

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

6 September 2020

Correct with Care

As his ship sailed through the heavy fog, the captain remained on the bridge and put his crew on high alert. Soon, one of the lookouts reported a light to starboard and the light remained steady. Another ship was coming toward them and on a dangerous course that would result in a collision. The captain radioed the other ship to change course.

Back came the terse answer, "Advise that you change course. This is a lighthouse!" The captain changed course.

Today's gospel reading addresses the issue of what to do about a member of the Christian community who has sinned seriously but refuses to amend his or her ways and remains recalcitrant. It tells us to be like the lighthouse keeper and advise a change of course to avoid going aground on the rocks of error.

The gospel further advises that we need to exercise this responsibility with sensitivity. Don't blaze away with both barrels of reproof. Don't pass the buck. Instead, take courage, speak personally, one-to-one with the offending member and help him or her to see the error of their ways. Be ready to exercise liberal forgiveness. If this fails, go with two or three reliable and mature Christians who may persuade a change of heart. If this second attempt is unsuccessful, that person is to be excluded from the Christian community i.e. excommunicated.

Communion in faith and morals is the deepest vocation of God's people – the Church. We are one family under God and those bonds of communion are not to be compromised or diluted.

Excommunication from this community is a drastic step and not to be undertaken lightly. Perhaps, in the past, we have been too eager to excommunicate people. Over time the people of God have learned to be more open, tolerant and forgiving. These are welcome developments. However, it is also true that, as Church, we have lost some of the appetite to confront our wayward and obstinate members. Perhaps we have overvalued individuality and neglected to properly appreciate the vital role community occupies in Christ's vision for his Church.

We must, of course, continue to value the individual person and respect that person's rights and choices. But it is plainly wrong to condone and accept opinions and life choices that contradict Jesus's teachings and bring disrespect and harm to the unity and peace of God's people.

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This week in the Parish

ALL MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED IN THE SACRED HEART CHURCH
until further notice

Sunday 6 Sep	23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr A 8am - Mass NO 10am Mass today
Tuesday 8 Sep	THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 5:30 pm—Mass
Wednesday 9 Sep	5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 10 Sep	8:30 am—Mass
Friday 11 Sep	11 Sep 12 noon - Mass
Saturday 12 Sep	6pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 13 Sep	24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr A 8am - Mass 10am— Mass

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

RECONCILIATION - Sacred Heart:

Saturday : 5.30pm - 5.50pm
Sunday: 7.30am - 7.50am

Readings this week: (Yr A)

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr A

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

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr A

Sirach 27:30-28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

David Gorton, Mavis Leslight, Bonnie Egan

ROSARY & PRAYERS for God's Precious Infants and the Unborn Child - Monday 7 September at 9am Sacred Heart Church. Pregnancy Help Line: 1300 139 313

PRAYER SPONSORS FOR MT ST PATRICK HSC STUDENTS 2020

Mt St Patrick College is once again asking for Prayer Sponsors for Year 12 students during their HSC exams.



A prayer sponsor is someone who prays for another person at specific times with a specific intention in mind. Knowing that someone is praying for you at a difficult time can be a source of great strength and consolation.

If you are interested in being a Prayer Sponsor for a Year 12 student from Mt St Patrick College, please contact the Parish Office or leave your name with our hospitality team at Mass this weekend so that we can provide you with a student name and prayer card. A list of student names is on the noticeboard at the back of the church. Thank you for your prayers and support.

BAPTISMS

Whilst we are able to celebrate the sacrament of Baptism under the current restrictions; please note that we must adhere to social distancing regulations and the Parish Covid Safety Plan when planning a Baptism.

If you would like to book a Baptism, please phone the Parish Office on 6672 1118.

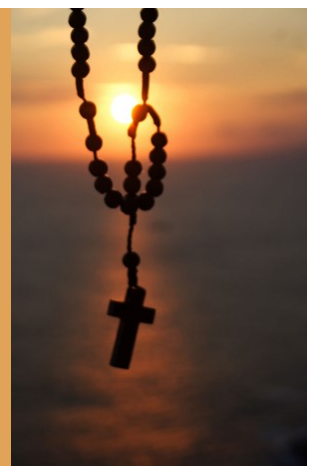
RCIA—A JOURNEY IN FAITH

Our 2020-2021 RCIA program is about to start. The first meeting for 2020-2021 will be held on Tuesday 15 September at 6 pm in the Parish Hall/College Library. If you or someone you know is interested in starting this faith journey, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Barbara Grant on 6672 1118.

FATHER'S DAY COLLECTION FOR SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS

This weekend a special Diocesan Appeal will be made for the support of the sick and retired priests of the Lismore Diocese. Envelopes are available at each Mass.

*In times of darkness,
holding the Rosary
is like holding your
Blessed Mother's hand.
Pray the Rosary
every day.
Abandon yourself
in the hands of Mary.
She will take
care of you.
Padre Pio*





Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who are helping out after each and every Mass; and after funerals and baptisms to ensure that our church pews are cleaned & disinfected! Your help is invaluable in ensuring the safety of all our parishioners and visitors.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP

Join us for lunch on
Friday 18 September
at **Murwillumbah Services Club.**

Bookings are required so please call Frances Wright on 6672 1512 by Wednesday 16 September.

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!

A Blessing Prayer for Father's Day

by Greg Sunter

God of Kindness and Compassion,
we are your children and you are Father to us all.
We give honour and thanks to those who reflect your fatherly example:
those who are dads and grandads;
step-dads, foster dads, godfathers and fathers-in-law;
those who are coaches, leaders and mentors;
and those who are elders and wisdom-men of our communities.

We look to these men for strength of body and strength of character.
We look to them to pass on skills and pass on stories.
We look to them to protect and provide.
We look to them for care and compassion.
We look to them to be co-creators and stewards of the world.

For all those who embrace their role as father, we give thanks.
For those who struggle with being fathers, give them strength.
For those who are distanced from their children, give them comfort.
For those who have passed from this world, give them peace.

Bless these men that we call father.
Bless them in their strength and in their weakness.
Bless them in their joy and in their sorrow.
Bless them in their work and in their play.
And bless them, Father, for being fathers.

We make this prayer through the one who taught us to call you Our Father:
Your Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.*



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The gospel advises us to take courage and to confront and challenge the intransigent members of our Christian community. It insists that we confront them but in a sensitive manner that demonstrates both our love and care for the offending person and our love and care for the Christian community. We must not resile from our Christian duty to be a 'lighthouse' to steer our misguided Christian brothers and sisters from the rocks of error.

Michael Gilbert CSsR © [Redemptorists 2020](#)

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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.

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'.



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 137)

**R: O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

God was in Christ to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. 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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