

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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ALL SAINTS DAY - YEAR A 1 November 2020

And the winner is ...

Imagine you're a participant on a Catholic game show. The host flashes a smile. "This is for the win—no pressure. The final question is ..." The host pauses for dramatic effect and says, "Are ... you ... ready?"

You swallow nervously, hardly believing that you have reached this point because of all those Sunday homilies and years of Catholic schooling. You are one question away from winning. You clench your teeth and nod.

The host says, "The question ... what is a saint?"

You have two minutes to answer. The answer appears simple. "A saint is a holy person and holiness is what God has by nature and what the creature has by participation, by grace."

That's a good start. Extra points for the clarifying distinction between nature and grace. But there's still 1:51 left on the clock.

"The word saint derives from the Latin *sanctus*, which means 'holy'. The verb form is *sancire*, meaning 'to consecrate' or 'to sanctify'. The English of the verb could be 'to saint-ify'. The bread and wine is 'saint-ified'—set apart for a holy use, for administering, becoming a vessel for the divine presence. A saint is someone who, manifest in their words and actions, has become a vessel of the divine presence in the world."

This is going very well, but there's something missing in your answer: you better turn to the bible. Vatican II said somewhere that scripture is "the soul of theology..."

You elaborate further: "God is called 'holy, holy, holy' by the flying seraphim in Isaiah 6, and 'the Holy One of Israel' in lots of places (e.g., Psalms 71, 78, 89). Not only God, though: Psalm 89 is one place where heavenly beings are called 'the assembly of the holy ones ... the council of the holy ones.' And in Deuteronomy 33, Moses, blessing Israel before his death, gave them the same title, God's 'holy ones.' So God, the angelic beings in his heavenly council, and God's chosen people are all 'holy ones.' Throughout the New Testament, Jesus's people are called *hagioi*, 'holy ones' or 'saints.' That means the baptised, all of us."

Still a few seconds left! With a flash of insight, you speak up again: "We call 'saint' someone who has realised what is deepest in their humanity, their 'likeness' to God; like angels they have been granted privileged place in God's ruling council. That's why we can pray to them. Saints have been set apart to become a vessel of God's presence, to administer his rule over all things. That makes sense of the miracles! And we are all called saints because *that* is our calling and destiny in Jesus."

The host clears his throat and smiles.

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This week in the Parish

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

NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Sunday 1 Nov	ALL SAINTS DAY - YR A 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass
Monday 2 Nov	The COMMEMORATION of ALL the FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Soul's Day) 9:00 am - Rosary & Prayers (see note below) 5:30 pm - Mass
Tuesday 3 Nov	5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 4 Nov	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 5 Nov	8:30 am - Mass
Friday 6 Nov	12 noon - Mass
Saturday 7 Nov	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 8 Nov	32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR A 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass

WEEKEND MASSES

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 & FRI)

NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED

RECONCILIATION - Sacred Heart:

Saturday : 5.30pm - 5.50pm
Sunday: 7.30am - 7.50am

PLEASE NOTE: Friday Mass is not
included as a Sunday Mass.

Readings this week: (Yr A)

ALL SAINTS DAY - YR A

Apoc 7:2-4, 9-14: 1 Jn 3:1-3: Mt 5:1-12

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR A

Wis 6:12-16: 1 Thess 4:13-18: Mt 25:1-13

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Peter Hasrouny, Philip Bostock.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Tom Brown, Mary Lever.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

James Wallace, Fr John Fitz-Walter, Bill Hyde.

ROSARY & PRAYERS for God's Precious Infants
and the Unborn Child - Monday 2 November - 9am -
Sacred Heart Church.

Pregnancy Help Line: 1300 139 313

PARISH MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting of the Parish Men's Group
for a Cuppa/morning tea will be on

Wednesday 11 November

10am - Jim Grennan's home

10 McMillan Street, Greenhills

Contact: Alex Lever 6672 1908

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME!

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'.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Parish Office will be Closed this Wednesday
4 November. We apologise for any inconvenience.
Urgent calls: Presbytery 6672 1118 or
email:shpmbah@norex.com.au

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL RAFFLE...

Tickets for the Christmas Carnival Parish Raffle
will be available soon.

To be drawn on the last Saturday in November.

2020 HSC STUDENTS

Please keep all Year 12 students in your
prayers as they enter their third week of
Higher School Certificate examinations.



MASS TIMES

ALL SAINTS DAY

SUNDAY, 1 NOVEMBER
8:00AM & 10:00AM MASS
in Sacred Heart Church

ALL SOULS DAY

MONDAY, 2 NOVEMBER
5:30PM MASS
in Sacred Heart Church

NOVEMBER - HOLY SOULS

November is a special time for praying for the dead. During this month people traditionally request "November Masses" for deceased relatives & friends. Envelopes for these Masses are in the Planned Giving pack of envelopes or on the table at the Church entrance.

Please ensure all names are clearly printed.

Prayers during November may also be requested for deceased relatives and friends by writing their names on the yellow cards (at the Church entrance) and placing the card on the Church noticeboard.

In 2 Maccabees 12:43-46 we read

"It is therefore a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the Dead."

OFFER MASSES

FOR THE HOLY SOULS & SUPPORT PRIESTS IN NEED

The Church dedicates the month of November to praying for our deceased loved ones. Both Scripture and Tradition remind us to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins and enter the joy of Heaven. Offering Masses therefore is the greatest gift we can give to them.

Because of our close relationship with the Solomon Islands, our November Masses are generally sent to Archbishop Chris Cardone in Honiara, and from there Mass Intentions are distributed to priests in the various parishes who have limited sources of income.

Masses can be offered for those we knew and loved, or for the souls that have nobody to pray for them.

COVID-19 UPDATE

As of Friday 23 October 2020, the NSW government updated the regulation regarding the number of people permitted in places of worship - "*for services apart from weddings and funerals, places of worship can have up to 300 people OR one person per 4 square meters of space, whichever is less.*"

As the 4 square metre rule still applies, our numbers do not change. So, it remains necessary to book for weekend Masses. Based on our current pew configuration this allows us to have 85 people at each Mass.

Whilst there is no need to BOOK for weekday Masses, it is still necessary to "register" your attendance at Mass. All attendees are asked to complete details on the "Record of Visitors at Premises" form located on the hospitality table at the church entrance.

Parish staff will continue to be on site to assist you with registering and bookings at each Mass.

Help with cleaning the church after each Mass

It remains necessary to clean all seats used after every Mass. **Our sincere thanks to the wonderful group of volunteers who attend to this cleaning after every weekday and weekend Mass.**

If you are able to help from time to time with the cleaning, it would be appreciated. Please ask Parish staff what you need to do to help. Cleaning products and gloves are provided. It only takes about 10 minutes to clean all the seats when we have a group of 4 volunteers helping. Last week at all weekend Masses the cleaning was done by only 1-2 people following each Mass.

Christmas Masses

Planning has commenced in the Parish Office for Christmas. ***Based on the current regulations it will be essential to book in for one of the three planned Christmas Masses!*** There will be two Masses on Christmas Eve (6 pm & 8 pm) and one on Christmas Day (9 am) at this stage. One of the Christmas Eve Masses will also be livestreamed. With extra seating at the back of the church, each Christmas Mass will be able to accommodate up to 120 people based on the current 4 square metre rule. An additional Mass may be added if the bookings indicate a need for an extra Mass. If you are expecting family home for Christmas and therefore an increased family attendance at Mass, please consider booking early to help us with our planning.

We are all praying for some further relaxation in restrictions before Christmas.

If you have any queries, concerns or comments on these matters, please contact Mary-Ann in the Parish Office.



ALL SAINTS DAY - A

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 23)

R: Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!

Invitation

To CELEBRATE HOLY MASS IN FILIPINO

Filipino Support Group (Tweed) and ladies groups in Murwillumbah and Kingscliff will jointly celebrate Solemn Mass in Filipino on 14 November 2020 at 11:00am (NSW DST) at St Joseph’s Parish Church, 11 Frances Street, Tweed Heads. The celebration will commemorate the 2nd Anniversary Ordination of Rev Fr Wilber Tobe.

We encourage participants to reserve their place in Church as numbers are limited due to Covid restrictions.

After the Mass we continue the celebration at Little Malaya, 32 Bay Street, Tweed Heads. Sumptuous 3-course meal - \$20/pp.

Reservations may be made with the following:

Fely Hamer (07) 55242607

Norma Zarda (07) 55233419

Lalaine Plaza 0492 858491

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Mt 5:8-10

PLEASE NOTE: The Bishop, realising that not all parishioners can be accommodated at weekend Masses, has continued the dispensation from the Sunday obligation.

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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