

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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**13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -
YEAR A**
28 June 2020

In Jesus' footsteps we follow

William Broders in his book *Handyman of the Lord*, tells the story about a poor man who was begging for food. He rang the front doorbell of a mansion and was told to go around the back where he would be given something to eat.

The owner of the mansion met the poor man on the back porch and said to him, "First we will bless the food. Repeat after me. Our Father who art in Heaven ..."

The poor man replied, "Your Father who art in heaven ..."

"No", the owner of the house corrected. "Our Father who art in heaven."

The poor man replied: "Yes sir, but if I say 'Our Father', that would make you and me brothers, and I am afraid the Lord wouldn't like you askin' your brother to come to the back porch to get a piece of bread."

It is not always easy to put into actions the words that we say in our prayers. It's as difficult as bringing our faith from inside the church and out into the street. In one of his reflections during angelus time, Pope Francis said: "Prayer that doesn't lead to concrete action toward our brothers is a fruitless and incomplete prayer, but at the same time, when ecclesial service only attends to work, not reserving time for dialogue with God in prayer, it risks serving itself rather than God who is present in the brother in need. Prayer and action must always be profoundly united."

In today's gospel, Jesus gives special instructions to his disciples on how to be his true disciples. It demands great commitment. Jesus is challenging them to be more serious in their decision to follow him. He says: "Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me."

To follow Jesus means to imitate Jesus and to love in the way he loves. Jesus' love is universal. He doesn't limit his love just to his family because, for Jesus, family means not only those who are connected to him biologically. He once said: "Here are my mothers and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

Jesus wants his disciples to follow his footsteps and to spread the love of God to as many people as possible. As Jesus followers, we are challenged to renew our commitment and our relationship with him. We need to put our faith into actions by being kind to our brothers and sisters in need.

Mans Boli CSsR @Magellan 2020

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 28	13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr A 8am - Mass - Sacred Heart Church 10am - Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Monday 29	Sts PETER & PAUL, apostles
Tuesday 30	5:30pm - Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Wednesday 01	5:30pm - Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Thursday 02	8:30am - Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Friday 03	St Thomas, apostle 12 noon - Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Saturday 04	6pm - Vigil Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Sunday 05	14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr A 8am - Mass - Sacred Heart Church 10am - Mass - Sacred Heart Church

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 (TUES, WED & THUR)

NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED

Readings this week: (Yr A)

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr A

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

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr A

Zech 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

RECONCILIATION - Sacred Heart:

Saturday : 5.30pm - 5.50pm

Sunday: 7.30am - 7.50am

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Richard Burns (Casino), Peter Laffranchi, Kath Kavanagh,
Margaret Twohill.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Arthur Ensbey, Colin Leslight, Mavis Dawson, Ethel Dignan.

ROSARY & PRAYERS for God's Precious Infants and the
Unborn Child - Monday 6 July at 9am Sacred Heart Church.
Pregnancy Help Line: 1300 139 313

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.

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.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS OF CONFIRMATION

AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Unfortunately, these sacraments will not go
ahead this year due to the disruption caused by
the global pandemic. The children who were
due to participate this year will make their
sacraments in 2021.

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.

FINANCIAL REPORT TO THE PARISH FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

Included with this weekend's bulletin is the
financial summary for the parish for the year
ended 31 December 2019.

If you have any questions regarding the
enclosed financial summary or planned giving,
please speak to one of our Parish Finance
Council members or to our Parish Business
Manager, Mary-Ann Thackray.

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.



STS PETER & PAUL

On June 29 the Church celebrates the feast day of Sts. Peter & Paul. Together, the two saints are the founders of the See of Rome, through their preaching, ministry and martyrdom there.

Peter, who was named Simon, was a fisherman of Galilee. Jesus gave him the name Cephas (Petrus in Latin), which means 'Rock,'

because he was to become the rock upon which Christ would build His Church. Peter led the Apostles as the first Pope and ensured that the disciples kept the true faith.

St. Peter spent his last years in Rome, leading the Church through persecution and eventually being martyred under Nero in the year 64. He was crucified upside-down at his own request, because he claimed he was not worthy to die as his Lord. He was buried on Vatican hill, and St. Peter's Basilica is built over his tomb.

Paul was the Apostle of the Gentiles. His letters are included in the writings of the New Testament, and through them we learn much about his life and the faith of the early Church.

Before receiving the name Paul, he was Saul of Tarsus, a Jewish pharisee who zealously persecuted Christians in Jerusalem. Scripture records that Saul was present at the martyrdom of St. Stephen.

Saul's conversion took place as he was on his way to Damascus to persecute the Christian community there. Continuing on to Damascus, he was baptized. He took the name Paul and spent the remainder of his life preaching the Gospel tirelessly to the Gentiles of the Mediterranean world.

Paul was imprisoned and taken to Rome, where he was beheaded in the year 67. He is buried in Rome in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.

ST THOMAS

One of the Twelve Apostles, Saint Thomas or "Doubting Thomas" was initially skeptical about Jesus' resurrection, but later proclaimed Jesus, "My Lord and My God."

Thomas was born in Galilee Israel circa the 1st century. When he first heard of Jesus' resurrection, he questioned it, earning him the nickname "Doubting Thomas." As cited in John 20:28, he later proclaimed Jesus as "My Lord and my God" upon his resurrection. He spent the following years traveling and spreading the gospel. St. Thomas was martyred in Mylapore at Madras (*now Chennai*), India, where San Thomé Cathedral, his traditional burial place, is located. His relics, however, supposedly were taken to the West and finally enshrined at Ortona, Italy.



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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).

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:

- ♦ 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'.

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 88)

R: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

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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