

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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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -
YEAR A

9 August 2020

When life becomes too hard

Many would understand the feeling of being in a boat and battling against the currents and the winds. That's us alright, buffeted by bad faith and heartless conviction, but still in the boat when many others have abandoned ship.

Still, we go on and in the early hours of the morning, Jesus, who has sent us on ahead while he prays, comes walking across the chaotic waters, like a ghost it seems, and we're really shaken. "Courage. I am! Don't be afraid", he says, and like Peter we may take the plunge into the waves, for whatever reason, to suddenly falter. We feel 'the force of the winds' and are overcome by the danger we're in.

Sometimes life is too much for us. We find ourselves sinking and crying out to the Lord to save us. But what does it mean to save us? Jesus reaches out his hand to catch Peter. That's what we must do, allow ourselves to be caught, so that, in turn, we might reach out to and catch others. The gospel enacts our coming to faith, involving us all in taking this leap of faith, however faltering, allowing ourselves to be caught up in him.

As Jesus and Peter come aboard the boat, the wind dies down and they acknowledge him as the Son of God. Just like the prophet in the first reading we often wonder where we can hope to find God in our lives. What if it's in these moments, as we struggle to deal with pain, exhaustion, the sadnesses that threaten to sink us. Often, we wish it were otherwise. To the prophet, God comes, finally, in a 'gentle breeze'. In the gospel it's in a powerful headwind, but it's in this moment of peril, through the action of Jesus, that God is revealed, made real.

There is something quite hands-on about the experience. It's not simply a case of handling the distress and fear as best we can, but finding in the midst of them, that Jesus is our saviour - the one who saves us, when we give over trying to do it all ourselves. Imagine this hands-on experience in church; not simply at the quite formal sign of peace, but as happens say, when someone collapses and those nearby respond immediately, trying CPR, ringing an ambulance, doing whatever to save the person.

That's the sense of what Jesus does here. And it's never simply a personal matter but involves all of us in the action, whether as the first responders, or the praying assembly. We are Jesus Christ. In recognising this we realise what has happened on the lake: we have been caught up in him. Or, as Paul describes it in the second reading, we are 'in union with Christ', so that others might live.

Damian Coleridge @Magellan 2020

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This week in the Parish

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
Tuesday 11	5:30pm - Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Wednesday 12	5:30pm - Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Thursday 13	8:30am - Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Friday 14	12 noon - Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Saturday 15	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 6:00pm - MASS OF THE ASSUMPTION - Sacred Heart
Sunday 16	20TH 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)

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR A

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

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR A

Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Alan Duroux, Marie Clarke, Brendan Nihill,
Arthuro Cantiga.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Arthur Bullman, Mary Roberts, Mary Reading.

PLANNED GIVING & DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone who continues to make their donations to the Parish and Clergy Fund through the current crisis. Your continued support is much appreciated.

Details for EFT donations to our first and second collections are:

First Collection – for the support of our clergy and upkeep of the presbytery

BSB: 062 580 | A/C No: 0090 5461 | A/C Name: Presbyterium A/C Murwillumbah

Second Collection – for support our Parish, including parish office wages, administration expenses and maintenance of our churches and parish buildings

BSB: 062 580 | A/C No: 0090 4506 | A/C Name: Catholic Church Murwillumbah

Please include a reference on your EFT donation – your surname and/or PG number e.g. Jones PG 123

Envelopes and cash donations may also continue to be left in the secure mailbox at the back door of the Parish Office. Thank you.

St. Mary Of The Cross Solemnity - Saturday 8th August

God of all blessings,
you revealed in Mary MacKillop
a sensitivity to the rights and dignity
of every person,
regardless of race or creed.
May we learn from her to overcome
the obstacles of prejudice and fear.
Help us to value the goodness of each person
and all the blessings of unity in diversity.
We ask this through the depth and unity of you,
our bountiful God,
who holds all things in being.
Amen.

Words of Wisdom...

'Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them bravely, remembering Whom you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you all your life. God will reward you as only He can.'

- Mary of the Cross MacKillop

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.



COVID-19 Updates from Bishop Greg

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.

3 August 2020 - FACE MASKS

The Premier of NSW has recommended that masks be worn at places of worship. While we cannot enforce this, we should encourage parishioners to wear masks during religious services.

All staff members working in and around our Churches at the time of Mass, should wear masks. In particular, those taking names and contact details must wear masks.

2020 CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL & NATIVITY TABLEAU

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the discussion about the 2020 Christmas Carnival and Nativity Tableau.

Given the current uncertainty around the pandemic; the various regulations and rules about social distancing and hygiene/cleaning as well as financial constraints for many in our community; **the decision has been made to cancel the 2020 Christmas Carnival.**

The good news is that the Nativity Tableau will proceed. The Tableau will be staged and recorded by our Parish Schools for release on the Parish YouTube channel at the start of Advent. We thank our school communities for their commitment to this project.



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 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'.



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 84)

R: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

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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