

# 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

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**22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -  
YEAR A  
30 August 2020**

## *Enduring hardship and suffering*

Neither Peter nor we, reading it centuries later, would appreciate being called Satan by Jesus! Jesus had just explained to the disciples that he was destined to suffer grievously and die. In response, Peter had remonstrated with him, arguing that this must not happen. But, after all, Peter wanted the best for Jesus; he didn't want him to suffer and die. Perhaps Peter, more than anybody else, was also acutely worried that if the master suffered passion and death, then the fate of the disciples would be no better.

Peter was a fisherman and for him life was to be enjoyed to the full. For his family and for himself he dreamt of a life without much pain. Suffering was not in his wish list. Later in Matthew's gospel (19:27) we find Peter asking Jesus, "We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?" Having given up so much, Peter expected a better life by being in the company of Jesus.

No wonder the gospel projects Peter as a stumbling block in the earthly life of Jesus. Whenever Jesus mentioned his passion and death Peter tried to stop him even from talking about it. "Never, Lord!" Peter said. "This shall never happen to you." Yet Peter gave the most faith-filled and insightful answer to Jesus's question, "Who do you say that I am?" But Peter disappointed Jesus several times. One moment we see him saying insightful things about Jesus and the very next moment the contrary.

Peter reminds us of the current culture. We want only pleasure and not pain. Suffering is certainly not in our wish list either. We ourselves don't want to suffer. We don't want our children to suffer or to experience hardship or disappointment.

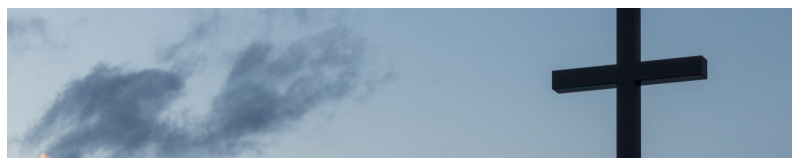
But suffering is not something to be avoided. Jesus is very clear when he teaches us: "If anyone wants to follow me let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." So, as his followers, suffering is to be expected and faced. It is to be endured with faith and hope. And, when it is, it can be a source of grace and redemption.

We have the example of Peter himself and the apostles, all of whom, except John, surrendered their very lives in suffering and martyrdom in witness to their faith in Christ's death and resurrection. So too have many Christians through the ages, including our present age, suffered persecution and suffering on account of their faith.

While we are not called to suffer martyrdom as they did, we are called to follow Jesus through thick and thin, in good times and in hard, facing whatever suffering besets us in our lives with faith and hope.

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# This week in the Parish

Sunday 30 Aug **22ND 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 04 Sep 12 noon - Mass - Sacred Heart Church

Saturday 05 Sep 6pm - Vigil Mass - Sacred Heart Church

Sunday 06 Sep **23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr A**  
8am - Mass - Sacred Heart Church  
There is NO 10am Mass today

*Please note: 10 am Mass will recommence Sunday 13 September*

**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](mailto:shpmbah@norex.com.au)

## WEEKDAY MASSES

(TUE, WED & THU)

### NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED

The Parish Office will be  
**CLOSED**  
Monday 31 August

## Readings this week: (Yr A)

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

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

**23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr A**

Ezek 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

David Gorton, Mavis Leslight, Bonnie Egan

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Jason Cook, Maria Procopio

## 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

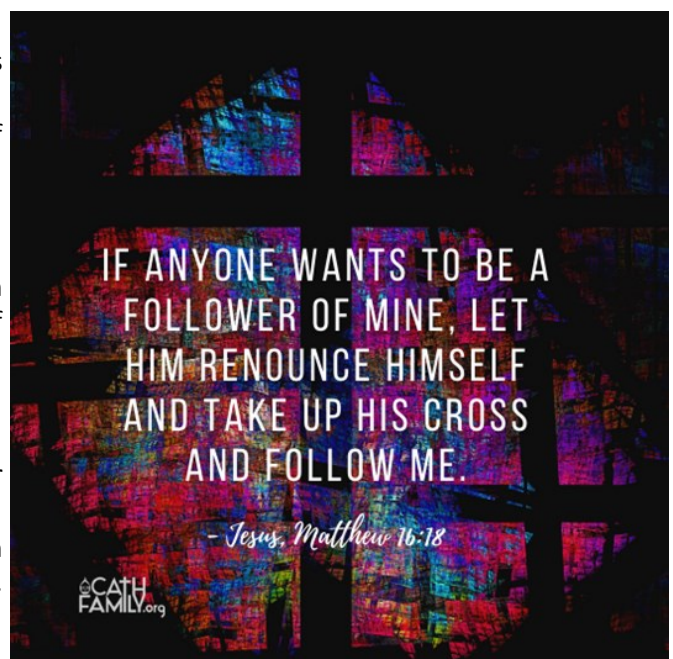
Envelopes and cash donations may also continue to be left in the secure mailbox at the back door of the Parish Office. Thank you.

## Our Gratitude and Best Wishes ...

We thank Fr Michael Nilon for looking after our Parish whilst Fr Anthony has been on holidays.

Congratulations to Fr John Fitz-Walter who celebrates his 45th anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood this week on Thursday 3 September.

We wish Fr Michael a “Happy Birthday” for Friday 4 September.



## SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 30 August 2020

### To Live Life to the Full:

### Mental Health in Australia today

The COVID-19 pandemic is impacting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. In fact, most of us will experience a mental health problem at some point over the course of our lives. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. Our parishes, organisations and communities can be places of acceptance care and healing, not places of rejection, judgment or stigma.

In the Social Justice Statement *To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today*, the Bishops welcome the deinstitutionalisation of mental health care in Australia. However, without adequately funded community mental health services, there is a gap in the system through which people continue to fall. Social determinants including poverty, living conditions, and personal security are significant contributors to mental ill-health. The Statement highlights the experience of First Nations people and communities, asylum seekers and refugees, people who are homeless and those who are in prison.

The Bishops observe that “our society tends to draw away from, or to push away, those who confront us with our frailties and limitations” which is “completely at odds with the story of Jesus” who “takes on the frailty of the human condition” and “draws near to those who are sick or who have disabilities, those who are marginalized or despised”. People living with mental ill-health are part of the Body of Christ – ‘us’ and not ‘them’ – and share equally in Jesus’ promise of the fullness of life (Jn 10:10).

The Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation, to 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.

Limited copies of the full Statement are printed and available at the back of the Church today. For further details about the Catholic Bishops’ Statement, visit the Office for Social Justice website [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au). The Office for Social Justice website also has resources available for download, including a PDF version of the full Social Justice Statement, and a prayer card. A spoken version of the Statement is also available as three podcast episodes. A link to these can be found on the Office for Social Justice website.

### 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’.

### Prayer for Mental Health

Jesus, you invite us all into the fullness of life.

May we support one another to flourish in body, mind and spirit.

Strengthen our commitment to ensure that nobody falls through gaps in our systems of care.

People called you mad.

Help us to recognise you in those who suffer mental ill-health today.

Show us how to eliminate stigmatisation of mental ill-health from our parishes, schools, communities and organisations.

You drew near to those who were suffering in body or mind.

May we too feel your nearness when we struggle with mental health challenges.

May we be one as members of Your Body.

You invite us to share in your ministry of love and true compassion.

May we be empowered by your Spirit to reach out to all people in need.

May we build communities of welcome and inclusion.

Amen



Every year, Christians of all denominations join in prayer and action for our common home and celebrate the **Season of Creation** starting on 1 September, the Day of Prayer for Creation and ending on 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.





## 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 137)

R: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. 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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