

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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11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

13 June 2021

The first of the parables in today's gospel reading has no parallel in the other gospels. It compares God's kingdom to a trusting sower who scatters the seed by day, sleeps by night, and simply observes the "earth produce of itself" until it is time to harvest the grain. The sower's actions of scattering, sleeping, rising, and going in with his sickle are paralleled by his "not-knowing how" the seed is transformed into grain. We may, in our times, have a more sophisticated, more scientific understanding of the process of growth. We have no less reason to stand in awe at the wonder of it all.

In an era of urbanization, of supermarket chains and online shopping even for groceries, we can easily lose sight of the source of food and the miracle of food production. This little parable might serve as a reminder of the goodness of the Earth and of the God who sustains our planetary home. It might inspire us to contemplate the myriad ways in which the Earth speaks to us of God and God's empire or kingdom. At another level, we might ask about the identity of the sower. We might question how the sower's actions and attitudes provide an image of God's reign. Is it in the sower's trusting that all will be well while "not-knowing"? Is it in the observation that the grain is ripe for the harvest? Is it in the prompt action to bring in the harvest? The sower's "not-knowing" might resonate with us in our "not knowing" all we would like to know about dealing with the spread of Covid-19. Parables are meant to tease their hearers/readers. They are open-ended and challenging.

The second parable appears in all three synoptic gospels. Matthew and Luke both parallel the mustard seed parable with a parable about a woman mixing yeast into flour. Mark, in contrast, juxtaposes his mustard seed parable with that of the trusting sower. Mustard seeds were tiny, although they were not the smallest of seeds and have never been known to become the largest of shrubs. The idea that God's reign provides shelter for the birds to make their nests is a challenging one at a time when so many species are becoming extinct precisely because their habitats are being destroyed by human activity.

Some scholars have pointed out that the mustard seed was a weed. To compare God's reign with a weed may have brought a smile or two. It would certainly have exercised the minds of Jesus' audience. Maybe Jesus' disciples were in need of encouragement even in the early stages of the Galilean ministry. Maybe the curious and hostile were in need of a reminder to take this movement seriously since extraordinary things can come from the most inauspicious beginnings. Opposition to Jesus had surfaced at the outset. Mark's community may also have been experiencing opposition and feeling the need for the wisdom that comes from a carefully crafted and perfectly timed story.

Veronica Lawson RSM

This week in the Parish 6-13 June

Sunday 13	11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass
Tuesday 15	NO Mass today
Wednesday 16	10:00 am - Catholic Men's Group (see note below) NO Mass today
Thursday 17	8:15 am - Mass 9:00 am - Legion of Mary - South Meeting Room 5:30 pm - Finance Council Meeting
Friday 18	12:00 pm - Mass 12:00 pm - Catholic Women's Group (see note below)
Saturday 19	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 20	12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass 11:15 am - Baptisms 11:30 am - Parish Picnic (see note below)



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:

Colleen Hood, Allan Halliwell, John Dynan.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Fr Eamon Leonard (Parish Priest South Murwillumbah 1973-1998).

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Margaret Flannery, Marg Ellem, James Wallace, Donna Lee Pearson.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to the twenty seven children who received Holy Communion for the first time, last Sunday. What a wonderful celebration!

We thank parents, teachers and catechists who helped prepare the children for this special occasion.

We also thank the team of people who prepared and served the children and their families at morning tea - Shirley O'Connor, Jan Bruce, Colleen Irvine, Clare Higgins, Helen Larkin, Claudia Larkin, Fiona Laybutt (MSPC) & Jayde Shultz (MSPC).

Readings for today and next Sunday:

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
Ezek 17:22-24; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
Job 38:1, 8-11; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

READING ROSTER:

19/20 June - 12 Sunday in Ordinary Time

6pm Vigil: YOUTH

Sunday 8am: Jan Bruce

Sunday 10am: Mary-Ann Thackray

CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

June morning tea

Wed 16 June - 10:00 am - Café 81, Golden Links Dr.

Enquiries: Alex Lever 0458 817 021

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP

June luncheon

Friday 18 June - 12 noon - Murwillumbah Golf Club

Enquiries: Helen Larkin 6672 5647

Barbara Cook 6672 3377

ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME

PARISH PICNIC

CRAM'S FARM PICNIC GROUNDS

SUNDAY 20 JUNE FROM 11:30 AM

Undercover area with picnic tables, BBQ's available.

BYO: Food, Drinks, Thermos, Water, Chairs.

Bring the family and enjoy a day of winter sunshine.

Pack the cricket set or a football, go for a walk, catch up with friends.

Enquiries:

Helen Larkin 6672 5647

HOPE TO SEE

YOU THERE!



WEDNESDAY WORD

Limited copies of Wednesday Word, with this weekend's readings, are available for you in the Church.

Entrance Hymn:

BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM

Marty Haugen

1. You are the salt for the earth, O people;
Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people:
Life in the Kingdom of God.

Refrain:

**Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!**

2. You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the Kingdom of God!
3. You are a seed of the Word, O people:
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
Grow in the Kingdom of God!

Communion Hymn:

BREAD BROKEN, WINE SHARED

Robyn Horner

Chorus:

**Bread broken, wine shared;
Jesus, here, taking our lives, opening our hearts,
Making us whole, setting our loving free.**

1. Take all our dreams, all that we are,
All we could ever be.
Lord of all life, we want to be yours,
We take bread and eat.
2. Open our minds, open our hearts,
Let love set us free within.
Lord of all life, we want to be yours,
We pour wine and drink.
3. Make us alive, filled with your hope,
Living what's really true.
Lord of all life, we want to be yours,
We know this is you.

Reflection Hymn:

GIVE THANKS

Henry Smith

Give thanks with a grateful heart.
Give thanks to the holy one.
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his son.

Repeat...

And now let the weak say, 'I am strong',
Let the poor say, 'I am rich',
Because of what the Lord has done for us.

Repeat...

Give thanks.

Recessional Hymn:

WE ARE CALLED

David Haas

1. Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
To live in the freedom of the city of God!

Refrain:

**We are called to act with justice,
We are called to love tenderly,
We are called to serve one another,
To walk humbly with God.**

2. Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
So hatred and blindness will be no more!
3. Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
As sisters and brothers united in love.
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**SOCKTOBER
FOR
MISSION MONTH**

On Thursday 10 June, Catholic Mission launched its school program, **Socketober for Mission Month**. Throughout World Mission Month in October, students across Australia will be using the world game of soccer to learn about the reality of children in developing countries, and to make a difference by kicking goals on and off the pitch. Find out more at socketober.org.au.

PLANNED GIVING RENEWAL

Thank you to everyone who continues to donate to the Parish and Clergy Fund. Your continued support is much appreciated.

Our new sets of Planned Giving envelopes have arrived that will commence in July. They will be ready for distribution shortly.

If you are new to the Parish and would like to receive a set of envelopes, please contact the Parish Office. A reminder that giving may also be completed online by EFT. Bank account details are:

First Collection – for the support of our clergy locally and in the Diocese and for upkeep of our presbytery.

BSB: 062 580 | A/C No: 0090 5461 | A/C Name: Presbyterium A/C Murwillumbah

Second Collection – for support our Parish, including maintenance of our churches and parish buildings, parish office wages and administration expenses.

BSB: 062 580 | A/C No: 0090 4506 | A/C Name: Catholic Church Murwillumbah

Please include a reference on your EFT donation – your surname and/or PG number e.g. *Jones PG 123*

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (91)

R: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live forever. Alleluia!



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS! St Joseph's Catholic Primary School South Murwillumbah.

If you have any photos or memories of your time at our school, could you please drop them in to the office or email them to St Josephs or to the Sacred Heart Parish Office and they will be scanned and saved to rebuild our history book. Email: shpmbah@norex.com.au

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LISMORE SAFEGUARDING OFFICE

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Diocese of Lismore, we ask you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully; offer support and discuss options you have available to you.

To contact the Safeguarding Office, please phone (02) 6621 9444 or email safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au

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.

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

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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