

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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**15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -
YEAR A
12 July 2020**

Prelude to a good harvest

Following their mutiny against Captain Bligh on HMS Bounty in 1789, the mutineers and their Tahitian companions settled on Pitcairn Island, one of a group of four small volcanic islands that form the sole British overseas territory in the Pacific Ocean. Initially, they survived by farming and fishing, but 10 years later alcohol, murder and disease had taken the lives of most of the men.

About this time, two remaining mutineers, John Adams and Ned Young, came across the "Bounty's" bible in the bottom of an old chest. They began to read it, and the power of God's Word reached into the hearts of these hardened men and changed their lives forever. They began to teach the children from the bible until every person on the island converted to Christianity. Today, with a population of less than fifty, every person on Pitcairn Island is a Christian.

The bible has the power to transform our lives, but for it to be effective a heart and mind open to God's grace and message is required.

Isaiah writes to a people who are in exile, a people who have tried to find prosperity through political alliances and trust in the gods of other nations. The prophet calls them to repent of their misbegotten allegiances and trust in the God who is enduringly faithful. God has not forgotten them and does not punish them but invites them through the image of rain and snow to be open to what God is offering.

The refrain of the responsorial psalm, "the seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest," is full of thanksgiving for blessings received from God which prepare the earth for a bountiful harvest.

The psalm serves as a prelude to the gospel parable of the sower, but this time along with the agricultural imagery there is a call to open our hearts to receive God's word.

We are familiar with many of these biblical texts for we have heard them season after season, but can they take root in our hearts and call us to new life? Can the Word of God open our hearts to reflect on the circumstances of our lives to hear the familiar texts in ways that speak to our hearts and transform our lives.

No one would have expected the conversion of Ned Young and John Adams, but there was an unexpected conversion that brought them to share the good news with the children of the island. In St Paul's words, can we experience a new creation in our lives that helps us to live in hope, witness to the Good News by our lives, and work for a better world for all.

Michael A Kelly CSsR @Magellan 2020

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 12 **15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr A**
8am - Mass - Sacred Heart Church
10am - Mass - Sacred Heart Church

There are no Masses Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday this week.

Friday 17 12 noon - Communion Service - Sacred Heart

Saturday 18 6pm - Vigil Mass - Sacred Heart Church

Sunday 19 **16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr A**
8am - Mass - Sacred Heart Church
There is NO 10am Mass today

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

(TUE, WED & THU)

NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED

Readings this week: (Yr A)

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr A

Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr A

Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

RECONCILIATION - Sacred Heart:

Saturday: 5.30pm - 5.50pm

Sunday: 7.30am - 7.50am

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Sylvia Lazenby, Glenda Wagner, Tom Searle,
Angela Martin, Richard Burns.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Kevin O'Keefe, Lloyd Roberts.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

New planned giving envelopes for 2020-2021 are here
for you to take home today.

COLLECTION PLATE

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.

Congratulations

Peter and Elaine van den Broek
who celebrated
their 48th Wedding Anniversary
this week.



Fr Anthony would like to thank
our anonymous rose donor.
The lovely rose has now been
planted in the rose garden at the
Presbytery.

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.

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.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

- John 6:57

Fr Anthony will be away on holidays for the next two weeks. Fr John Fitz-Walter will be looking after our parish in his absence.

Please note the CHANGES to our Sunday Mass times during Fr Anthony's holidays:

- ♦ 6 pm Vigil Mass Saturdays 18 July & 25 July in Sacred Heart Church - Fr John Fitz-Walter
- ♦ 8 am Mass Sundays 19 July & 26 July in Sacred Heart Church - Fr Wilber Tobe
- ♦ THERE WILL BE NO 10 AM MASS ON 19 JULY OR 26 JULY
- ♦ As numbers remain limited, you still need to BOOK for ALL weekend Masses

PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS—PARISH LIFE QUESTIONNAIRE

Your Pastoral Council has a short questionnaire asking for your input.

It is being distributed at all our Masses this weekend. If you are unable to attend Mass but would like to participate, the questionnaire will be available at the Parish Office.



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 for more information.
Applications close Friday 24 July 2020

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP

Join us for lunch on

Friday 24 July

at Murwillumbah Services Club.

Bookings are required so please call
Frances Wright on 6672 1512

by Tuesday 21 July.

The Women's Group is an informal gathering, meeting every 2nd month on the 3rd Wednesday for a 'cuppa' and on alternate months for lunch at a local venue.

ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!

*The seed sown in rich soil is
someone who hears the word
and understands*

Jesus, Matthew 13:23

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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 lismoreodiocese.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'.

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 64)

R: The seed that falls on good ground will yield
a fruitful harvest.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**The seed is the word of God, Christ is the
sower; all who come to him will live for ever.
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 ALL 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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Agents: ALG/Egan Simpson Solicitors: 15 Prince Street, Murwillumbah.