

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

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**16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -
YEAR A
19 July 2020**

Justice and mercy

In our human way of seeing things, we are inclined to see justice and mercy as opposed values. At the very least, we give priority to legal rights and human justice as the very basis for a workable society. We think qualities like empathy, compassion, forgiveness and mercy might have a secondary place, but justice is surely the abiding social principle.

Even the Church presents us with principles of "social justice" rather than speaking of "social mercy"!

Today's readings present us with the image of a God in whom justice and mercy meet. Furthermore, the writer of Wisdom suggests to us that divine mercy is at the very heart of divine justice: "You are mild in judgment and govern us with great lenience ... and yet you never judge unjustly". God, it seems, cannot act justly towards us without also acting mercifully - with tenderness, love and forgiveness.

Elsewhere in the Scriptures (2 Samuel), the problem with 'merciless justice' is evident in the account of King David. When confronted with the story of a rich man stealing a poor man's sheep, David was outraged to the point of saying "he must die!". To this, the prophet Nathan replies: "You are the man!". Nathan reminds David of his sins, including murder and adultery. Now David's commitment to 'cold and unfeeling justice' for others is replaced by his cry for forgiveness and mercy for himself. David repents, knowing his need for God's 'merciful justice'.

Mercy is also highlighted in the life and preaching of Jesus shown in the parable of the sower who was blighted with dandel or weeds being sown among the wheat. What is he to do? If he pulls out the weedy dandel, he will also lose a lot of good wheat. He decides to allow the wheat and weeds to grow together and then, at harvest time, it will be easier to separate the two.

The parable suggests that God knows the reality of the human heart: each of us is a mixture of good and evil. No matter how much we may demand justice for the world, like David, we are all capable of being blind to our own unjust treatment of others. Jesus is asking us to look at ourselves to realise we are all a "mixed crop"; and to recognise the coming reign of God does not depend on human powers but on divine grace and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

In the words of St John Paul II - so often repeated by Pope Francis - "the mercy of God is the mission of the Church". Yes, this includes our commitment to justice, but it does so with the tender-hearted love of parents for their children. God's justice is ever merciful.

Gerard Hall SM @Magellan 2020

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This week in the Parish

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

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

Friday 24 **12 noon - Mass - Sacred Heart**
12 noon - Catholic Women's Group - M'bah RSL
Club (see note page 3)

Saturday 25 **6pm - Vigil Mass - Sacred Heart Church**

Sunday 26 **17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr A**
8am - Mass - Sacred Heart Church
There is NO 10am Mass today

There is no Reconciliation available in the Parish this weekend.

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

(TUE, WED & THU)

NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED

Readings this week: (Yr A)

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr A

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

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr A

1 Kg 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

Terry Belmont, Cecele Devine, Stan Dawson,
Nathan Bewes, Ron Flannery, Pat Ryder.

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.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

There are still a few new planned giving envelopes to be collected. Please take yours 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.



TAKE SOME TIME

"We have realised that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disorientated, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other." - Pope Francis.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

- RETURN OF QUESTIONNAIRES

Your Pastoral Council is hoping that you have taken the time to complete and return the questionnaire that was distributed at all masses last weekend and made available at the parish office.

We understand the difficulties and restrictions that COVID -19 has created for all and therefore if you have not had the opportunity to access the questions and would like to participate please request a copy from the parish office and Pastoral Council members will endeavour to deliver it to you and collect it wherever this is possible.

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL MEETING -

**Thursday 6 August 4 pm -5 pm
in the Sacred Heart Church**

Given the current covid-19 crisis and the uncertainty around planning for events in 2020, we have to seriously consider the cancellation of the Christmas Carnival & Nativity Tableau for 2020.

To give everyone the opportunity to express their opinion and to hear the reasons why this consideration is being given, we invite all parishioners, carnival stallholders, school staff and school families to attend a meeting on Thursday 6 August at 4 pm in the Sacred Heart Church.

If you are unable to attend the meeting and wish to make a comment, please send your comments to the Parish Business Manager by 6 pm on Wednesday 5 August.



Fr Anthony will be away on holidays for the next week. 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 Saturday 25 July in Sacred Heart Church - Fr John Fitz-Walter
- ♦ 8 am Mass Sunday 26 July in Sacred Heart Church - Fr Wilber Tobe
- ♦ THERE WILL BE NO 10 AM MASS ON 26 JULY
- ♦ As numbers remain limited, you still need to BOOK for ALL weekend Masses



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 kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field.

It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air can come and shelter in its branches

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'.

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 65)

R: Lord, you are good and forgiving.

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 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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