

# 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

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## PARISH OFFICE

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Principal: Jason Clarke

**14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -  
YEAR A  
5 July 2020**

## *Jesus' provides a helping hand*

Jesus was not easily shocked, but Matthew's gospel captures the shock of Jesus at the failure of his ministry even in his own small town of Capernaum. In the extraordinary passage preceding today's gospel, he says with hyperbole that Capernaum will share the fate of other ancient wicked cities like Sodom.

Matthew has Jesus reflecting on people's experience of coming to faith in him. The context is important. Matthew is writing for his Jewish Christian community expelled from the synagogue. These Christians were steeped in Jewish tradition and the Hebrew Scriptures and would have recognised that Matthew was writing in terms of their wisdom literature, implying Jesus is the Wisdom of God who knows the Father intimately and reveals the Father to believers.

But God has hidden Jesus' message from the 'wise and learned', the experts in Jewish Law and tradition, the scribes and Pharisees. Instead the people who embraced the person of Jesus were the ordinary people who through God's good pleasure, his mysterious grace, experienced faith in Jesus as liberating them from the heavy burden, the 'yoke' of trying to observe the minutiae of Jewish religious custom and ritual.

Jesus uses the words 'little children', meaning not children but the unpretentious people who knew their need of God and whose hearts were open to God's Holy Spirit, but because of their poverty or life circumstances were not numbered among the ritually clean or devout. The words and actions of Jesus resonated in their hearts, and like children, they were willing to learn from Jesus about the way to God.

The invitation of Jesus is not to those who felt self-satisfied or perfect in their religious observance, but to those who did not 'measure up', who struggled with failure like Jesus himself at Capernaum, who were 'weary and burdened'. Jesus's invitation is deeply personal, but his promise of 'rest' is not for an easy life. It is the promise of eternal life in God.

Jesus says we can learn from him, since 'I am gentle and humble in heart'. He understands the yearnings of our hearts and is not full of self-importance. Jesus offers us friendship, leading us into astonishing intimacy with the Father.

This Gospel passage is important for us today since it stresses that the invitation of Jesus is not for the perfect or those who scrupulously observe religious practices. It is for all of us who do not fully 'measure up'.

As Pope Francis constantly reminds us, Jesus walks with all of us as we journey through life, especially in times of failure or distress. Francis says it is not how much we stumble that finally matters, but that we can sense Jesus helping us up again and continuing to stay with us on our unique and precious journey.

Bruce Duncan CSsR @Magellan 2020

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# This week in the Parish

Sunday 05	<b>14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR A</b> 8am - Mass - Sacred Heart Church 10am - Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Monday 06	9:00am - Rosary & Prayers - Sacred Heart Church
Tuesday 07	5:30pm - Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Wednesday 08	5:30pm - Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Thursday 09	8:30am - Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Friday 10	12 noon - Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Saturday 11	6pm - Vigil Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Sunday 12	<b>15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR A</b> 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  
[shpmah@norex.com.au](mailto:shpmah@norex.com.au)

## WEEKDAY MASSES (TUES, WED & THUR)

### NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED

### Readings this week: (Yr A)

**14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR A**  
Zech 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

**15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR A**  
Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

### RECONCILIATION - Sacred Heart:

Saturday: 5.30pm - 5.50pm

Sunday: 7.30am - 7.50am

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

#### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Sylvia Lazenby, Glenda Wagner (nee Smith - sister of Rob Smith & Trisha John), Tom Searle, Angela Martin (Inglewood QLD), Richard Burns, Peter Laffranchi.

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

Rita Rogers.

**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 and we must adhere to social distancing.

If you would like to book a Baptism, please phone the Parish Office on 6672 1118. 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.

'The Church which is the sacrament of Christ is called to carry on his ministry and mission to the world. It is to be the sign of his love, and this automatically includes his willingness to forgive. The Church is therefore by its very nature a reconciling community.'

*(At Home With God's People - Our Catholic Faith p.141)*

### 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.

## CAR PARK - REMINDER

The six spaces on the church side of the car park are reserved for Church use – disabled and/or aged parishioners.

The tandem car spaces under the school are shared use with the school and may only be used by parishioners for Saturday and Sunday Masses.

Please DO NOT USE the tandem car spaces under the school during the week – these car spaces are reserved for College and Primary School executive and rostered staff on all weekdays.

If attending 5:30 pm Mass on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings, you may park in one of these spaces as long as no other car is in tandem with you, as staff at the College and Primary are often here until 5:30 or later on these evenings for staff and executive meetings.

Thanks for your cooperation and understanding.



## Mt St Patrick Outside School Hours Care

### OSHC Assistant Co-Ordinator

We are currently looking for an experienced, fun and engaging assistant coordinator to join our team.

To be considered for this role you must have experience in OSHC or Early Education and Care Service.

Must have completed or be studying a diploma or Bachelor in Child care or teaching.

Have an understanding of the National Quality Framework and My Time Our Place framework and be able to link these outcomes to the program and planned activities

Current First Aid/CPR Certificates and Working With Children Check

Completed or be willing to complete Child Protection Certificate

As assistant coordinator you would be responsible for supporting Mt St Patrick OSHC coordinator to complete tasks including

Working with and have an understanding of KidsXap Software system

Regularly participate in programming documentation and implementation of activities within the service.

Actively contribute to the review and update of all service policies and procedures.

Please contact Darlene on 0474 827 651 or

[darlene.sayre@lism.catholic.edu.au](mailto:darlene.sayre@lism.catholic.edu.au) for more information.

# VINNIES COVID-19 WINTER APPEAL

You can help families impacted by COVID-19 to pay their bills, put food on the table and keep a roof over their head.

DONATE TODAY:



All donations of \$2 and over are tax-deductible



## 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 are here for you 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](http://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'.

**14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A  
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 144)**

**R: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.**

**Alleluia!**

**MASS - What you need to know...**

**From 1st July the number permitted to attend Masses and any church services is determined by the 4 square metre distancing rule.**

As you all know there are certain directives that must be followed to enable us to come together and celebrate as a community, so please take a moment to familiarise yourself with these:

- ◆ all Masses will be celebrated in Sacred Heart Church (entry via main entrance only)
- ◆ signing in on arrival and hand sanitising
- ◆ **it is still necessary to book for weekend Masses including Friday, Saturday and Sunday**
- ◆ no need to book for weekday Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday
- ◆ seats are marked where you can sit
- ◆ please observe social distancing when coming forward for communion, and communion BY HAND only
- ◆ for the time being, we will not be having congregational singing
- ◆ church cleaned after each Mass
- ◆ covid-19 safety plan of action in place

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,  
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.

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.



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