

# 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

Convent Lane, Uki

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## PARISH STAFF

**Parish Priest** - Fr. Anthony Lemon

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**27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -  
YEAR A  
4 October 2020**

## Striving for what is good and just

The image of a vineyard is often used in the bible to refer to God's chosen people, Israel.

In today's first reading, the prophet Isaiah takes up this image and speaks in poetic terms of "my friend" and "his love for his vineyard." Having lovingly and carefully tended his vineyard, the friend expected it to be productive and yield grapes, but instead it produced "sour grapes." The friend responded with punishing measures. Honing the meaning as it relates to his listeners, Isaiah explains: "He [God] expected justice, but found bloodshed; integrity, but only a cry of distress."

In the gospel, Jesus also takes up the image of the vineyard and, in his parable of the wicked tenants, tells of a man who plants a vineyard, painstakingly prepares it and fences it to protect it, and then, as absent landowners often do, he lets it out to tenants. When the time comes to collect the produce, the man sends his servants, not once but twice, but each time they are killed by the tenants. Finally, he sends his beloved son and heir, but, shockingly, the tenants beat and kill him too. Jesus then asks his listeners: "What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answer him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times."

The specific identity of the son is not made explicit in the parable, but Matthew adds that Jesus then quotes from Psalm 118 -- "*The stone that the builders rejected has become the keystone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes*" - and this makes it clear that Jesus means that the son is himself and that his own death awaits him.

The unexpected reversal - that what was rejected by the builders becomes the most important keystone - is very typical of Jesus' teaching, turning his listeners' expectations upside down. The last shall be first; the least shall be the greatest; the rejected shall be the most valuable: God's ways are not our ways.

For us in our time, whatever the trials and tribulations we face, the readings remind us of God's steadfast love and boundless care for us, individually and as a community and for our world, and that what is asked and expected of us are the works of justice and lives of integrity.

Paul, in his Letter to the Philippians, exhorts us to strive for what is good and just and pure and honourable. He counsels us not to worry and to pray for anything we need, and he assures us that the peace of God is so much greater than we can understand or indeed imagine. Let justice and integrity be the hallmark of our lives.

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# This week in the Parish

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

Sunday 4 Oct	27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR A 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass
Tuesday 6 Oct	NO Mass today
Wednesday 7 Oct	5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 8 Oct	8:30 am - Mass
Friday 9 Oct	12 noon - Mass
Saturday 10 Oct	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 11 Oct	28TH 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](mailto: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)

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

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

#### 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR A

Is 25:6-10: Phil 4:12-14, 19-20: Mt 22:1-14

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mary Reynolds, Marie Murnane, Annabelle Jones,  
Jan Roche, Marie Sprenger, Noel Albury, Trevor  
Twohill.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Jeanette Fuller, Bernadette Kelly.

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

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

## COMMISSIONING OF THE PLENARY COUNCIL DELEGATES

This weekend our two Diocesan delegates, who will represent the Lismore Diocese at the Plenary Council, are being commissioned by Bishop Homeming at the 9am Mass. Please keep Dr Deirdre Little (St Mary's Parish, Bellingen) and Miss Ellen Hales (St Francis Xavier Parish, Ballina) in your prayers as they prepare for the Plenary Council Assemblies to be held in 2021.

In addition to our two lay delegates, Bishop Greg, Fr Paul Gooley and Fr Peter Slack are representing the Diocese.

There are 267 delegates across Australia:

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/delegates/>



## MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

*Learn to become the best version  
of yourselves together and live your best life in love!*

**The next weekend for Brisbane is 24-25 October.**

It is a live out weekend. Please go to our website for further information: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)

## 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'.



## Legion of Mary PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY

All over Australia people are getting involved. We are joining a Nationwide Rosary chain.

**Come and join us - all are invited.**

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



**“We are in God’s arms,  
we are God’s heart,  
we are here like a part  
of the body of Christ in the world.’**

Bishop Enrique Figaredo Alvargonzalez



### 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 over 35 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.**



## MISSION SUNDAY APPEAL

**‘For the Joy of the Lord is your STRENGTH’**

– Nehemiah 8:1

On 18 October we will celebrate World Mission Sunday - a special day, called by Pope Francis, when we are called to pray and offer material support to the work of mission around the world. This year we are invited to partner with the Church in Cambodia, which is reaching out to those who have been affected by disability and giving them hope through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and practical support to live a fulfilling life.

*Chen was just 16 years old when he lost both his legs in a landmine accident. Knowing that his life would never be the same, he felt hopeless, until he and his family were approached by the Arrupe Centre. Led by Bishop Enrique Figaredo Alvargonzalez, the Arrupe Centre provides children like Chen with support and opportunities they may not access otherwise. You are warmly invited to partner with the Church in Cambodia through this year’s Church Appeal.*



### WAYS TO GIVE:

Due to COVID restrictions here are some ways to support the Appeal –

1. Envelopes (available in bulletins this weekend & at Church front table) – please POST envelope directly to address listed on envelope;
2. Visit Website – give online at [catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia](http://catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia);
3. Text GIVE to 0488 854 436 and then follow instructions.

**Thank you for your prayerful support and generosity.**

## 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](http://mnews.today))*





**27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A  
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 79)**

**The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.**

**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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