

# 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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**2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**- YEAR B**

**17 January 2021**

## Jesus dwells in what house?

How does God speak to us? Or, to put it another way, how does God reveal the divine being to us?

The term "revelation" comes from the Greek word "apocalypse", which originally meant a vision or a dream. The bible has numerous stories of dreamers and visionaries to whom God revealed divine being – today's first reading tells of the child Samuel who hears God calling him while he slept in the temple. But, for the most part, such numinous experiences are rare.

In the bible, there is a great deal of speaking to God; but little conversation the other way, at least to those who are not prophets and sages.

The prophet Habakkuk complains that God's failure to respond to prayer more regularly and explicitly is the cause of Israel's faithlessness (Hab 1:2-4; cf. Is 64:12).

The bible is littered with demands that one be silent and listen to God (e.g., Job 33:33; Ps 4:4; Amos 8:3; Mal 2:2; Zep 1:7; 2:13; 1 Cor 14:28; Rev 2:7; 3:20). Yet those of us who profess allegiance to the Judeo-Christian tradition cannot always suppress a sense that, no matter how hard we listen, we often do not hear anything. So, we are once again back to the question with which we began: how does God speak to us?

In today's gospel, two disciples of John the Baptist – one of whom was Andrew, Peter's brother – encounter Jesus who, in John's Gospel, is proclaimed as the Word of God made flesh. The scene is played out in a manner that appears so mundane. The disciples ask Jesus, "Where do you live?"; to which Jesus replies, "Come and see!"

There is an incredible irony here.

For Judeans in Jesus' time, as well as Israelites in the time of Samuel, the temple was the dwelling place of God; it was the one place in all the universe where God's glory broke through from the realms of the sacred into the profane world. And yet here, in the person of Jesus, those two disciples have met and seen the dwelling place of God's glory (Jn 1:14), in other words, the true temple of God.

So, how do we hear the voice of God? The simple answer is in many and varied ways: in the wonders of creation; in the touch of a human hand; in the stories of prophets and sages but, most fully, it is in the person of Jesus of Nazareth and in his "house" that the divine being is available and ready to speak to us.

Today's gospel is an invitation to "come and see [ where Jesus lives]"; to reflect on his story; to listen to his words; and, thereby, to hear afresh the voice of God speaking directly to us in Word and Sacrament within the community of disciples.

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# *This week in the Parish*

Sunday 17 Jan	2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR B 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass	
Tuesday 19 Jan	8:30am - Mass	
Wednesday 20 Jan	8:30am - Mass 12:00pm - Parish Men's Group lunch - Imperial Hotel (see note below)	
Thursday 21 Jan	8:30am - Mass 9:15am - Legion of Mary - South Meeting Room	
Friday 22 Jan	8:30am - Mass	
Saturday 23 Jan	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass	
Sunday 24 Jan	3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR B 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass 12 noon - Baptisms	<b>RECONCILIATION:</b> Saturday : 5.30pm - 5.50pm Sunday: 7.30am - 7.50am

## Readings next Sunday:

3rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year B  
Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Noela Nunan, Mary McDonald, Carl Johnston,  
Loretta Clark, Stephen Sweetnam, Caterina  
Bonomini, Bill Hyde.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Dorrie Turner, Lily Mason.

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Miles Larkin, Frances Wright, James Wallace.

## 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.

We have come to know and to believe  
in the love that God has for us.

- 1 John 4:16

## PARISH MEN'S GROUP

next get together

Wednesday 20 January

Lunch at Imperial Hotel - 12 noon

It is necessary to confirm attending  
as a table has been booked.

Please contact: Alex Lever 0458 817 021  
or 6672 1908 (leave message)

**ALL MEN ARE WELCOME!**

## AUSTRALIA DAY MASS

9:00AM

SACRED HEART CHURCH

## BACK TO SCHOOL DATES

### MT ST PATRICK COLLEGE

Friday 29 January: Yrs 7, 11 & 12 return  
and new students in Yrs 8, 9 & 10.  
Monday 1 February: Yrs. 8, 9 & 10 return

### MT ST PATRICK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Monday 1 February: Yrs. 1 - 6  
Thursday 4 February: Kinder commences

### ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Monday 1 February: Yrs. 1 - 6  
Thursday 4 February: Kinder commences

## VIEW MASS AT HOME

There are several options to tune into Mass at home:

### ONLINE:

- ◆ Bishop Greg's livestreamed Sunday Mass will return on January 24 at 8:00am. During January the Bishop is conducting a Summer Homily Series of weekly homilies. Available to you - 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'.



## READINGS FOR TODAY

### FIRST READING: 1 SAM 3:3-10, 19

*A reading from the first book of Samuel*

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am'. Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 39)

**R: Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.**

### SECOND READING: 1 COR 6:13-15, 17-20

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, which is in you since you have received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.**

**Alleluia!**

## YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "**Year of St Joseph,**" beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 (December 8) and extending to the same feast in 2021.

The Holy Father wrote *Patris corde* against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation."

At the conclusion of his letter, he adds another prayer to St Joseph, which he encourages all of us to pray:

**Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

**To you God entrusted his only Son;**

**in you Mary placed her trust;**

**with you Christ became flesh.**

**Blessed Joseph,**

**to us too show yourself a father**

**and guide us in the path of life.**

**Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,**

**and defend us from every evil.**

**Amen.**

### PLANNED GIVING

Planned Giving contributions may be made by electronic funds transfer. If you would like to make contributions by EFT, bank A/C details are:

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...and he took Simon to Jesus.

Jesus looked hard at him and said,

'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' - meaning Rock (Peter).

- John 1:42



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### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 39)

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### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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**Alleluia!**

### EASING OF RESTRICTIONS:

As at Monday 7 December the number permitted to attend Masses and other church services is determined by the 2 square metre rule, allowing us to increase the number of people attending each Mass and church service.

*What does this mean for us?*

We can now have up to 180 people at each Mass or church service.

You will no longer need to pre-book for Mass **BUT** it is still essential to “check in” before Mass at the Hospitality table either by scanning our **QR code on your smart phone** or by registering your attendance with our hospitality team.

With the increase in numbers attending Masses and other church services, both Bishop Greg and NSW Health strongly encourage everyone over 12 years of age to wear a face mask when attending church services.

#### MASS - What you need to know

- ◆ all Masses will continue to be celebrated in Sacred Heart Church (*entry via main entrance only*) – country churches remain closed
- ◆ sign in on arrival using our QR code or by giving your name and contact details to one of our hospitality team
- ◆ please remember to use the hand sanitiser provided
- ◆ seats are marked where you can sit
- ◆ please observe social distancing when coming forward for communion, and communion BY HAND only
- ◆ there is still no 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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