

# 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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**32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -  
YEAR A**

**8 November 2020**

## Doing what needs to be done

One of the many things we've learnt this year is that people we often take for granted - firefighters, nurses, teachers, supermarket workers, amongst them - are significant people in our lives. We heard these significant others saying things like, "We just did what we had to do. We are not heroes."

They say they're doing what they have to do and what they've learnt to do. But, as they know, unless you've done the preparation you'll be found wanting. You won't be ready and able to do what you have to do.

That's the situation the foolish bridesmaids find themselves in. They hadn't prepared for the 'what if he turns up late' situation and, when the bridegroom finally arrives, they make haste to find a shopkeeper who can supply them with oil. But, the oil they're after is made from the good works of their lives, so that, as one writer says: "The real decisive moment came along before the bridegroom arrived."

What then do we make of someone else saying, "this parable just doesn't feel like the gospel," excluding us arbitrarily from the marriage feast because we weren't prepared for the Lord's late arrival? We might be puzzled too, but the parable isn't meant to be a harsh judging of us. It urges one thing: the need to 'stay awake' for his coming, which is what Jesus says at the gospel's end; in other words, 'be prepared', or 'be vigilant'. All ten bridesmaids fall asleep; what's at issue is the preparation.

Where do we learn this and go on learning this, because the preparation is going to be crucial when the decisive moment inevitably arrives, asking of us a response. When the stranger appears, when someone is hungry, thirsty, homeless, sick, or imprisoned, what then? How will we respond? Because this will be the basis of a final judgment. Our 'deeds of faith, justice and mercy' will speak for us; they will tell whether we loved one another.

This is what the kingdom of heaven will be like, as Jesus says at the beginning of the gospel. And once again, where do we learn this? For most of us, it's in our families and in our parishes. In the parish, principally at Mass, but also through our other parish involvements, we learn how to be forgiven, to receive, to give thanks, so that gradually we're able to be this way with one another and with others.

Being vigilant, as the first reading suggests, is a keeping vigil, waiting on wisdom to appear. In the gospel, wisdom is being alert to the presence of Christ among us; and if we were to ask, when did we meet you Lord, he will tell us. Are we prepared to meet him? Will we be ready and able to do what we have to?

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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 8 Nov 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr A  
8:00 am - Mass  
10:00 am - Mass

Tuesday 10 Nov 5:30 pm - Communion Service - Prodeocio

Wednesday 11 Nov REMEMBRANCE DAY  
10:00am - Parish Men's Group (see note)  
5:30 pm - Mass

Thursday 12 Nov 8:30 am - Mass

Friday 13 Nov 12 noon - Mass

Saturday 14 Nov 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass

Sunday 15 Nov 33RD 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](mailto: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

## Readings this week: (Yr A)

### 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr A

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

### 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr A

Prov 31:10-13, 19-20. 30-31: 1 Thess 5:1-6:  
Mt 25:14-30

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Margaret Brown, Jim Hogan (Kyogle),  
Peter Hasrouny, Philip Bostock.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Richard Leape, Danny Amour.

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Loretta Clark, Frances Wright, James Wallace,  
Fr John Fitz-Walter, Bill Hyde.

## 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'.

## 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!**

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP

will be holding their last luncheon for this year  
on the **20 November** at **JOHNNY FRANCO'S  
RESTAURANT**, Commercial Rd, Murwillumbah.

Please call Helen Larkin on 66725647 or Barbara  
Cook on 66723377 if you wish to come along.

Due to Covid 19 and social distancing it is most  
important that we have the correct  
attendance numbers.

**ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!**

## JOSEPHITE CALENDARS

2021 Josephite Calendars have arrived - on sale  
after Mass from Barbara, Mary-Ann or Beth;  
or at the Parish Office

**(\$10.00 each)**

## 2020 HSC STUDENTS

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



## CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL - PARISH RAFFLE TICKETS

Prizes include: 1st Prize - \$1,000 cash  
2nd Prize - \$250 cash  
3rd Prize - \$100 cash

Supplementary prizes of hams and other great Christmas treats.

Book of ten tickets @ \$1 each = \$10.00

**DON'T MISS OUT!**

Tickets available from the Hospitality Table before or after each Mass - see Barbara, Mary-Ann or Beth; or from Parish Office weekdays.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Wednesday November 11 we honour and remember all our service men and women who have died and suffered for Australia's cause in all wars and conflicts.

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month attained a special significance in the post-war years. The moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war.

The allied nations chose this day and time for the commemoration of their war dead.



## 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! We are taking bookings now.***

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.

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

A reminder about the Information & Response form from the Parish Pastoral Council that was included with the Parish Bulletin a couple of weeks ago (copies available at Sacred Heart Church).

This Information Sheet provides information and an opportunity to volunteer for one or more new sub-committees as well as the opportunity to express interest in being considered for one of the various Parish ministries. If you are already involved in one of the ministries mentioned, you do not need to reapply.

Completed forms may be left in the sealed Pastoral Council collection box at the back of the church. If you are not able to make it to Mass and still want to submit a form, you are welcome to leave your completed form in a sealed envelope at the Parish Office.

Paper copies of this form are available at the church hospitality table and in the Parish Office.

## OFFER MASSES FOR THE HOLY SOULS & SUPPORT PRIESTS IN NEED

The Church dedicates the month of November to praying for our deceased loved ones. Offering Masses 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.

***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.



**32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A  
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 62)**

**R: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Be watchful and ready; you know not when the  
Son of Man is coming.**

**Alleluia!**

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

**MASS - What you need to know...**

**As at 23 October the number permitted to attend Masses and any church services continues to be 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 Saturday and Sunday**
- ◆ no need to book for weekday Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday
- ◆ 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.

**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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