

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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St. Brigid's Church

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St. Columba's Church

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**33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -
YEAR A**

15 November 2020

Trust in our God given talents

Different people have different abilities. A person gifted with imagination or creativity may not be good at administration or finance. Someone with a flair for 'do it yourself' around the house may not be musical. A cook who is 'at home' in the kitchen may be completely lost when it comes to anything mechanical. Someone with sporting prowess may find computers and electronics out of their league.

The rich man in today's parable was aware of his servants' abilities. Before departing on his journey, he entrusted his property to each servant *in proportion to their ability*. He only gave as much responsibility as each one could shoulder. The first two servants worked according to their ability, increasing what had been entrusted to them. But the third did not. He simply returned the one talent he had been given. Fear held him back from using his ability to work for the extra he was capable of gaining. *"I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground."*

Fear can paralyse us. It causes us to withdraw, concentrating our attention on ourselves and our security. It freezes our capacity to take risks and to face the unknown. It tempts us to conserve and to obsess about certainties. Fear can strip us of confidence and prevent us from reaching our potential.

Jesus was aware of the power that fear wielded in people's lives. When he was at the end of his public life and soon to be executed, Jesus wanted his followers to continue what he'd begun and to embrace his great commission, *"Go into the whole world and preach the Gospel to every creature."* But Jesus knew that those who would come after him would encounter many problems. Their biggest problem would be their own fear. Yet Jesus was insistent, *"Do not be afraid."*

When Peter fell on his knees saying, *"Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man,"* Jesus responded with compassion and understanding. *"Do not be afraid, from now on you will fish for people."* When fear threatened to hold Peter back, Jesus called him to let go and walk on with faith and trust. Talents are given to bear fruit, not to lie in the bank or be buried in the ground, safe and unused. It may seem prudent not to risk, but in the end God expects otherwise. *"Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten"*. In other words, *'use it or lose it'*.

All of us have been gifted by God, each in our own way. If fear causes us to hide our God-given talents, then those around us are deprived. Jesus wants us to live our lives to the full, free from fear and always ready to share our abilities and talents for the good of all.

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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 15 Nov	33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR A 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass
Tuesday	No Mass today
Wednesday	No Mass today
Thursday	No Mass today
Friday 20 Nov	12 noon - Mass 12 noon - Catholic Women's Group Lunch (see note below)
Saturday 21 Nov	THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 22 Nov	CHRIST THE KING - 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

Readings this week: (Yr A)

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR A

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

CHRIST THE KING - YR A

Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17: 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28:
Mt 25:31-46

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Robert Walsh, Margaret Brown, Jim Hogan,
Peter Hasrouny.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Carmel Hennessy.

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 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'.

Congratulations

This weekend we congratulate and welcome Andrew & Noreen Walton who are visiting from Brisbane to celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary in the Sacred Heart Church where they were married.

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 - \$10.00

2021 Josephite Calendars have arrived - on sale after Mass at hospitality table in the Church or at the Parish Office. *Only a few left!*

SEATING IN THE CHURCH

Please remember to turn over the small 'Please Sit Here' card where you sit in the church during Mass. This tells the volunteer cleaners where someone has been sitting during Mass.

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; or from Parish Office weekdays.

CLERGY CONFERENCE

The annual Clergy Conference will be held in Lismore this week Monday 17 – Thursday 20 November. There will be no Masses in the parish on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Fr. Wilber Tobe from Tweed Heads will be on duty for emergencies after hours 075576 6466 between Monday and Thursday. Business hours phone Parish Office 6672 1118.

PRAYER SPONSORS FOR MT ST PATRICK COLLEGE HSC STUDENTS - THANK YOU

The Parents, Staff and Year 12 students of Mt St Patrick College thank you for your generosity in being a Prayer Sponsor for our HSC students. We, and especially the students themselves, are very appreciative of your care and concern for them at this sometimes difficult and stressful time. We pray, with God's help, that they will achieve the results that they deserve.

Michael O'Donohue
(Leader of Evangelisation)

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.

CHRISTMAS

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.



Caritas Australia's thoughts and prayers are with the people of the Philippines, Vietnam and Cambodia who have been

devastated by unprecedented flooding after two typhoons hit the region in one week.

Across the region, homes have been destroyed and livelihoods lost with hundreds of thousands of people fleeing to evacuation centres, where the risks of spreading COVID-19 are high.

With your help, and with our church and NGO partners on the ground, we can provide vital support to those affected by this and other disasters as part of our Asia Emergency Appeal.

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**33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 127)**

R: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.**

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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