

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

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St. Columba's Church

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**12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -
YEAR A
21 June 2020**

Living life to the full

Walking down a quiet street one evening, from the opposite direction I see the outline of a stranger approach. I can't make out his or her features, but I quickly cross the road to avoid the person. My heart starts to race, and I become more and more anxious. As I reach the other side of the road I check to see if I'm being followed. I also listen for the other person's footsteps.

But no footsteps can be heard. No one is nearby. Apart from the street lights and the occasional car going past I am alone in the darkness. There is nothing to be afraid of. While no one has been following me, for a few short minutes my body was racked with fear.

Fear is part and parcel of life. It is a typical and reasonable emotion that allows us to sense and respond to a potentially dangerous situation, but it can also overwhelm us to the point that it hinders rather than assists us. At its worst, we can become an anxious mess, trapped by our own harmful and irrational thoughts.

These negative episodes can occur when we encounter people who look, behave and talk differently to us; when we encounter mother nature at its most ferocious during a storm, a flood or a prolonged heatwave; or if we gaze into the mirror and ponder the fragility of life. We don't know what's around the corner. Life can be frightening.

In today's fast paced, digital media world, we can experience feelings of being left behind or thoughts of exclusion because we falsely believe we can't keep up with our colleagues. We may feel we're not as successful because our workmates may be younger and more proactive. Getting out of bed and facing another day in the office can sometimes be akin to climbing a mountain, the task almost insurmountable.

These emotions can be frightful and may cause us to consider hiding from the rest of the world. To hide from meeting new people; to hide from doing something new and life giving; to hide from a new and potentially grace filled experience provided by family, friends, complete strangers. Even God.

But that is not what God intends for us. God wants us to live full and productive lives and not to hide away. "For everything that is now covered will be uncovered and everything now hidden will be made clear." (*Matthew 10:26-33*)

God is continually reshaping the world, both in the natural environment and in the people around us. God made a beautiful world. It is a world we should embrace with full abundance each day as we are all blessed by God's grace and unending love for us.

Mark Chia CSsR @Magellan 2020

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This week in the Parish 14-21 June

Sunday 21	12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 8am - Mass - Sacred Heart Church 10am - Mass - Sacred Heart Church (<i>livestreamed with Fr. Anthony</i>)
Tuesday 23	5:30pm - Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Wednesday 24	The NATIVITY of ST JOHN THE BAPTIST 5:30pm - Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Thursday 25	8:30am - Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Friday 26	12 noon - Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Saturday 27	6pm - Vigil Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Sunday 28	13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 8am - Mass - Sacred Heart Church 10am - Mass - Sacred Heart Church

PLEASE NOTE:

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Readings this week: (Yr A)

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr A

Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr A

2 Kg 4:8-11, 14-16; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

RECONCILIATION - Sacred Heart:

Saturday : 5.30pm - 5.50pm

Sunday: 7.30am - 7.50am

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Peter Laffranchi, Kath Kavanagh, Margaret Twohill.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Terry King, Sheila Knell.

BAPTISMS

We are once again able to celebrate the sacrament of Baptism (maximum of 20 people) and we must adhere to social distancing.

If you would like to book a Baptism, please phone the Parish Office on 66721118. Baptisms are usually held on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month at 12noon.

PLANNED GIVING

The collection plate will not be passed around however, your contributions may be placed in the collection boxes at the entrance to the Church or handed into the Parish Office.

We thank you for your continued support in this difficult time.



*I am the Good Shepherd, and I lay down my life
for my sheep, says the Lord.
John 10:11, 15*

LITURGY & ALTAR SERVER ROSTERS:

New Liturgy & Altar Server Rosters will be prepared shortly.

If you would like to be added to the roster or change your availability, please phone Parish Office 6672 1118.

WEEKEND MASSES

(including FRIDAY)

BOOKINGS REQUIRED

Please contact the Parish Office

66721118 Tuesday & Wednesday

9am - 3pm or email your request to

shpmbah@norex.com.au

WEEKDAY MASSES

(TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY)

NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

UPDATE

Dear Parishioners

Your PPC will recommence meeting on Thursday 9 July. As a listening group searching out and responding to the needs, ideas and concerns of parishioners we will be discussing and planning a variety of ways to reach out and consult with you all in planning for the future of our parish. Please keep us in your prayers.

REFLECTION...

Do not be afraid' is one of the most commonly repeated sentences in the Bible. In one form or another, the command to 'be not afraid' or 'fear not' appears several hundred times throughout the Old and New Testaments. Today's gospel passage is part of the sending out of the Twelve that occupies all of Chapter 10 in the gospel. It follows a little later in the chapter from last week's reading in which Jesus called the Twelve and sent them out as Apostles. The remainder of the chapter provides an extended teaching on what it means and what it costs to take the message of Jesus out into the world. Jesus teaches the Twelve that the message they bear will not always be well received and there will be those who will seek to silence the Apostles through violent means. But then the teaching comes to the section of today's passage and Jesus commands the Twelve, 'Do not be afraid'.

The message to not be afraid is as much for the original intended audience of the gospel as it was for the apostles. The community for whom this gospel was written were on the verge of being 'squeezed out' and forced into secret. The passage reminds them to have courage and to have the courage of their convictions; to shout from the house-tops their message, not whisper it in darkness. It is a reminder of the abundant love of God who cares for them and sees all their efforts to continue to live out the message and ministry of Jesus.

It is equally a message for us, today. We are called to continue the spread of the gospel message; continuing the work of those early Christian communities, the Twelve and Jesus himself.

Greg Sunter

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PLANNED GIVING

We wish to thank our existing contributors whose loyalty has helped maintain the parish over many years and invite those parishioners who have not been part of the Planned Giving Program to consider joining the program.

New planned giving envelopes for 2020-2021 have arrived and are available to take home today.

Donations to planned giving may be made by cash, cheque or by EFT.

If you have any questions regarding planned giving or wish to join or update your planned giving, please contact our Parish Business Manager, Mary-Ann Thackray at the Parish Administration Centre during business hours (9am - 3pm).

What is the money on the collection plates used for each week?

First Collection – supports living expenses for our Parish Priest and other clergy such as sick and/or retired priests of the Diocese. Some of the donations on this collection are kept here and some of the money is sent to the Central Clergy Fund in Lismore.

Second Collection – supports “the work of God in our Parish” – it helps to pay for the various operating and maintenance expenses of the parish.

SUPPORTING YOUR SPIRITUAL AND PRAYER LIVES DURING COVID-19

View Mass at Home

There are several options to tune into Mass at home, here are a few:

ONLINE:

- ♦ **Fr Anthony is livestreaming 10am Sunday Mass from the Sacred Heart Church** for you at home this week. Our Sacred Heart Parish YouTube channel is:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQUNxgDO5WeZpoYNeJK24gA>
PLEASE NOTE: The 10am Mass this Sunday 21 June will be the final livestreamed Mass from the Sacred Heart Church.
- ♦ Bishop Greg Homeming is livestreaming Sunday Mass at 8:00am. You can access the livestream by following the link from lismorediocese.org or going straight to the 'Lismore Diocese' channel on YouTube.
- ♦ Mass on Demand: <http://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home>

FREEVIEW TV:

- ♦ Tune in to channel 10 on Sunday mornings at 6:00am for 'Mass for You at Home'.

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 68)

R: Lord, in your great love, answer me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me,
says the Lord, and you also will be my
witnesses. Alleluia!**

MASS IS BACK ... with a few modifications and restrictions in place

What are some of our modifications & restrictions?

- all Masses will be celebrated in Sacred Heart Church (entry via main entrance only)
- limit of 50 per Mass - signing in on arrival and hand sanitising
- need to book for weekend Masses including Friday, Saturday and Sunday
- no need to book for Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday
- no holy water
- social distancing using the 4 square metre rule - seats are marked where you can sit
- be aware ... you might not get to sit in your regular seat!
- no congregational singing
- no hymn books & no mass cards
- no collection plates
- no offertory procession
- no sign of peace
- communion BY HAND only
- no chalice
- church cleaned after each Mass
- covid-19 safety plan of action in place
- from 1 July limits will change again! We're working on how many people we'll be able to fit in for each Mass under the 4 square metre rule and whether we'll need to continue bookings for Mass ... watch this space for more information next week

Queries or concerns, please contact Mary-Ann in the Parish Office.

To help us with cleaning after each Mass we ask that you please turn the "Please Sit Here" sign in your seat over to the blank side when you sit down – this will help us identify which seats have been used during Mass. Thanks for your co-operation.

COVIDSAFE APP

As we continue to open the churches in a limited way, we encourage parishioners to download the COVIDSafe app if you haven't already done so.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
At the words that follow, up to and including the
Virgin Mary, all bow.
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the
dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.



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