

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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- YEAR B

2 May 2021

We are to produce rich fruit

Many of the Old Testament prophets compared God's people to a vineyard that needed tending and protecting. Equally, they were not afraid to call the people to order when they strayed, reminding them the same vineyard was producing only sour grapes and was ready for destruction. We know that Jesus was familiar with these scriptures and often used their images to proclaim his message of salvation.

At the Last Supper he initiates the New Covenant in his blood by consecrating the wine at table, commanding us to do this in his memory. And in his conversation with the apostles he speaks of himself as "the true vine" and his "Father as the vinedresser", but more than that he develops the image, reminding us that if we are to bear good fruit we have to be united with him. The alternative does not bear thinking about: we will be cut off from the source of life.

In Jesus's day, probably most people would have known how to graft vine branches, but few of us work that closely to nature these days. Nevertheless, this is a useful image as we think of the mission of the Church, reaching out to others to be connected to the source of God's life. We have a classic example of that in the conversion Saul of Tarsus, the man who was zealously persecuting the early Christian community and who was struck down on the road to Damascus.

His conversion was the talk of the early Church and is widely reported in the New Testament, both in the Acts of the Apostles and in his own letters. It seems that Paul, as he became known, was not someone to meddle with, whether he was for or against you. You have only to read his letters to realise that he does not mince his words and clearly, to begin with at least, he was regarded by the early Christian community with suspicion and even fear: just note how Luke describes the situation in today's extract from the Acts.

Barnabas acts as a mediator but even as Paul becomes accepted, he manages to end up in such a heated argument that the Hellenists are out to kill him. Fascinatingly, it is only when the brothers get him out of the way, that we hear the churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were able to live in peace.

If you read on in the Acts of the Apostles, you will find that Paul and Barnabas form a mission team. However, sadly, this partnership was to end in tears, when Paul would not hear of John Mark, Barnabas's cousin, re-joining them after he had abandoned the work for a while. Maybe, we can take consolation from all this. The fact is that even after we have been grafted onto the vine, we remain the same people with our own complicated personalities and foibles, but the Lord can still use us to produce rich fruit.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 2 May	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year B 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass
Tuesday 4 May	5:30 pm - Mass 6:30 pm - First Holy Communion Parent Meeting
Wednesday 5 May	5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 6 May	8:15 am - Mass 9:00 am - Legion of Mary - South Meeting Room 5:30 pm - Pastoral Council Meeting
Friday 7 May	No 12:30pm Mass today
Saturday 8 May	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 9 May	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year B 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass



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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Eric Lever, Joyce Cook, HRH Duke of Edinburgh, Raymond Dodds, Marlene Walters, Nora Biltoft, Ken Goodworth.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Bishop John Carroll (Second Bishop of Lismore).

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Greg Culnane, Margaret Flannery, Marg Ellem (nee Carter), Miles Larkin, James Wallace, Donna Lee Pearson.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Parent Information Meeting

Tuesday 4 May at 6:30 pm

in Sacred Heart Church

Parents of children eligible to make their First Holy Communion are expected to attend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 6 June 10:00am Mass

SAVE THE DATE:



PARISH PICNIC
SUNDAY 20 JUNE

Readings for today and next Sunday:

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Yr B

Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Yr B

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

VIEW MASS AT HOME -

There are several options to tune into Mass at home when you can't join us:

- Bishop Greg will continue to online-stream Sunday Mass on the Diocesan YouTube channel - 9:00 am.
- Freeview TV—Channel 10 Sunday 6 am

LEGION OF MARY

Lady of Grace Curia



2021 is the centenary anniversary of the Legion of Mary. The local Legion of Mary group was established on 2 May 1981, 40 years ago. Members included: Fr O'Gorman, Margaret Lever, Rose Fogarty, Bob Rooney and Betty Byrnes. The Legion of Mary meet 9am every Thursday in the South Murwillumbah Meeting Room.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council will be held at **5:30pm on Thursday, 6th May.**

If you have anything you would like to be considered for inclusion on the agenda please email the secretary Denise Banner banner@onthenet.com.au or place in the PPC submissions Box in the Sacred Heart Church.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Cycle 4 registrations for Courses with the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) are now open. (Close May 7) Visit the St Agnes Parish Port Macquarie website, under "Our Faith", for a list of available courses and how to register. Contact Tony Worner - VLCFF.LismoreDiocese@stagnesparish.org.au

Entrance Hymn:

SING A NEW SONG UNTO THE LORD

Dan Schutte

Ant: Sing a new song unto the Lord;
Let your songs be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
Singing alleluia.

1. Shout with gladness, dance for joy.
O come before the Lord.
And play for God on glad tambourines,
And let your trumpet sound.
2. Rise, O children, from your sleep;
Your Savior now has come.
He has turned your sorry to joy,
And filled your soul with song.
3. Glad my soul for I have seen
The glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised.
I know my Savior lives.

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Recessional Hymn:

BLEST BE THE LORD

Dan Schutte

Refrain: Blest be the Lord; blest be the Lord.
The God of mercy, the God who saves.
I shall not fear the dark of night,
nor the arrow that flies by day.

2. He will release me from the nets of all my foes;
he will protect me from their wicked hands.
Beneath the shadow of his wings I will rejoice
to find a dwelling place secure.
3. I need not shrink before the terrors of the night,
nor stand alone before the light of day.
No harm shall come to me, no arrow strike me
down, no evil settle in my soul.
4. Although a thousand strong have fallen at my
side, I'll not be shaken with the Lord at hand.
His faithful love is all the armour that I need
to wage my battle with the foe.

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Communion Hymn:

HERE IS MY LIFE

Joe Wise

Refrain: Here is my life, my self the bread that I bring.
Here is my soul, my wine the song that I sing.
Take it for gift and take it for granted,
Sprung from the seeds
that I've washed and I've planted
so long ago, and even 'til now,
and even 'til now.

1. Bread from the fields, from my friends
and bread from the lean years,
Bread from my youth and my loves
and bread from the green years.
This much is ready now,
this much is ready now,
this much is ready now.
Bake it as your own. *Refrain.*
2. Wine of the joys and my dreams
and wine of my good times,
wine of my won't and my will,
my did and my should time.
This much is ready now,
this much is ready now,
this much is ready now.
Pour it as your own. *Refrain.*
3. Bread from the highlands of life
and bread from the valleys,
bread from the good things we've known
that nobody tallies.
Now we are ready, Lord.
Now we are ready, Lord.
Now we are ready, Lord.
Bake us as your own. *Refrain.*

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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
- ◆ We are now able to have 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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Yr B

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (21)

R: I will praise you Lord, in the assembly of your people.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL SOUTH MURWILLUMBAH 51ST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS.



In 2021 St Joseph's School will celebrate 51 years of catholic education in Murwillumbah. Planning has begun for our celebrations which will take place later this year.

WE NEED YOUR PHOTOS AND MEMORIES PLEASE!

Due to the loss of some of the school history, particularly photos, in the 2017 flood, we are hoping to get the news out to our ex-students and their families, past staff and parishioners to ask if the school could borrow your photos for scanning and saving as we rebuild our history book.

Photos and newspaper articles may be taken to the St Joseph's School Office or to the Sacred Heart Parish Office for scanning or may be emailed to smurp@lism.catholic.edu.au.

Other memorabilia or stories that you would like to share are also welcome.

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED KALUMBURU MISSION North Kimberley Region Diocese of Broome Western Australia

We need volunteers for a life experience at the remote community of Kalumburu located in the northern region of the Kimberley in WA. This region is home to some of Australia's oldest indigenous communities and picturesque landscapes. Volunteers play an important role in helping our Parishes continue an active presence amongst the local people, both in Broome and remote indigenous communities like Kalumburu.

Your role as a volunteer will include running the General Store with some assistance from local community members, handy-man maintenance & gardening as required and associated light machinery use, truck & fork-lift driving if you have the required licence.

This is an opportunity to contribute and apply your range of acquired skills to the Kalumburu Mission and we would love to hear from you whether as couples or singles.

For further information please contact:

Diocese of Broome Chancery

T: 08 9192 1060

or email secretary@broomedioocese.org

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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