

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

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Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- YEAR B

9 May 2021

Jesus' generous love

What constitutes a Christian community? What makes it authentic? St John's gospel tries to answer these questions. Jesus uses a simple agricultural image – a vine and its branches – to illustrate his teaching on community.

Just as branches on a vine derive their life and fruitfulness by being attached to the vine, so do Christians live by being in union with God and produce godly fruit. God's inner life in the trinity is one of union in mutual love. This union spills over to creation. We and all of creation are the fruit of this love.

Jesus, in today's gospel passage develops the practical consequences of being branches attached to the vine. Jesus insists that his followers are to imitate this loving inner life of the Trinity. We are to love one another as fully and freely as God loves us. Moreover, we are instructed to use this love to benefit society. It is by performing acts of love that distinguishes us as true disciples of Jesus.

Many years ago, I heard a priest tell a story that has stuck in my memory. He spoke of a pumpkin farmer who was inspecting his harvest in the early stages of the crop's growth. Near the edge of the crop, he found a large glass jar that had been abandoned by a passer-by. On a whim, he placed a small pumpkin inside the jar while being careful not to damage its attachment to the vine.

Months later, the crop was ready to harvest. The farmer rediscovered the plant he had placed in the jar. The pumpkin filled all the space in the jar but it was miniature compared to the rest of the pumpkins in the crop. It was unable to grow beyond the confines of its glass prison.

In the gospel, Jesus reminds us that his love for us is a love that is unfettered. He gives himself totally to us. He loves us to death. He regards each of his disciples as his intimate friend. He regards this friendship as reciprocal. He expects us to love him in return and to love one another in the same unfettered way he loves us. Regrettably, we often behave like the pumpkin in the glass jar. We remain connected to the vine, but we allow external circumstances and the cares of life to constrict our growth in love.

Jesus' generous love for us both inspires and calls us to allow love to grow to full maturity in us. It asks us to put aside any obstacle that chokes the expression of God's love. It tells us that Christian community is the place where unrestrained love is given, received and put into practice. We are his chosen friends but only if we do what he commands us: to love one another without reserve.

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This week in the Parish 9-16 May

Sunday 9	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year B 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass 11:15 am - Baptisms
Tuesday 11	5:30 pm - Mass 7:00 pm - Baptism Preparation Meeting
Wednesday 12	10:30 am - Requiem Mass For Teresa Clothier No 5:30 pm Mass today
Thursday 13	8:15 am - Mass 9:00 am - Legion of Mary - South Meeting Room
Friday 14	9:30 am - Mass (please note change of time)
Saturday 15	2:00 pm - Wedding - Ashley Handy & Reannon Spiteri 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 16	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - Year 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

SAVE THE DATE:



**PARISH PICNIC
SUNDAY 20 JUNE**



BAPTISMS:

Please welcome
Grace Patricia Anne Phillips,
Eli James Casey
& Lucia Anne Casey
to our faith community.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Theresa Clothier, Eric Lever, Joyce Cook,
HRH Duke of Edinburgh, Raymond Dodds,
Marlene Walters, Nora Bilotf.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Vonnie Walker, Dina Zambelli, Peter Griffiths,
Ursula Mills, Noeline Maybury, Mary Karam.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

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

Readings for today and next Sunday:

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Yr B
Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10;
Jn 15:9-17

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - Yr B
Acts 1:1-11; Eph 4:1-13; Mk 16:15-20

READING ROSTER:

READING ROSTER - The Ascension of the Lord

6pm Vigil: Tim Waugh

Sunday 8am: Bernard Nolan

Sunday 10am: Lorraine Green

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 6 June 10:00am Mass

PRAYER CARDS FOR OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES

The children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion each have a prayer card with their name. We invite parishioners to take one and pray for the candidate whose name is on the card during their preparation for this important sacrament.

CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

Next morning tea/cuppa

Wednesday 19 May at 10:00 am

Murwillumbah Services Club

Enquiries to Alex Lever 0458 817 021

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

If you love me, keep my commandments,
says the Lord, and I will ask the Father
and he will send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

John 14:15-16

Entrance Hymn:

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

Bernadette Farrell

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.
- Refrain: Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts;
Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*
2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us,
Make us your living voice.
 3. Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed.
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Communion Hymn:

A NEW COMMANDMENT

Anon

A new commandment I give unto you
That you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.
By this shall people know
that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another.
By this shall people know
that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another.

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Recessional Hymn:

ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

Jim Murray

- Refrain: All the ends of the earth,
all you creatures of the sea,
lift up your eyes to the wonders of the Lord.
For the Lord of the earth,
the Master of the sea,
has come with justice for the world.*
1. Break into song at the deeds of the Lord,
the wonders he has done in ev'ry age.
 2. Heaven and earth shall rejoice in his might;
ev'ry heart, ev'ry nation call him Lord.
 3. The Lord has made his salvation known,
faithful to his promises of old.
let the ends of the earth,
let the sea and all it holds
make music before our King.
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Happy Mother's Day

A Prayer for Mothers

Loving God, we pray:
for new mothers,
coming to terms with new responsibility;
for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;
for those who are tired, stressed or depressed;
for those who struggle
to balance the tasks of work and family;
for those who are unable to feed their children
due to poverty;
for those whose children have physical,
mental or emotional disabilities;
for those who raise children on their own;
for those who have lost a child;
for those who care for the children of others;
for those whose children have left home;
and for those whose desire to be a mother
has not been fulfilled.

Bless all mothers,
that their love may be deep and tender,
and that they may lead their children
to know and do what is good,
living not for themselves alone,
but for God and for others.

Amen

PROJECT COMPASSION 2021

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the 2021 Project Compassion campaign. Our parish donated \$8,408.65 this year.

A special thank you to each of our three schools who held various fund raising events for their donations.

Mt St Patrick Primary School - \$1,315.15
St Joseph's Primary - \$742.40.
Mt St Patrick College - \$ 1,046.00

AN AMAZING EFFORT. WELL DONE!

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Yr B

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (97)

**R: The Lord has revealed to nations
his saving power.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them
and we will come to them.**

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.

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.

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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