

# **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**

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### **St. Columba's Church**

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**26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -**

**YEAR A**

**27 September 2020**

## **Actions speak louder than words**

Many parents today could empathise with the father asking each of his two sons to work in their vineyard. It is not an unreasonable request. Presumably their livelihood relies on the income from the vineyard, and the father speaks not harshly but with affection, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today."

Jesus does not explain the motivation of the two sons, but the defiance of the first son in initially refusing to work in the vineyard would have hurt his father. Jesus does not say why the son then 'thought better of it' and went to work. Perhaps it was seeing the pain on his father's face. The point for Jesus is that he changed his mind. The second son instantly agreed to his father's request but then reneged.

As St Matthew recounts, Jesus is telling this story in a contest with the chief priests and elders of the people who have challenged his authority to be teaching and acting as he does. So, he tells this story and asks them to decide who did the father's will. Of course they answered: the one who went to work in the vineyard.

In words that must have shocked and outraged his opponents, Jesus declares: 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you'. At that time, tax collectors collaborated with the oppressive Roman authorities and made money for themselves as well. They were socially despised and outside the Jewish law, like the prostitutes.

Yet these despised people were among those who heard and believed the message of John the Baptist, 'a pattern of true righteousness', while the chief priests and elders, the very ones who should have been most alert to the message of John, refused to accept him. They were like the second son who said he would go to the vineyard, but then refused. Jesus is declaring that God's loving embrace is available to everyone, especially those who feel most excluded, or who are 'seekers' drawn by some deep inner longing.

This incident of Jesus arguing with these religious leaders also carries a warning for us today. We too can be deaf to the unexpected call of God. Moreover, Jesus insists that responding to the father's will is not just a matter of words, but of action. Actions speak louder than words.

So we pray that God will truly walk with us, and help us live with insightful concern for others, especially in this traumatic year that has included extensive bushfires, COVID-19 and economic distress for many.

Let us also embrace the call of Pope Francis in his 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si'* to play our part in protecting our planet and environment, while striving for a more just world with social and economic systems that serve everyone well.

Bruce Duncan CSsR © Redemptorists 2020

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# This week in the Parish

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

Sunday 27 Sep    **26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR A**

8:00 am - Mass  
10:00 am - Mass

Tuesday 29 Sep    5:30 pm - Mass

Wednesday 30 Sep 5:30 pm - Mass

**OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY**

Thursday 1 Oct    8:30 am - Mass

Friday 2 Oct    12 noon - Mass

Saturday 3 Oct    6:00 pm - Vigil Mass

Sunday 4 Oct    **27TH 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@nrex.com.au](mailto:shpmbah@nrex.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)

### 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR A

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

### 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR A

Is 5:1-7: Phil 4:6-9: Mt 21:33-43

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Jan Roche, Marie Sprenger (sister of Judith Leape),  
Noel Albury (Casino), Trevor Twohill, Leah Hosking.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Peter, Marie & Faye Walsh, Ted Leape, Peter Border.

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Fr John Fitz-Walter, Bill Hyde, Stewart & Madonna  
Marshall, Noreen Albury.

### DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME:

Don't forget to wind your clocks forward an hour when  
daylight saving commences on Sunday 4th October.

## 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](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'.

## 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.

## THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER: ST THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX FEAST DAY



St Thérèse saw herself as the "little flower of Jesus," who gave glory to God by just being her beautiful little self among all the other flowers in God's garden. She died in 1897, of tuberculosis at the age of 24 and was canonized by Pope Pius XI on May 17, 1925.

In 1997, Pope John Paul II declared St. Therese a Doctor of the Church - in tribute to the powerful way her spirituality has influenced people all over the world.

*Remember that nothing is small  
in the eyes of God.  
Do all that you do with love.*

- *St Therese of Lisieux*

Watch Bishop Barron talk about how St Therese's seemingly unremarkable life has touched and influenced so many, leading to her canonisation:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GZ3ywIjpaGY>



## Legion of Mary PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY

All over Australia people are getting involved. We are joining a Nation-wide Rosary chain.

Come and join us - all are invited.

**SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER**  
**10AM - BUDD PARK**



## 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 Higher School Certificate examinations. The HSC exams will be held from Thursday 15 October to Wednesday 11 November.

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.

**There are still quite a few names left!  
(2020 class of 104 students)**

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.**

## Today the Catholic Church in Australia observes **MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY** **"LIKE JESUS CHRIST, FORCED TO FLEE"**

In the light of the tragic events that have marked 2020, I would like this Message, although concerned with internally displaced persons, to embrace all those who are experiencing situations of precariousness, abandonment, marginalization and rejection as a result of COVID-19.

During the flight into Egypt, the child Jesus experienced with his parents the tragic fate of the displaced and refugees, "which is marked by fear, uncertainty and unease (*cf. Mt 2:13-15, 19-23*). Unfortunately, in our own times, millions of families can identify with this sad reality. Almost every day the television and papers carry news of refugees fleeing from hunger, war and other grave dangers, in search of security and a dignified life for themselves and for their families" (*Angelus, 29 December 2013*). In each of these people, Jesus is present as he was at the time of Herod.

We are called to respond to this pastoral challenge with the four verbs I indicated in my Message for this Day in 2018: *welcome, protect, promote and integrate*. To these words I would now like to add six pairs of verbs: -

- ◆ You have to *know* in order to *understand*
- ◆ It is necessary to be *close* to *serve*
- ◆ In order to be *reconciled*, we need to *listen*
- ◆ In order to *grow*, it is necessary to *share*
- ◆ We need to be *involved* in order to *promote*
- ◆ It is necessary to *cooperate* in order to *build*.

*An excerpt from the message of His Holiness, Pope Francis for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2020.*

## 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 mnnews.today)*



## 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 24)

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.

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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