

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

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St. Columba's Church

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**16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -
YEAR B
18 July 2021**

The hugs and kisses we miss

I was having dinner with my sister's family recently and the conversation turned to the latest developments regarding COVID-19. At that point my five-year-old niece threw her arms in the air and lamented, "COVID seems to have gone on forever."

Initially, I brushed it off believing my young niece was being overly dramatic. Sure, a year is a long time but forever? However, thinking about it later I realised she, as a child, was merely expressing her unique viewpoint.

For many people, a year can feel like a long time but from a five-year-old's perspective, the past year seemed never ending. My brother-in-law and my sister had to explain to her that the past year was a year unlike any other. The first pandemic in a century. No visits from overseas relatives, people had to wear face masks and they could not spend more time shopping than was necessary.

Contact with others was severely limited and families at times could not meet as often as they had in the past. And though my niece has had limited memories and experience of those gatherings, she still missed them and perhaps realised how the people around her also missed them. Families are meant to be together and people are meant to socialise.

During the past year, the only time my niece was able to see my parents and her grandparents was through skype or WhatsApp. There were no hugs or kisses, at least not in the physical sense, and to her, the lack of physical contact must have seemed like 'forever'.

In the main, people like coming together, to share in each other's company, to be part of something bigger and to participate in something bigger. To be a part instead of being apart. With the help of technology today, we can virtually come together but in no way can it replace the deep desire for physical contact. Nothing can replace a hug, holding someone's hand or being physically in the same room with another person.

Or, like in this week's gospel being in the same place as someone, resting and reflecting together, as was the case with Jesus and the apostles.

My niece wishes for the day when she can physically see my parents. For her it can't happen soon enough and no doubt a lot of people share her sentiments. So, in faith we wait in joyful hope for that day to come. That we may once again be able to physically hug, to physically hold the people whom we love and who love us and therefore appreciate even more the gift that they are to us and we are to them.

For nothing on earth really lasts forever except in, through, and with God.

Michael Chia CSsR @ Magellan Media 2021
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This week in the Parish 18 - 25 July

Sunday 18	16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass
Tuesday 20	NO Mass today
Wednesday 21	NO Mass today
Thursday 22	NO Mass today 9:00 am - Legion of Mary - South Meeting Room
Friday 23	12:00 pm - Mass
Saturday 24	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 25	17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 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, Kevin Palmer, Peter Finn,
Marg Ellem, Morris Gurr

ANNIVERSARIES:

Basil & Michael Walker, Kevin O'Keefe, Lloyd Roberts

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

James Wallace

Readings for today and next Sunday:

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

2 Kg 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

READING ROSTER:

24/25 July - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6pm Vigil: Christine Wightley

Sunday 8am: Barbara Cook

Sunday 10am: Mary-Ann Thackray

WEDNESDAY WORD

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

'As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd;
and he had compassion for them, because
they were *like sheep without a shepherd*; and he
began to teach them many things.'
(Jesus, Mark 6:34)



"... like sheep without a shepherd..." (Mark 6:30-34)

WELCOME

This weekend we welcome & thank Fr Michael Nilon and Fr Joseph Guinea who are saying weekend Masses during Fr Anthony's annual leave.

We thank them for their generosity of time.

Please Note: there will be no Mass Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday this coming week.

Urgent calls:

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

ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH ORGAN RECITAL

Organist: Phillip Gearing

Sunday 18 July at 2:30pm

Tickets: \$15/\$10 available at the door.

In view of the Government's directions in relation to control of the Covid-19 virus, masks must be worn in the Church, the QR code must be scanned or a pen record made and social distancing adhered to.



INVITATION TO ALL WHO WOULD LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH

RCIA –A JOURNEY IN FAITH

Since Jesus invited His first followers to “Come, follow me”, the image of journey has been used to describe Christian discipleship.

THE RIGHT OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS - RCIA programme provides a setting where the Catholic faith can be explored and the journey of faith can be celebrated within the local Church community.

The RCIA Programme begins with an Enquiry Night to assist:

- ◆ Those who might be considering joining our Catholic community.
- ◆ Those who would like to know more about the RCIA programme.
- ◆ Those parishioners who are interested in supporting our candidates.
- ◆ Those who wish to know more about their Faith.

If you are interested to learn more about the Catholic Faith, please phone Barbara at the Parish Office 6672 1118 or email at shpmbah@norex.com.au

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 banner@onthenet.com.au or placed in the PPC box in the church no later than Wednesday 28 July.

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: <https://stagnesparish.org.au/our-faith/virtual-learning-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

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!



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School South Murwillumbah 1970-2020 - Celebrating 50 Years

It was with sadness that we have made the difficult decision to **CANCEL** the upcoming St Joseph's Primary School's 50th Anniversary events, due to the ever changing circumstances surrounding Covid-19 restrictions.

We wish to thank you for your contributions of photos, memorabilia and offers of support which have been accepted with open hearts. Please continue to share your stories and photos with us as we will continue to collate for our future event.

We look forward to inviting you all to our school for the 55th Anniversary celebrations around the time of the Feast of St Mary of the Cross, MacKillop - 8th Aug 2025.

Please Note: The pavers will still be laid and a notification will go out as to an official opening.

The Staff of St Joseph's Primary School.

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**.

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (22)

R: The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.**

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 **BY HAND** only
 - ◆ ~~We are now able to have congregational singing~~
 - ◆ *no singing this 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 [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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