

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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**25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -
YEAR A**

20 September 2020

First is last and last is first

In the quotation, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways ...", the prophet Isaiah sets the scene for the parable of Jesus that Matthew shares with us in today's gospel. Trade Union leaders would not readily choose the story to promote the cause of equal rights and justice for their workers, yet the owner of the vineyard has honoured the contracts he made and the story reinforces all that Jesus does and teaches.

Jesus is forever seeking out those who have lost out in life or made a mess of their lives and adjusting their perspective and their prospects. Just think of the story of the Prodigal Son or the number of times that Jesus eats and drinks with those whom society has already cast aside. And every time he does this, Jesus calls forth the wrath of the self-righteous.

Many years ago I was introduced to the notion of 'lateral thinking' by a very entertaining speaker, who could tie his audience up in knots by presenting a series of conundrums, to which the answers were obvious but only when he gave them to you! He explained the theory of Dr Edward de Bono, who had realised that we all have a tendency to pigeon-hole our knowledge; filing it in such a way that particular problems lead us instinctively to pull out what we think is the appropriate file for the answer. His theory was that the more creative we are, the more likely we are to be able to look along the files – laterally – and find the correct solution. My point is that, if we are to understand the teaching of Jesus, we need to reorder our files and take Isaiah at his word, realising that God's ways are not our ways.

I would suggest that we can only begin to unlock the mystery when we recall Jesus' warning that we should not judge others, and that we would do well not to try to take the splinter from another's eye until we have removed the plank from our own.

In the parable Jesus leaves us to fill in the gaps. The owner of the vineyard asks those who are still hanging around at the end of the day why they have been idle. We can only surmise why they had not been hired. All that matters in God's topsy-turvy world is that it is never too late for a God of loving compassion and generosity. Long before Jesus came, Isaiah had got the message and was urging the wicked to let the Lord "take pity" on them.

Which of us dare suggest we do not need God's compassion? And once we accept that, we might be able to understand the paradox of the last being first and the first last.

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This week in the Parish

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

Sunday 20 Sep	25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR A 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass
Tuesday 22 Sep	NO Mass today
Wednesday 23 Sep	5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 24 Sep	8:30 am - Mass
Friday 25 Sep	12 noon - Mass
Saturday 26 Sep	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 27 Sep	26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR A 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - 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)

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR A

Is 55:6-9: Phil 1:20-24,27: Mt 20:1-16

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR A

Ezek 18:25-28: Phil 2:1-11: Mt 21:28-32

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Trevor Twohill, Leah Hosking.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Chris Waters, Bruno Granzotto, Ray & Myrtle Simpson.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Fr John Fitz-Walter, Marie Sprenger, Bill Hyde, Stewart & Madonna Marshall.

WORDS OF WISDOM...

There is nothing on this earth more to be prized
than true friendship – *St Thomas Aquinas*

SUPPORTING YOUR SPIRITUAL AND PRAYER LIVES DURING COVID-19

View Mass at Home

There are several options to tune into Mass at home:

ONLINE:

- ◆ Bishop Greg Homeming is livestreaming Sunday Mass at 8:00am. Follow 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'.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL.

Items for the Agenda of the PPC meeting to be held Thursday 1 October must be received a day prior to the PPC Executive Meeting of Tuesday 22 September. Please direct to the Secretary, Denise Banner by email to banner@onthenet.com.au or place in the PPC Submissions Box in the Sacred Heart Church.



*Come to me all you who labour and are burdened;
and I will give you rest (Mt 11:28)*

In addition to our prayers for those recently deceased and whose anniversaries are being remembered; we're adding a new list of names:

for those who are sick.

If you or a family member would like to be included on this list for prayers by our parish community, which will be published in the Bulletin, please contact the Parish Office to include your name. For privacy reasons we can only accept requests from a person themselves or a close family relative.

The names on this list will be reviewed and names removed every 4-6 weeks. If you wish a name to remain on the list after that time, you will be asked to contact the Parish Office to ensure that your name remains on the list.



WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Sunday 27 September

Next Sunday marks the 106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. "Like Jesus Christ, forced to flee".

Visit www.acmro.catholic.org.au for more information.



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 notice-board at the back of the church.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN

The Bishop, after consulting the Council of Priests, has decided that from next year, 2021, the Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on children in Year 3 and First Holy Communion will be received by children in Year 4. The Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) will be celebrated with children in the early part of Year 4. This effectively moves the celebrations of these Sacraments up a year from what has happened until now, and is consistent with the practice in a number of dioceses.

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LISMORE SAFEGUARDING OFFICE

If you, or a person close to you, has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Diocese of Lismore, we ask you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss options you have available to you.

To contact the Safeguarding Office, please phone (02) 6621 9444 or email: safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au

SEASON of CREATION

Jubilee for the Earth

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through repenting, repairing, and rejoicing together (1 September – 4 October 2020).

During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home.

This year, amid crises that have shaken our world, we are awakened to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and each other. During the season this year, we enter a time of restoration and hope, a *jubilee for our Earth* that requires radically new ways of living with creation.

There are number of resources and online events you can access this September. For more information visit the following sites.

[Seasons of Creation](#)

[Catholic Earthcare](#)

[A Catholic Season of Creation – Sundays of September](#)

(sourced from Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle mnews.today)



**25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 144)**

The Lord is near to all who call him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.

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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