

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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**28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -
YEAR A**

11 October 2020

Invitation to God's table

In 2006 at the 56th Berlin International Film Festival, filmmakers were invited to compete in a Short Film Competition on the theme: *Food, Taste and Hunger*. About 3600 filmmakers from around the world participated, but only 32 films were chosen to be screened at the Berlinale Talent Campus.

The winner was a six-minute Filipino film, "*Chicken a la Carte*", made by Ferdinand Dimadura. This touching short film sent a very strong message about how we value what we are given. It shows customers at a KFC outlet eating half the food they had bought and then throwing away the rest. But that was not the film's main focus. It then shows a man collecting the garbage and selecting leftovers to feed his family; and then the joyful faces of the man's small children as they see him arriving with the baskets of leftover food. They enjoy the food like it's a great banquet.

What is inspiring is the hope and spirituality that never left these people. Even in this dire situation, they thank God and say grace and give thanks for what they have. These people are worthy guests of God's banquet.

The readings of the liturgy this Sunday depict great banquets. The passage from Isaiah in the first reading paints a portrait of the lavish final banquet of the Lord, with the best food and drink imaginable, where his guests can enjoy each other's company and that of the Lord himself. In the reading from Matthew's gospel, Jesus uses the parable of a wedding banquet to teach his hearers about the kingdom of heaven.

Jesus emphasises the generosity and hospitality of God. In the parable the king, after those who had been invited didn't bother to come to the feast, sends his servants out to invite everyone they can find – good and bad - to come instead. However, the parable also stresses that there will be a judgment about the worthiness of the guests attending the wedding party, and such judgment belongs to the king. When the king comes into the assembly of guests and finds someone "not wearing a suitable wedding garment", the king has that guest thrown out.

The point is that those who are invited to God's banquet need to present themselves as worthy to be there. I like to think they are people who give thanks to God for all the goodness they have received, however difficult life may be.

In both the gospel and the first reading, it is God who prepares the banquet, who calls, and who longs for all peoples to attend and feast in friendship. We are all invited and we are all called to respond, rejoice and give thanks, and to live lives that are worthy of the banquet that is the kingdom of heaven.

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This week in the Parish

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

Sunday 11 Oct	28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr A 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass 12 noon - Baptism
Tuesday 13 Oct	5:30 pm - Mass 7.00pm - Baptism Preparation Meeting
Wednesday 14 Oct	HSC commences 10:00am - Catholic Women's Group - see note 5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 15 Oct	8:30 am - Mass
Friday 16 Oct	12 noon - Mass
Saturday 17 Oct	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 18 Oct	29TH 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)

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr A
Is 25:6-10; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14
29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr A
Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thess 1:1-5; Mt 22:15-21

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

Gordon Bakes, Felipe Cerdan, Margaret Grant.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

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

Congratulations

This weekend we congratulate
Prodencio Bognay
on his admission into the
Candidacy of Ordination to the Priesthood.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP NEWS...

The last "Cuppa and Chat" meeting for this year
will be on **Wednesday 14th October**
at **10am in the Parish Meeting Centre.**
ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME!



BAPTISM:

Please welcome
Jasmine Lily Wilkins
to our faith community.

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'.

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL RAFFLE...

Tickets for the Christmas Carnival Parish Raffle
will be available soon.
To be drawn on the last Saturday in November.



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

Dear Friends,

This weekend Prodeacio was admitted by Bishop Greg as a candidate for the priesthood for our Diocese of Lismore. When a man is admitted as a candidate for the priesthood those of us who teach him and form him recommend to the bishop that he will make a worthy candidate for the priesthood. It still remains up to Prodeacio to continue to discern his vocation and call from God. The ceremony of Admission to Candidacy is a public declaration by the bishop that Prodeacio is ready to be called to Holy Orders first as a deacon and then a priest.

Recently I attended and spoke at a gathering of young men who were discerning their first steps into formation, Prodeacio on the other hand is at the end of his period of formation.

When a man is admitted to candidacy for the priesthood, there is a lot of excitement and good will, for which we are very grateful. It gives our parish and diocese a real lift. But let us not forget the other truly sacred and awesome vocation to marriage and family life, because every man who becomes a priest is first formed by the love of his parents and family. Our families are the first place where we learn about God's love.

If I could take the time to thank our parish team, pastoral councillors and finance councillors. A lot of work goes on behind the scenes for which I am truly grateful.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation throughout the ongoing Covid Pandemic. It has been trying on so many levels but thankfully we have followed all the guidelines and no one has got sick in our parish community. Your financial and spiritual contribution to the parish is outstanding. So many visitors tell me how welcome they feel when they attend Mass.

Please pray for our political leaders who are leading us through this difficult period. We may not like their personal party affiliation but they remain decent human beings who seek to help and protect us.

With every best wish

Fr Anthony Lemon



2020 HSC EXAMS

Please remember in your prayers the students who commence their **Higher School Certificate examinations this Thursday 15th October**. It continues until Friday 11 November.

PRAYER SPONSORS FOR MSPC HSC STUDENTS 2020

Mt St Patrick College is once again asking for Prayer Sponsors for Year 12 students during their Higher School Certificate examinations.

There are still 18 names left!

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;**
3. **Text GIVE to 0488 854 436 and then follow instructions.**

Thank you for your prayerful support and generosity.



**28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 22)**

**I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days
of my life.**

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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