

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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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - YEAR B

15 August 2021

Mary's song is our song

Mary set out quickly from Nazareth to a town in the hill country of Judah, to visit her older cousin, Elizabeth, who was pregnant with the child we know as John the Baptist. Mary is carrying her own child, Jesus. At the presence of Jesus and his mother, the child in Elizabeth's womb leaps for joy!

Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, excitedly bursts into praise. She recognises the special position of Mary and her Son: *"Of all women you are the most blessed and blessed is the fruit of your womb."* Then, it's Mary's turn to sing God's praises in the song we call the 'Magnificat'.

Mary begins by proclaiming God's greatness: *My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my Saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.* Mary's happy because God has affirmed and honoured her lowliness; calling her to faithful service. God's special care is for little ones. Mary echoes the same joy that Jesus blesses the Father, because God is hidden to 'the wise and the learned' and is revealed to 'the little ones'. In the New Covenant, God's 'preference' is for the lowly and humble who are specially favoured. 'Greatness' doesn't come from social status!

From this day forward all generations will call me blessed. This isn't an arrogant statement. Rather, it's humble thanksgiving. What an extraordinary grace to be chosen to be the mother of the world's Saviour. Mary rejoices and is deeply grateful for being chosen for this privilege. It's yet another sign of God's desire that the poor, the weak, the marginalised, the wounded, the exploited and discriminated against in this world should be the special recipients of God's love, care and concern.

Mary knows that God's faithful love and mercy *reaches from age to age* and accompanies all generations. It's the message Jesus preached and lived and that's why disciples need to 'be merciful as your Father is merciful'. Mary, in a very special way, embodies the tenderness of God and points us to Jesus' fundamental message, that God's true nature is compassion and love.

Mary proclaims the God of the poor, who *pulls down princes from their thrones*, removes their power to oppress and sends them away empty handed. Indeed, God will *exalt the lowly*, so they reclaim their dignity and worth. God will *fill the hungry with good things*, so they enjoy a more valued and just life. In other words, the last shall be first, and the first last.

Today, with faith and trust, we're invited to make Mary's song our own; and to live our lives guided by its spirit and deep simplicity. The fulfilment of the song's promises and Mary's fidelity to them, 'led her home' to eternal life with God. Where she has gone, we hope to follow.

David J Hore CSsR @ Majellan Media 2021
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This week in the Parish 15 - 22 August

Sunday 15	ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass 12 noon - Baptisms
Tuesday 17	5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 18	10:00 am - Parish Men's Group (see note below) 5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 19	8:15 am - Mass 9:00 am - Legion of Mary - South Meeting Room 5:30 pm - Finance Council Meeting
Friday 20	12:00 pm - Mass 12:00 pm - Catholic Women's Group (see note below)
Saturday 21	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 22	21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 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: Phil Marshall, Carolyn Zambelli, Theresa Orodani

ANNIVERSARIES: Bonnie Egan, Mavis Leslight, David Gorton, Sr Teresa Joan Fitzgerald, Margaret Guinea, Dominic Guinea, Theresa Palmer

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: James Wallace

Readings for today and next Sunday:

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - Year B

Apoc 11:19, 12:1-6, 10; 1 Cor 15:20-26;
Lk 1:39-56

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B
Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69

READING ROSTER

21/22 August - 21st Sunday in Ord Time - Yr B

6pm Vigil: Margaret Reynolds

Sunday 8am: Maree Coley

Sunday 10am: Barbara Cook

This weekend Fr Anthony will be using Preface of The Assumption and Eucharistic Prayer II.

WEDNESDAY WORD

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

BAPTISM: Please welcome
Khloe May Joy Hawkins
to our faith community



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Parent Meeting

Tuesday 5 October - 6.30pm
Sacred Heart Church
Children in Year 3 or older
are eligible to make their Confirmation

Retreat Day

Wednesday 3 November
Sacrament of Confirmation
Wednesday 3 November

CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

Morning Tea | Wed 18 August | 10:00 am
Murwillumbah Services Club

Enquiries: Alex Lever 0458 817 021

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

(wearing of masks is mandatory)

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP

Lunch | Friday 20 August | 12 noon
Murwillumbah Services Club

Enquiries: Helen Larkin 6672 5647 | Barbara Cook 6672 3377

ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME

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 FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SUNDAY 15TH AUGUST

Sunday, 15 August the Church celebrates the Feast Day of the Assumption of Our Lady when according to our faith, the Holy Mother, "having completed her course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory".

Although defined as an article of faith by Pope Pius XII just over half a century ago, the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven has been accepted from back to the earliest of Christian times.

The Assumption signals the end of Mary's earthly life and marks her return to heaven to be reunited with Jesus. While the bodies of both Jesus and Mary are now in heaven, there is a difference between the Assumption and the Resurrection. Where Jesus arose from the tomb and ascended into heaven by his own power, Mary's body was taken up to heaven by the power of her Son.

For this reason we use different words to describe each event. One is the Ascension of Christ and the other, the Assumption of Mary.

READY TO TEACH?

Ready To Teach is a mentor based program designed to provide the best possible preparation for your teaching career. Benefits are:

- ◆ Be mentored by an accomplished teacher
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- ◆ Experience working life in a Catholic school

Apply today: <https://lism.catholic.edu.au/ready-to-teach-program> Brochures available in Church today!

All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me.

— Luke 1:48-49

**AUSTRALIA
PRAYS**
Sunday 22 August 2021

THE CHURCH TOGETHER IN PRAYER
'LORD HAVE MERCY'

"OUR EYES LOOK TO THE LORD OUR GOD TILL HE
SHOWS US HIS MERCY" - Ps. 123:2
WE ARE DRAWN TOGETHER TO PRAY GIVEN THE CURRENT LEVEL OF NEED
NAD DISTRESS CAUSED BY COVID-19

ALSO: NIGHTLY PRAYER CALLS 16-21 AUGUST
REGISTER FOR ZOOM LINK + DAILY DEVOTIONS AT:
NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG.AU/LORDHAVEMERCY

Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic?

R.C.I.A.

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



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION - B

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (44)

**R: The queen stands at your right hand,
arrayed in gold.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Mary is taken up to heaven, and the angels of
God shout for joy.**

Alleluia!

WEARING OF MASKS

A reminder to everyone:

**you are required to wear a mask indoors
when attending Mass**

If you have an exemption from wearing a mask, you are required to carry the exemption from your doctor or a statutory declaration, and to produce this exemption when asked by a regulatory officer.

* Please be respectful to people who are not wearing a mask as the reasons for not wearing a mask are not always visible or obvious.

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
 - ◆ no 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 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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