vigil Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church  |
| Sunday    | <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year A</b><br>8:00am <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church<br>10:00am <u>Mass</u> - Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, South Murwillumbah<br>12noon Baptisms - Sacred Heart Church  |

| FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Yr A 21/22 March | Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 6.00pm Saturday      | Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 8.00am Sunday                                    | COUNTERS:  |
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| <b>Acolyte</b>                           | R Daley  | T Zambelli   | 15 Mar: P & R Marr<br>22 Mar: B Brodbeck & C Kerr<br>29 Mar: C & J Anderson<br>05 April: G & K Bewes<br>12 April: Parish staff<br>19 April: P & L McMahon<br>26 April: T & P Zambelli<br>03 May: J Morgan & L Green                                |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                     | E Wightley<br>G Kendrick-Morosini              | E & T Loughman<br>R Stewart-Walker   |  |
| <b>Readers</b>                           | B Nolan R<br>M Mumford R<br>M Reynolds (C) P/F | J Schiller R<br>P Yabsley R<br>C Wightley (C) P/F                          |  |
| <b>Ministers of Communion</b>            | D & B Guinea (C)<br>(Only 1 Minister required) | M Chiesa (C), L Green<br>P Marr, M Reynolds<br>(Only 2 Ministers required) |  |
| <b>Hospitality</b>                       | —————  | J Morgan, N Maybury  | <b>CHURCH CLEANING</b><br><b>SANCTUARY &amp; ALTAR</b><br><b><u>Sacred Heart Church:</u></b><br><b>15 &amp; 22 March:</b><br>K Mumford & J Morgan<br><b>29 March:</b> L Johnson<br><b><u>OLPS Church, Sth M'bah</u></b><br><b>March:</b> T Jandura |
| <b>Procession of Gifts</b>               | C & J Anderson                                 | F & B McGrouther   |  |
| <b>Children's Liturgy</b>                | No Children's Liturgy                          | P Zambelli   |  |

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



## ROSARY STATUE

15 Mar: Pam Willock  
22 Mar: Brian & Joan Alexander

## 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

The next date for morning tea - to be advised

## 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 14 April

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Alice Jarvis, Cristina Tobe (grandmother of Fr Wilber Tobe),  
Marion Roberts, Ken Buchanan, Noel Mather,  
Jo Dunne, Colin Fuller, Robyn McDermott, Mavis Besford.

## NOTICE BOARD

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
**Sacred Heart Church - 12.45pm Fridays**  
**during Lent led by Legion of Mary**  
(following 12:15pm Mass)

**STATIONS OF  
THE CROSS**



## CALENDAR

### ~ MARCH ~

25 The ANNUNCIATION of the LORD  
28 Anointing Mass - Sacred Heart Church  
29 **5TH SUNDAY OF LENT - A**  
**No 10am Mass - 5th Sunday**  
31 II Rite of Reconciliation - Kingscliff

### ~ APRIL ~

03 10am Mass - Opal Nursing Home  
04 Palm Sunday Gospel readers practice  
05 **PALM SUNDAY - Yr A**  
10am Mass - St Columba's, Uki

### MEALS ON WHEELS - Roster 1 16-20 March

Mon: B & M Donaghy,  
P Dow & C Reynolds  
Tues: J & M Reynolds  
Wed: L Johnson & D Banner  
Fri: P Ryder, D Haumu;  
B Ryder, A Wilson

### Readings next week: (Yr A)

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Eph 5:8-14;  
Jn 9:1-41**

### PARISH MEN'S GROUP MORNING TEA

The next meeting of the Parish Men's Group for a Cuppa/morning  
tea will be on **Wednesday 18 March - 10am - RSL Club.**

**ALL MEN ARE WELCOME!**

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP

Our lunch this month will be on **Friday 20th March**  
**at the Murwillumbah Services Club at 12 noon.**

**ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME!**

### MASS OF ANOINTING

*'Come and receive the Healing Touch of God'*

**9am - Saturday 28 March - Sacred Heart Church**

If you are unable to drive and would like a lift to this Mass,  
please phone the Parish Office 6672 1118.

### EASTER LITURGY ROSTERS

The liturgy roster for **Palm Sunday (Gospel readers)** and the  
**Easter Ceremonies** will be prepared shortly.

If you would like to volunteer for a ministry at any of the Easter  
ceremonies, please add your name to the Roster sheet at the  
Church entrance.

### PLEASE NOTE: Practice for Readers:

**Palm Sunday Gospel readers - 10am Saturday 4 April.**

**Good Friday Gospel readers - 10am Friday 10 April.**

**Easter Vigil readers - 10am Saturday 11 April.**

## CORONAVIRUS NOTICE FROM THE BISHOP'S OFFICE

Since the Australian Government has indicated that there has been transmission of Covid-19 Virus within Australia, and in accordance with specialist medical advice, Bishop Homeming has made some rulings concerning the celebration of Mass in our Diocese.

1. In order to prevent the passing of the virus from hand to hand there will be no sign-of-peace until further notice.
2. To prevent the possibility of the transmission of droplets from one person to another during the reception of Communion, all Communion will be given on the hand and not on the tongue until further notice.
3. The Chalice will not be shared with the congregation.
4. If you are feeling unwell, you are relieved from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass. Sick people should not attend Mass.
5. All Special Ministers of the Eucharist must use hand sanitizer before & after distributing Communion.
6. Holy Water will not be used at the entrances of churches.



### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - Yr A

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (94)

R: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

*Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus*

*Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;*

*give me living water, that I may never thirst again.*

*Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus*

*Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ.*

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

16-20 March

This year's theme is *'Walking With Our Students'*.

Catholic Schools Week is a time to celebrate our shared faith, educational excellence and the importance of every student.

Teachers and support staff at our Parish Schools, are determined to provide a high quality education and accompany students on their faith and educational journeys.

The main aim of Catholic Schools Week is to raise awareness of the wonderful opportunities that Catholic schools provide, and to celebrate our history, our faith and our achievements.

## Mt St Patrick College

# OPEN DAY

THURSDAY 19TH MARCH 2020



Offering a quality Catholic Education

## ENROL NOW FOR 2021

Morning Session 9.00am - 11.00am

Evening Session 5.00pm - 6.30pm

Main Street Murwillumbah NSW 2484  
Telephone: (02) 6672 2340  
Email: [murpsenrolments@lism.catholic.edu.au](mailto:murpsenrolments@lism.catholic.edu.au)  
Website: <https://mupclism.com>

Applications close  
Friday 3rd April 2020

### MT ST PATRICK PRIMARY



Enrolling Now - Kindergarten 2021

### SCHOOL



## Open Day 2020

Friday March 20

9am - 1pm  
Tours of the School and  
Kindergarten classrooms  
available.

ALL WELCOME  
30 Moaball Street  
Murwillumbah NSW  
For further information phone  
**02 6672 1821**  
[www.murplism.catholic.edu.au](http://www.murplism.catholic.edu.au)

*With Heart and Pride*

### St Joseph's Primary School

South Murwillumbah

We are a parish feeder school to Mt St Patrick's College

## OPEN DAY

9.00a.m. - 11.00a.m.

Tuesday March 17th, 2020

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2021  
KINDERGARTEN - YEAR 6

Meet with the Principal and Year 6 student tour guides.

Come and explore our successful, nurturing learning  
community! Small class sizes! We take a personalised  
approach to your child's learning and development!

3 Greville Street, South Murwillumbah  
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## PROJECT COMPASSION

GO FURTHER TOGETHER



## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 15TH MARCH 2020

Barry is a Gamilaroi man originally from western NSW. Barry is a father of four and he embodies resilience and strength. With the support of a program from Caritas Australia's partner, Red Dust Healing, Barry has overcome many of life's challenges. He is now an inspirational father to his four girls and a leader in his community.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help vulnerable people like Barry, so that they are empowered to assist members of their communities in Australia.**

**Let's Go Further, Together.** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.



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