

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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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

- YEAR A

7 June 2020

Welcome my brothers and sisters

St Sergius (1314-1392) was a Russian Orthodox monk. His teachings and social programs made him one of Russia's most respected spiritual leaders. His monastery of the Trinity became the Russian centre and symbol of religious renewal and national identity.

During his lifetime, Russia experienced the ravages of the Mongol invasions. Yet, St Sergius lived by the belief – *through contemplation of the most Holy Trinity we can overcome the hateful divisions of this world.* So, with trust in his conviction about the power and example of the Trinity, St Sergius worked tirelessly to bring about unity among the warring parties; who then worked *together* for Russia's economic and cultural recovery.

In celebrating the Most Holy Trinity, we remember that the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are one. We too are meant to be one as they are one. Yet sadly, this is not always so. Our world is often fractured by division, prejudice, injustice, discrimination, intolerance, fear, retribution and violence. Issues and situations often become bogged down in a mentality of "us" and "them", with little hope for respectful dialogue, understanding and compromise.

The Trinity shows us the true path to unity. In the Trinity, each Person 'identifies' with the other, gives themselves to the other and sustains the existence of the other. The example of the Trinity is something which we can follow. Can we identify with each other, recognising our common humanity, suffering with each other and walking in each others' shoes? Can we give ourselves to each other in service, carrying each other's burdens? Can we sustain the existence of each other, strengthening social structures, policies and laws to ensure that people's needs are met? Can we forgive those who have wronged us and walk together on the path to peace and reconciliation? Can we share from our abundance with those who have nothing? Can we live together respectfully, recognising that every human life is an act of love from within the creative heart of the Trinity?

A famous early 15th century Icon of the Trinity by Andrei Rublev, 'written' for St Sergius' monastery, depicts three angels (representing the Trinity) at a table with four place settings. The fourth place is vacant and invites the viewer to take the seat and enter the Trinity's relationship of unity and love.

This image can be a helpful way for us to bridge differences, find common ground and heal divisions. But it means stretching ourselves to make a space for people who are different from us. It means inviting them to 'take a seat' in our lives and embracing them with gentleness and courtesy and welcoming them as brothers and sisters in the Trinity. Today's celebration calls us to recommit ourselves to end division and to build unity in our diversity.

David J Hore @Magellan 2020

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This week in the Parish 7-14 June

Sunday 07	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 9am - Mass livestreamed (Sacred Heart Church)
Monday 08	Parish Office Closed - Public holiday
Friday 12	12 noon - Mass (Sacred Heart Church)
Saturday 13	6pm - Vigil Mass (Sacred Heart Church)
Sunday 14	THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) 8am - Mass (Sacred Heart Church) 10am - Mass (Sacred Heart Church)

TRINITY SUNDAY - Year A

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Daniel 3)

R: Glory and praise for ever!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

Readings this week: (Yr A)

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - Yr A

Ex 34:4-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST - Yr A

Deut 8:2-3, 14-16; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

BULLETINS

Please Note: This is the final weekend of hand delivered bulletins. Bulletins will be available from the Sacred Heart Church at all weekend Masses and at the Parish Office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Kath Kavanagh, Margaret Twohill, Peter Griffiths, Ursula Mills, Noeline Mayberry, Dina Zambelli, Vonnice Walker.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Frank van den Broek, Lyn Smith, Bernie Swift, Annie Everson.

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.

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.

RECONCILIATION - Sacred Heart:

Saturday: 5.30pm - 5.50pm

Sunday: 7.30am - 7.50am

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.

LIVING THE GOSPEL – SIGN OF THE CROSS

Every time we bless ourselves or begin prayer with the sign of the cross, we reaffirm our belief in the Trinity. That seemingly simple prayer, 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,' is, in fact, a confirmation of our belief in a triune God – three in one. The earliest use of the sign of the cross only involved tracing a small cross with the thumb or finger on the forehead as it is still done in baptisms or blessings today. Later, describing the shape of the cross on forehead, abdomen and shoulders became the common practice.

- Greg Sunter

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BISHOP of LISMORE

— GREGORY HOMEMING OCD —

The Opening of Churches from 1st June 2020

- churches will open but no more than 50 people may attend at once (this must be supervised by the parish priest or delegated person);
- churches are open for prayer, Confessions, Mass, Baptisms, Funerals and Weddings;
- only 20 attendees are permitted at Weddings;
- contact details of all those entering the church (name and phone number or email address) must be recorded;
- spatial distancing (at least 1½ m from each other, the 4 square-metre rule) and hygiene directions (including regularly disinfecting the church) must be observed; attendees may sit only in marked places, to queue at a distance from others, to take care when coughing or sneezing and to avail themselves of hand sanitizer provided;
- congregational singing is suspended until further notice;
- Holy Communion shall be received on the hand only, the Chalice will not be distributed;
- those who are unwell or at high risk due to compromised immune or respiratory system should not attend; those over 70 should exercise particular caution.

Further relaxations are expected over coming months, but this will depend upon infection rates not spiking and churches being able to demonstrate responsible behaviour.

Further special directives have been issued to clergy and parishes.

Even with fifty in attendance and some multiplication of Sunday Masses, many of the faithful will be unable to attend. The faithful are therefore dispensed from attending Sunday Mass. You can keep Sunday holy by setting aside some time for prayer at home, reading the Scriptures of the day, watching Mass on television or online, and asking God for the graces you would normally receive in Holy Communion.

+ *Greg*

EASING OF RESTRICTIONS ON RE-OPENING OF CHURCHES FROM 1 JUNE 2020

A notice from Bishop Greg is included as part of this weekend's Bulletin which provides information for Parishioners regarding the easing of some restrictions. In addition to this information, the Parish Office has been issued with detailed directives on how we are to proceed in the foreseeable future.

For the time being all Masses will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church each with a maximum of 50 registered parishioners.

Mass times for weekends commencing from 12-14 June 2020 will be:

12:00 pm	Friday Mass
6:00 pm	Saturday Vigil Mass
8:00 am	Sunday Mass
10:00 am	Sunday Mass

We are currently reviewing our week day Mass times and plan to recommence regular week day Masses from Tuesday 16 June. Whilst numbers at these Masses will be strictly limited to 50 people, there will be no need to book ahead for Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday Masses. Friday Mass will be celebrated with Sunday Readings, so will be treated as a weekend Mass with the need to book ahead.

The church will open for private prayer 30 minutes *before* each Mass.

Entry to the Church will be via the front doors only for each Mass. Side doors will be opened when it's time to leave Mass.

Everyone attending Mass will be asked to record their contact details on arrival and to use the hand sanitiser available at the entry on arrival and on leaving and observe social distancing.

Even with 50 people now able to attend each Mass, we still need to allocate Mass times to each of you. If you wish to attend Mass, please contact the Parish Office to advise us that you want to be included on the Mass roster:

- phone on 6672 1118 between 9 am & 3 pm Tuesday & Wednesday; or
- email your request to shpmbah@norex.com.au

We will do our best to accommodate everyone across the various weekend Masses; however it should be noted that you may not be able to attend Mass every weekend. The dispensation from attending Sunday Mass will continue until further notice from our Bishop.

There will be no small prayer groups; no rosary or exposition until further notice.

The Prayer Chapel may be opened by appointment with a maximum of 2 people at a time.

We thank you for your continued patience and understanding as we navigate through the various government regulations and the directives from our Bishop.

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 9am Sunday Mass from the Sacred Heart Church for you at home this week. Our Sacred Heart Parish You Tube channel is:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQUNxgD05WeZpoYNeJK24gA>
- ♦ 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'.



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