# Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



#### PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

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# 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -Year B 11 July 2021

# The joy of living simply

Most of us can only admire those who reach the top of their profession. We realise what commitment is required to be an Olympic athlete, or to be a virtuoso musician: the hours of practice and training which culminate in winning trophies or playing in the great concert halls of the world.

Today, we are reminded that God's chosen ones are called to make that kind of unconditional commitment to the cause. The prophet Amos is an interesting character. We hear enough of his story to know that it had not been an easy ride. One minute he was minding his own business and faithfully carrying out his duties as a shepherd and the next minute he realised that he was being called to challenge his people over their unfaithfulness to God.

Clearly, he was a man filled with passion for justice and he proclaimed his message without fear or favour. Consequently, he incurred the wrath of Amaziah, the priest, who told him to go away, but Amos had the strength of character to do his job in the face of all the attempts to discredit him.

Like the prophets of old, Jesus prepared his disciples for the possibility of rejection before sending them out on their first mission. His instructions were precise and demanding. They were not to carry any unnecessary baggage. They were to rely on the hospitality of the people and if that was not forthcoming, they were to demonstrate their displeasure and move on. In fact, we are told that the mission was a success, with many people being cured and devils cast out.

So, how are we to interpret this message in our own time and place? St Paul is at pains to let us know that we are adopted children of the Father, stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit, chosen to live in freedom. It is a freedom which should enable us to take up our missionary role in the Church, but it is a freedom which can so easily be threatened in our sophisticated and technological world.

In every generation the Lord's disciples are challenged to ensure that their lives are not cluttered with unnecessary baggage. But how do we live simply when we are constantly bombarded with the advertising that suggests that our lives will not be worth living without all the latest gadgets and inventions?

I would suggest that Pope Francis has shown us a wonderful way of living simply amidst all the splendour of the Vatican and he is not afraid to use modern means of communication. He has focused our attention on the joy of the gospel message and perhaps therein lies the secret. So, if we find ourselves weighed down, it may be time to free ourselves up again.

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# This week in the Parish 11 – 18 July

Sunday 11	15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass 12 noon - Baptisms
Tuesday 13	NO Mass today 7:00 pm - Baptism Preparation Meeting
Wednesday 14	NO Mass today
Thursday 15	NO Mass today 9:00 am - Legion of Mary - South Meeting Room
Friday 16	12:00 pm - Mass
Saturday 17	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 18	16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 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:**

Marjorie Payton (Jane Egan's mother), Kevin Palmer, Peter Finn, Marg Ellem, Morris Gurr, Arturo Cantiga, Anita Albertini

ANNIVERSARIES: Ron Flannery THOSE WHO ARE SICK: James Wallace

#### Readings for today and next Sunday:

**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B** Amos 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B** Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

#### **READING ROSTER:**

17/18 July - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
6pm Vigil: Denise Banner
Sunday 8am: Peter Callaghan
Sunday 10am: Lorraine Green

This weekend Fr Anthony will be using Preface of Ordinary Time I and Eucharistic Prayer II.

#### WEDNESDAY WORD

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

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord. – John 6:57



# **BAPTISMS:**

Please welcome Olivia Jodie Bond & Levi David Silk to our faith community.

#### **CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP**

July morning tea Wed 14 July | 10:00 am | Murwillumbah Services Club Enquiries: Alex Lever 0458 817 021

> **ALL MEN ARE WELCOME** (wearing of masks is mandatory)

#### **PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS**

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held on Thursday 5 August at 5:30 pm.

The agenda for the meeting will be set on Thursday **29 July**. Any matters that you, our Parishioners, would like to be considered for the agenda should be sent by email to <u>banner@onthenet.com.au</u> or placed in the PPC box in the church no later than Wednesday 28 July.

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

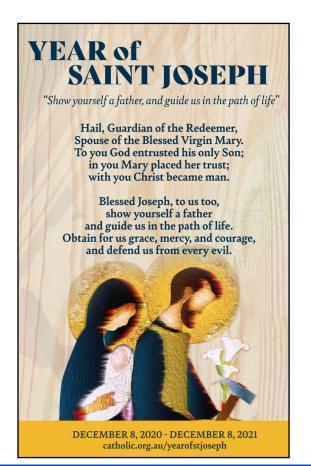
Fr Anthony will be away on holidays for the next two weeks & weekends. Fr Michael Nilon will be taking care of our parish during Fr Anthony's absence.

We hope Fr Anthony has a well earned rest.

Therefore there will be no Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday during the next two weeks.

#### Urgent calls:

Presbytery 6672 1118 or email: shpmbah@norex.com.au



#### **TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage.

The Lismore Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process.

For further information please phone the Lismore Office of the Tribunal on **6621 7288**.

#### FOCUS ON YOUR FAITH

Cycle 6 registrations for Courses with the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) are now open. (Open - 7 July; Close - 13 August)

Visit: htts://stagnesparish.org.au/our-faith/virtuallearning-community/

Or 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

'Being unwanted, unloved, uncared for, forgotten by everybody, I think that is a much greater hunger, a much greater poverty than the person who has nothing to eat... Each one of them is Jesus in disguise.' - Saint Teresa of Calcutta

# Vinnies Winter Appeal Donate Now

Lives can change when you choose to help Throughout July you can make your donations to the Vinnies Winter Appeal. Donations can be made:

- in the Church today
- in the envelopes provided for those asking for a receipt
- online: https://donate.vinnies.org.au/ winter-appeal

Thank you for your generous support!



~ Celebrating 50 Years ~

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School South Murwillumbah 1970-2020

St Joseph's extend a warm welcome to all who have been a part of our 50 years of Catholic Education.

#### 50th Celebration Week Events:

Sunday 8th August
10am: Mass of Celebration
11am: Morning tea
11am - 11:45am: School tours 11am - 12noon: Museum

*Tuesday 10th August* 9am - 11am: School Open Day

*Friday 13th August* **2:20pm:** Official opening of the History Pathway on our playground.

## Hope to see you there!

RSVP: Friday 23rd July Phone: 02 6672 1867 Email: smurp@lism.catholic.edu.au

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

#### **15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B** RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (84)

R: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, Alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to acknowledge the Bundjalung people who are the Traditional Owners of this land on which we gather and pray today. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging, and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people past, present and emerging.

#### 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 are celebrated in Sacred Heart Church (*entry via main entrance only*) – country churches remain closed
- QR check in on arrival or give your name and contact details to our hospitality team
- please use the hand sanitiser provided
- seats are marked where you can sit
- please observe 1.5 m social distancing when coming forward for communion
- distribution of communion is strictly **<u>BY HAND</u>** only
- We are now able to have congregational singing
- no singing this week—hopefully back next week!
- 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 continues to online-stream Sunday Mass on the <u>Diocesan YouTube</u> channel 9:00 am.
- Freeview TV Channel 10 Sunday 6 am

# DIOCESAN INVESTMENT FUND

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, vou 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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