

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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St. Columba's Church

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - YEAR A

22 November 2020

A kingship of love

Today we bring the liturgical year to conclusion with the Feast of Christ the King. We celebrate that Christ is Lord and King, ruler of all creation, and Lord of our lives. In the gospel we learn about the nature of his kingship, and what is expected of us as his people.

In some countries where they still have royal families, the people will say that royalty needs to reinvent itself in order to remain relevant; to be closer to the people; to be in touch with the burning issues of the country.

But in Jesus we have a king who understood the needs of the people of his time and especially understood and cared for the problems and sufferings of those whom society shunned and cast away. He devoted his life to teaching people about God's mercy and steadfast love. He walked, lived and ate amongst the people. He embraced the people. He did not lord it over them. No one was ever turned away. Everyone was welcome to come to him. Through his words and actions, his parables and his miracles, he showed that God is not distant from us but very much part of our lives, aware of our everyday worries, our sufferings, our problems, our fears. Jesus gave hope, light and life to all who would listen to him, but especially those who were outcast or on the fringes of society.

Today, humanity continues to face many burning issues, natural disasters and serious problems. 2020 has been a particularly difficult year. In some parts of the world, these problems consume the lives of entire families, towns and even cities. Some will ask, "Where is God in this?" Just as those issues burn in the hearts and lives of the people, those issues burn in the heart and the life of God. But fear not. God does not desert us. God continues to provide hope, light and life.

This is the nature of the kingdom of Christ the King. His kingship is a kingship of love, compassion and mercy. And in this kingdom, we will be judged according to our works of love, compassion and mercy, by what we do for one another: "I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." For, Jesus insists, when you did it to one of the least of my people, you did it to me! And, similarly, if you neglected to do this, you neglected to do it to me! And it is the poor and the needy who should have our special care, our preferential option.

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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 22 Nov CHRIST THE KING - YR A
8:00 am - Mass
10:00 am - Mass

Tuesday 24 Nov 5:30pm - Mass

Wednesday 25 Nov 5:30pm - Mass

Thursday 26 Nov No Mass today

Friday 27 Nov No Mass today

Saturday 28 Nov 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass

Sunday 29 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)

CHRIST THE KING - YR A

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YR B

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

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

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Miles Larkin, Loretta Clark, Frances Wright,
James Wallace, Bill Hyde.

FR JOHN FITZ-WALTER R.I.P.

It is with great sadness that we advise Fr John died peacefully in Lismore on Thursday 19 November, in the presence of his family, after a long illness. His funeral will be in Coffs Harbour, day and time to be advised.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Grace Severs who is making her First Holy Communion at the Vigil Mass this weekend.

Also congratulations to Leo Kelly on his Papal Blessing, which is being presented at the Vigil Mass.

JOSEPHITE CALENDARS - \$10.00

2021 Josephite Calendars are on sale after Mass at hospitality table in the Church or at the Parish Office.

Only a few left!

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'.

The "Chrim Mass," is traditionally held each year the week before Easter; unavoidably delayed this year by the Covid Virus, this Mass was held last Tuesday at St. Carthages' Cathedral. The holy oils will be brought up in procession at the Vigil Mass this weekend.



BAPTISM:

Please welcome
Eden Elizabeth Mitchell
to our faith community

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

DON'T MISS OUT!

Supplementary prizes of hams and other great Christmas treats.

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

TICKETS DRAWN 7PM SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER

Tickets available from the Hospitality Table before or after each Mass; or from Parish Office weekdays.

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.

Adore also features beautiful religious artworks from the Masters such as Ghirlandaio, Poussin, Champaigne, Botticelli, Le Brun, Fra Angelico and Rubens with enlightening "Artwork Spotlight" reflections written by the popular Monsignor Graham Schmitzer.

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

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.

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. These can be left at the Parish Office or the Vinnies Store.**

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.





CHRIST THE KING - A

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 22)

R: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! 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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