

# 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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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B 29 November 2020

### Living in the time of waiting

When COVID-19 began to impact negatively on all aspects of our lives, we questioned when the situation would turn around for the better. We heard a lot of predictions but, in reality, no one knew when the pandemic would end. And we still don't.

Today, we begin the Advent journey of waiting for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ. In today's gospel Jesus speaks of a man who travels abroad, leaving his servants in charge, warning them to stay awake, always prepared and ready for his return. Jesus reminds us that we should stay awake, ready for his return: "Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come."

So, we await the coming of the Lord. But no one knows when it is going to happen. This should not frighten or confuse us. Our faith tells us that the Lord will come and he will come unexpectedly. During his earthly life, Jesus showed us that God is all loving and merciful, faithful to His people and to His promises. So, we wait in readiness and with a sure hope and joyful expectation for the Lord's coming.

The pandemic and other struggles we encounter day-to-day might lead us sometimes to doubt and question the presence of God in our lives and our world. It is sometimes especially hard to wait for the Lord's coming while we are facing the fear and the difficulties life brings. But the first coming of the Saviour – as a babe, born like us and sharing in our human experience, its joys and its sorrows – assures us that our faith and our hope for his return is well-founded.

Jesus left us with a simple commandment, yet a challenging one. "Love God and love your neighbour." It really is as simple – and as difficult – as that. The length of the period of waiting for his coming does not matter, but the quality of our discipleship does matter. We are called to live "the time of waiting" by loving and placing our trust in God, and by caring for one another - especially the poor, needy and vulnerable in our world - and for the whole of God's creation.

But we must stay awake! We do not know the time, but we must prepare and be ready for his coming! This is vital. We can be sure, through it all, that God cares for us and continues to love us. The Holy Spirit, our advocate, guides and teaches us to live the life of discipleship to which we are called as followers of Jesus, our Saviour.

Let us be joyful and join with Saint Paul by saying, "I never stop thanking God for all the graces we have received through Jesus Christ."

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# This week in the Parish

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

Sunday 29 Nov	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YR B 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
Tuesday 1 Dec	No Mass today
Wednesday 2 Dec	Parish Office Closed today 5:30pm - Mass
Thursday 3 Dec	8:30am - Mass 9:30am - Legion of Mary - South Meeting Room
Friday 4 Dec	5:30pm - Mass
Saturday 5 Dec	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 6 Dec	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YR B 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)

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Yr B

Is 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8: 1 Cor 1:3-9:  
Mk 13:33-37

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Yr B

Is 40:1-5,9-11: 2 Pet 3:8-14: Mk 1:1-8

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fr John Fitz-Walter, Ray Pirlo, Robert Walsh,  
Margaret Brown, Jim Hogan.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Maria Lizzio.

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Susan Kean, Miles Larkin, Loretta Clark, Frances  
Wright, James Wallace, 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'.

## PRODENCIO...

Last week, Bishop Gregory Homeing announced that Prodencio has been accepted as a candidate for the Ordination to the Diaconate. His Ordination is being planned for early 2021.

Sadly, for us, Prodencio is moving to the Port Macquarie parish for his next work placement. His date for moving is Friday December 11. Therefore next weekend will be his last in our parish.

Please keep Prodencio in your prayers as he prepares for his Ordination.

## LEGION OF MARY 'HOUR OF GRACE'

12 NOON TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TWEED HEADS

All parishioners welcome to attend.

## LEGION OF MARY ANNUAL REUNION DAY

SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TWEED HEADS

Commencing 9am with Rosary & Mass

Led by Fr MX Rego SM

Followed by morning tea outside the church.  
All parishioners welcome to attend.

## 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.

## ADVENT WREATH



Within the four weeks of the Advent season, the Church's liturgy draws attention to different facets of how God's plan has been revealed in Christ, is now revealed in every Mass we celebrate, and that Christ will be revealed in all his glory at the end of time.

For each Sunday of Advent, we take our focus for the Advent Wreath from our Advent traditions. Like the people of the Old Testament we live in hope for the fullness of the revelation of Christ the Messiah when he will come in glory to judge the living and the dead. This year we will also anticipate and pray for the process and outcomes of the Plenary Council.

Response to Advent Prayer: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

### Adore

#### 2020 Daily Advent & Christmas Reflections

Adore is a beautifully presented resource containing short daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (29 November) through to the Baptism of the Lord (10 January 2021).

Inspired by the shepherds, Magi and our Blessed Mother, this year's reflection book, **Adore**, provides a wonderful opportunity for us to take a quiet step out of our daily lives and refocus our attention on the Lord in adoration of what he has done for us through his Son.

Spiritually rich, yet easily readable daily reflections from the Diocese of Wollongong. Only \$4.00 each available from the Church or Parish Office.

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

#### CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL Thursday 24th December

6:00pm - Sacred Heart Church (*full*)

8:00pm - Sacred Heart Church

#### CHRISTMAS DAY Friday 25th December

9:00am - Sacred Heart Church

**BOOK NOW!**

**66721118 (Office hours)**

### 2020 VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

We're sure for many people this Christmas will be like no other, and for the Mary MacKillop Conference of St. Vincent de Paul it will certainly not be the same.

Due to the Covid 19 restrictions imposed, Christmas Hampers will be a little different this year. Instead of gifts and monetary donations, **St Vincent de Paul are accepting gifts of vouchers for their 2020 Christmas Appeal. For example - vouchers from Coles, IGA, Target, Woolworths, Big W, Kmart, etc. Vouchers can be left at the Parish Office or on the Collection Plate at Mass.**



*Thank you for your continued support.*

### IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY ADVENT RESOURCES

During the four weeks of Advent, prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth through prayer and reflection. Contemplate the First Coming of Jesus as Saviour, and anticipate his promised Second Coming.

Amid the flurry of Christmas preparations, look for practical ways to observe the holiness of the season.



### FREE ADVENT PROGRAM - THE CATHOLIC GUY - BRUCE DOWNES

Advent is a time when Catholics are encouraged to focus more on their spiritual life to prepare for Christmas, the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

This Advent program invites people from across the world to spend five minutes each day, watch an email video devotional and go on a journey that will change your lives forever. This is a free program and open to anyone.

Website link: <https://brucedownes.org/registerforadvent/>



## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - B

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 79)

**R: Lord, let us turn to you; let us see your face, and we shall be saved**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

**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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