

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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**18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -
YEAR A**

2 August 2020

Does God answer our prayers?

During the devastating bushfires Australia suffered this past summer, lives were lost and many homes and flora and fauna were destroyed.

Amid this destruction, many people turned to prayer, petitioning God for relief and rescue. In this respect, today's readings offer comfort in the form of a reassurance that God's love is enduring. Paul goes so far as to reassure his Roman congregants that "nothing can separate us" from the love of God made visible in Christ - "neither death, nor life," no matter how bad things may appear in the present or future. The Psalmist similarly reassures the Israelites that "the Lord is near to all who call upon him".

But others may not be comforted by these words of encouragement and hope. Such people are tempted to reject the notion that prayer can be efficacious. For many caught between these two reactions, there is a real crisis of faith that prompts deep questioning about the nature of our relationship with God.

Does God care that we are suffering? Why did God not prevent these terrible fires? Does God answer our prayers for help?

There is no easy response to these questions. The stark reality of the recent devastation suggests that God does not answer our prayers for immediate and direct intervention. The key to unlocking this conundrum is found in today's gospel.

At the end of long day of preaching and teaching, the disciples ask Jesus to send the hungry crowds home so that they can eat and rest. Jesus responds by telling his disciples to minister to their needs out of their own resources.

Perhaps the most remarkable aspect of the devastating fires was the overwhelming charity and support offered to those affected by their fellow citizens and by people from across the globe. Volunteers rushed to help; community organisations partnered with governments to offer sustenance and practical care. People across the world united to agitate for change in our relationship with nature.

The impetus for this response comes from the values and morals of a society that has shaped over millennia by the Judeo-Christian tradition, which stresses the central importance of building societies based on a respect for human dignity, justice, and charity.

God may not always answer our prayers by acting directly or even miraculously to avert an immediate threat to our lives. But God has acted and continues to act pre-emptively through inspiration and revelation to shape and build a capacity for charity and love into the hearts of humans and human societies.

God respects both the integrity of human beings and the integrity of natural processes. God works in and through those two processes, the human and the natural, to bring about tangible change in our relationships with one another and with nature.

Ian J. Elmer @Magellan 2020

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 02	18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR A 8am - Mass - Sacred Heart Church There is NO 10am Mass today 10am - Baptism - Sacred Heart Church
Monday 03	9am - Rosary & Prayers - Sacred Heart Church
Tuesday 04	5:30pm - Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Wednesday 05	5:30pm - Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Thursday 06	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD 8:30am - Mass - Sacred Heart Church 4:00pm - Christmas Carnival Meeting - Church
Friday 07	12 noon - Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Saturday 08	ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP 6pm - Vigil Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Sunday 09	19TH 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
shpmbah@norex.com.au

WEEKDAY MASSES (TUE, WED & THU)

NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED

Readings this week: (Yr A)

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR A

Is 55:1-3; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR A

1 Kg 19:9, 11-13; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

ROSARY & PRAYERS for God's Precious Infants and the Unborn Child - Monday 3 August at 9am Sacred Heart Church.

Pregnancy Help Line: 1300 139 313

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Alan Duroux, Marie Clarke (mother in law of Brendan Ryan), Brendan Nihill, Arturo Cantiga.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Fr Bede Parker (first Parish Priest of South Murwillumbah 1955-1973), Lynn Maree Bush (daughter of Harry Pearson).



BAPTISM:

Please welcome
Vinny Arlo Daley
to our faith community.

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.

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.

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.

HEARING LOOP

The Hearing Loop in the Sacred Heart Parish has been serviced and is now working well.

Please Note: it may be a little loud and you may have to adjust your hearing aid accordingly.

PLANNED GIVING RECEIPTS

Planned Giving Receipts (not tax receipts) are available this weekend in the Church or from the Parish Office after Monday.



COVID-19 Updates from Bishop Greg issued this week

28 July 2020 - FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION (SATURDAY, 15 AUGUST 2020)

This year, the Feast of the Assumption falls on a Saturday and cannot be moved to the Sunday.

I now, dispense the faithful of the Diocese from all Holy Days of Obligation until the cessation of the pandemic.

29 July 2020 – CHOIRS

Yesterday, I received a memorandum from the Secretary of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference – warning against any singing, including small choirs and rehearsals in our Churches. The most recent medical advice is that COVID-19 can be transmitted amongst singers, even if there is social distancing.

Therefore, there should be no singing at all in any of our Churches. However, musicians are still allowed to perform and recorded music may be played.



Mt St Patrick Outside School Hours Care OSHC Casual educator

We are currently looking for a fun and engaging casual educator 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 Cert 3 in Early Childhood.
- ◆ 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 Certificate, including anaphylaxis and asthma training
- ◆ Current NSW Working With Children Check
- ◆ Completed or be willing to complete Child Protection Certificate

As a casual educator 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
- ◆ To be able to step up as Responsible person in the absence of the coordinator

Team members are paid according to the Educational Services (Schools) General Staff Award. Information about remuneration is available in the position description.

Please send through your email or any questions to Darlene at darlene.sayre@lism.catholic.edu.au for more information.

We will be accepting applications until Friday 14th August.

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 lismore-diocese.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'.



**18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 69)**

**R: The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers
all our needs.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**No one lives on bread alone, but on every
word that comes from the mouth of God.**

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.

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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