

# 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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**29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -  
YEAR A**

**18 October 2020**

## Finding nourishment in exile

The Jewish people experienced two major exiles. The first was the Assyrian Exile beginning in the eighth century BCE when the ten northern tribes were forced into exile in Assyria. The second was the Babylonian Exile in the sixth century BCE when Nebuchadnezzar, the King of Babylon, twice attacked Jerusalem and on the second occasion destroyed the city.

The Babylonian Exile lasted almost seventy years until Cyrus, the King of Persia, who defeated the Babylonians and issued an edict that the Jewish people could return to their homeland. The return home didn't happen immediately, but over time a large group of exiles returned to Jerusalem and began to rebuild their shattered city.

The prophet Isaiah refers to Cyrus as the "anointed" of the Lord," a title usually ascribed to the Davidic king. Furthermore, this Persian king's hand is grasped by God, which signifies the conferral of royal authority. In other words, Cyrus exercises legitimate authority over the people of God, despite the fact that he is a non-believer. God works through this king and God's plan unfolds through him even though he is not aware of it.

The experience of exile must have been devastating because, after being led out of Egypt to the 'promised land', they were once again captive and subject to non-believers. It meant the loss of freedom, the loss of a beloved city, and leaving home and all the treasures they had accumulated over the years.

Our experience of the pandemic of COVID-19 has in some ways been a time of exile. We lost the freedom to move around our neighbourhood and to travel interstate or overseas. We lost the prospect of dining out or inviting friends over for a meal. We lost the opportunity to participate in the eucharist with a gathered community, although we may have joined them online from our homes.

In a time of exile, we search for ways to be nourished both physically and spiritually because food is essential for both body and spirit. Fortunately, we were able to shop for food, provided we kept our distance from one another. Spiritually, we were called to be creative in deepening our relationship with the Lord and caring for one another. The self-isolation was a time to pause and draw deeply on the rich resources of the scriptures, to renew personal and family prayer, to practise meditation, and to assess what we deemed valuable in life. It was also a time to create networks of care by communicating with family and friends using the variety of ways of making and maintaining contact.

Perhaps - and hopefully - fasting from eucharist can be an opportunity to value it more deeply while at the same time developing deeper spiritual resources to nourish us on our life's journey in ways that help us understand, as Jesus teaches in today's gospel, what belongs to Caesar and what belongs to God.

Michael A Kelly 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 18 Oct	29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR A 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass
Tuesday 20 Oct	5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 21 Oct	5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 22 Oct	8:30 am - Mass
Friday 23 Oct	12 noon - Mass
Saturday 24 Oct	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass - Baptism & Confirmation of RCIA candidate during Mass
Sunday 25 Oct	30TH 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)

### 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR A

Is 45:1, 4-6: 1 Thess 1:1-5: Mt 22:15-21

### 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR A

Ex 22:20-26: 1 Thess 1:5-10: Mt 22:34-40



## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

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

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Archdeacon John Dalton (*1st Parish Priest of  
Murwillumbah 1903-1911*), Monsignor John Henry  
FitzPatrick (*PP of Murwillumbah 1936-1963*),  
Phil & Brian Lazenby, Tom Bugden.

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Fr John Fitz-Walter, Bill Hyde.

*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.

## 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](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](http://wwme.org.au)



## 2020 HSC STUDENTS

Please keep all Year 12 students in your prayers as they commence their Higher School Certificate examinations this Tuesday 20 October and continue until Wednesday 11 November.

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL.

Items for the Agenda of the PPC meeting to be held Thursday 5 November must be received a day prior to the PPC Executive Meeting of Tuesday 27 October.

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.



*Happy Birthday*

*This weekend we wish Fr Anthony  
a happy birthday & best wishes  
as he celebrates  
a significant birthday.*

## PLEASE NOTE:

**Next Saturday 24 October at the 6pm Vigil Mass**, we welcome our RCIA candidate, Tahlia and her 3 sons into the Catholic faith.

During the Mass, Tahlia will be baptised and confirmed, and her three sons will be baptised.

**“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

## TODAY IS MISSION SUNDAY

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

– Nehemiah 8:1



Today is 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 – please POST envelope directly to address listed on envelope or place in 1st or 2nd Collection Plates;
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.**





**29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A  
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 95)**

**R: Give the Lord glory and honour**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.  
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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