

# 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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**3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**- YEAR B**

**24 January 2021**

## Leaving a better world.

St Paul's advice for Christian living seems alarmingly negative: life is very short, so don't get too caught up in things of the world, whether relationships, politics, economics or cultural pursuits. His reason is simple: "the world as we know it is passing away".

In fact, the passing nature of the world in which we live today is occurring at an increasingly rapid pace due to the technological revolution which impacts on jobs, communications, travel, climate, habitat, lifestyle, business, recreation, to name a few. Time seems to be moving faster and the experiences of life more fleeting.

In other terms, we recognise increasing threats of terrorism, global warming, nuclear war and what is fast becoming the largest mass migration of human beings in history. While the biblical destruction of Nineveh did not come to pass, we must wonder if the destruction of peoples, cultures and entire eco-systems in our current world is not the impending Nineveh disaster of our own times.

Clearly, it is now our time to listen to the voices of the prophets ably summarised in the words of Jesus: "*The time has come; the kingdom of God is close at hand; repent and believe in the Good News*". Or in the words of Pope Francis: "*It is we human beings who need to change*" if we are "*to safeguard our common home*" (planet earth), enact justice for all people, especially the poor and marginalised, and provide a world that will be habitable for future generations.

Jonah, John the Baptist, Jesus and Francis are at one in challenging human greed and corruption which threaten us and our world. However, no matter how things may appear, there is no cause for despair. We have genuine human, spiritual and practical options. Like Simon, Andrew, James and John, we too are being "called by name" to leave behind the things that bind us, and to become missionary disciples of God's justice and mercy. This is what Jesus calls "the Good News" and what Francis calls "The joy of the Gospel".

To be sure, we are not capable of saving ourselves or our world. The great teaching of Christianity is that only God brings reconciliation, healing, final hope and salvation. But God calls us to be partners in this work of creation and salvation. Like the prophets and apostles before us, we too are called to be co-workers with Christ and the Holy Spirit in enabling the "reign of God" to come about.

We must pray for the courage of the first disciples to give ourselves wholeheartedly to our relationship with Jesus and to his mission of mercy. Likewise, we pray that the Church, its leaders and ourselves will not shy away from the radical demands of the gospel and discipleship.

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# This week in the Parish



Sunday 24 Jan	3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR B 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass 12 noon - Baptisms
Monday 25 Jan	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday 26 Jan	AUSTRALIA DAY 9:00am - Mass
Wednesday 27 Jan	9:00am - Mass - Combined Schools Staff Mass <i>There is no afternoon Mass today</i>
Thursday 28 Jan	8:30am - Mass 9:15am - Legion of Mary - South Meeting Room
Friday 29 Jan	12:00pm - Mass
Saturday 30 Jan	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 31 Jan	4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR B 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass 12 noon - Baptisms

## 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.

## RECONCILIATION:

Saturday : 5.30pm - 5.50pm  
Sunday: 7.30am - 7.50am

**Readings for Australia Day - Year B**  
Is 32:15-18; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Mt 5:2-12  
**Readings next Sunday:**  
4th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year B  
Deut 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28



## BAPTISMS:

Please welcome  
Grace Myrna Guinea,  
Braxton John Morgan  
& Mahli Mae Lambert  
to our faith community.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Ron Grigalius, Noela Nunan, Mary McDonald,  
Carl Johnston.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Frank Berg.

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Barbara Sali (Solomon Islands), Miles Larkin,  
Frances Wright, James Wallace.

## PLEASE NOTE:

The Parish Administration Centre will be Closed  
Monday 25 & Tuesday 26 January.  
Urgent calls: Presbytery 66721118  
or email: shpmbah@norex.com.au

## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

We welcome back all teachers, staff & students to our three parish schools for the 2021 year.

We extend a warm welcome to all new staff to our College and two Primary Schools.

## 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 returns this Sunday January 24 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'.



## READINGS FOR TODAY

### FIRST READING: JONAH 3:1-5, 10

*A reading from the prophet Jonah*

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 24)

R: **Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

### SECOND READING: 1 COR 7:29-31

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

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**The kingdom of God is near:  
believe the Good News.  
Alleluia!**

## AUSTRALIA DAY

Tuesday 26 January is Australia Day and the 9am Mass will be a celebration of this day. Please come along and pray for our parish, our city, our nation Australia.

### A Prayer for our Nation:

Grant we pray O God, that as the southern cross shines in our skies, so may Christ bring light to our nation, to its peoples old and new, and by your saving grace, transform our lives through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Amen

**Mary Help of Christians Patroness of Australia  
Pray For Us**

## READINGS FOR AUSTRALIA DAY

### FIRST READING: ISAIAH 32:15-18

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

Once more there will be poured on us  
the spirit from above;  
then shall the wilderness be fertile land  
and fertile land become forest.

In the wilderness justice will come to live  
and integrity in the fertile land;  
integrity will bring peace,  
justice give lasting security.

My people will live in a peaceful home,  
in safe houses, in quiet dwellings.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 24)

R: **The Lord speaks of peace to his people.**

### SECOND READING: 1 COR 12:4-11

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

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Happy the peacemakers:  
they shall be called children of God.  
Alleluia!**

### 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 24)

R: Teach me your ways, O Lord.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near:

believe the Good News.

Alleluia!

### AUSTRALIA DAY - B

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 84)

R: The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called children of God.

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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