

# 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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## PARISH STAFF

**Parish Priest** - Fr. Anthony Lemon

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**21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -  
YEAR A**

**23 August 2020**

## *You are my rock*

Jesus takes his closest followers to Caesarea Philippi to have an important conversation. Two key things happen. Firstly, the disciples experience a moment of real insight in their understanding of Jesus. Jesus asks Simon Peter: *"But who do you say that I am?"* With great trust and a growing faith, Peter replies: *"You are the Christ (Messiah), the Son of the living God."*

For centuries the Jews longed for the coming of the messiah. By calling Jesus the messiah, Peter proclaims that Jesus is the one for whom they had waited. Jesus is the one who will fulfill the hopes and aspirations of Israel. Jesus is God's anointed one; the one in whom God's Spirit dwells.

Peter watched Jesus embrace people; especially the sick, the poor, the sinners. He witnessed firsthand Jesus loving people into life. He saw the face of God in the face and actions of Jesus. Ultimately, Peter received the gift of God's revelation, which allowed him to understand more clearly who Jesus is, what is Jesus' mission and to recognise the significance of Jesus' special relationship with His Father.

In the verses that follow today's gospel, Jesus challenges the disciples to an even deeper understanding, by instructing them about what kind of Messiah he is and what this will demand of them. Accepting Jesus as messiah means that they must also be ready to accept that He will *'suffer with'* people, especially the outcasts; but that God will ultimately vindicate His beloved Son.

Secondly, Jesus establishes his disciples as a community. In Mt 7:24, Jesus told his disciples to build on rock. It's on the rock (Greek, *petra*; Aramaic *kepha*) that is Peter (Greek: *petros*; Aramaic *kepha*), that Jesus builds His house; a community of disciples, called the "church".

Peter is not "rock" because of personal qualities of steadfastness or reliability – remember that later on, Peter not only denies Jesus, but deserts him! Rather, Peter is "rock" because of the insight of faith which God has communicated to him. Built on this "rock", the Church will be a community that will survive attempts to destroy it and its members will not be confined to the dead, but rather resurrection awaits them.

The church which Jesus is establishing is for Israel and the Gentile world; for anyone who is willing to listen to His word, live it and believe in Him. Peter is given the keys not to close but to open and as first among the apostles, he has the responsibility to carry on Jesus' mission of preaching and teaching the good news.

As we gather in our own communities of faith, Peter is our model as we continue the mission of Jesus in our time; saying in our own way and our own words, *"You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."*

David J. Hore CSsR @Magellan 2020

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# This week in the Parish

Sunday 23      **21ST 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 28      12 noon - Mass - Sacred Heart Church

Saturday 29      6pm - Vigil Mass - Sacred Heart Church

Sunday 30      **22ND 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 or next 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](mailto:shpmbah@norex.com.au)

## WEEKDAY MASSES (TUE, WED & THU)

### NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED

### Readings this week: (Yr A)

#### 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr A

Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

#### 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr A

Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

#### RECENTLY DECEASED:

David Gorton, Mavis Leslight, Bonnie Egan, Allan Duroux, Marie Clarke.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Bruce Banner, Annie Godwin  
Harry Turner, Teresa Palmer.

### REFLECTION...

#### What's in a Name?

Jesus had a sense of humour! Simon, son of Jonah, was far from being a rock solid supporter of Jesus. So Jesus gave him the nickname 'Rocky' which in the Greek is Petros.

Jesus puns with the nickname: 'You are Rocky and upon this rock I will build *my* church.' The natural personality of shifting sands was being transformed by the blessing just given (the only blessing bestowed upon an apostle by Jesus).

Notice that Jesus only makes promises about '*my* church', not a church shaped by human imagination, e.g. modes of Roman Imperial rule or with a Eurocentric mindset.

Fortunately, we have a successor of St Peter responding to our Risen Lord's command to St Francis of Assisi, 'Rebuild *my* church'.

We could pause for a moment to pray that the Risen Lord showers the 265th successor of St Peter with every blessing so that the Church of Jesus the Christ continues to prevail over the forces of death which threaten humanity. - Fr Michael Tate

It is with very sad hearts that we advise that David Gorton, our parish groundsman and husband to Beth, our Parish Secretary, passed away suddenly on Wednesday 19 August. David has worked for the Parish for over 20 years. David was an exceptionally loyal and hard-working bloke and nothing was ever too much trouble to him. Our thoughts and prayers are with Beth, Bradley, Erin, Elise and Anina and their families at this sad time. Rest In Peace David.

*You are Peter  
and on this rock  
I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH.*

- Jesus, Matthew 16:18





Fr Anthony is away on holidays for a couple of weeks. Fr Michael Nilon 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 29 August in Sacred Heart Church - Fr Michael Nilon
- ♦ 8 am Mass Sunday 30 August in Sacred Heart Church - Fr Michael Nilon
- ♦ **THERE WILL BE NO 10 AM MASS ON 30 August**
- ♦ As numbers remain limited, you still need to BOOK for ALL weekend Masses

## 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.

## Social Justice Sunday - 30 August WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

In the present condition of global society, where injustices abound and growing numbers of people are deprived of basic human rights and considered expendable, the principle of the common good immediately becomes, logically and inevitably, a summons to solidarity and a preferential option for the poorest of our brothers and sisters. This option entails recognising the implications of the universal destination of the world's goods...it demands before all else an appreciation of the immense dignity of the poor in the light of our deepest convictions as believers. 48

*Pope Francis - Laudato Si'*

## WE CELEBRATE SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY ON 30 AUGUST.

*This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: **TO LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL: MENTAL HEALTH IN AUSTRALIA TODAY.** The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support, The Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation, the work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health, and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. Statements will be available 30 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](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'.





## 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 137)

**R: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. 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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