

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

Broadway, Burringbar

St. Columba's Church

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ST MARY OF THE CROSS - YEAR B

8 August 2021

A courageous discipleship

The first session of the Plenary Council will take place in Adelaide from 2-10 October 2021 and the second in Sydney from 4-9 July 2022. The Council meetings will be multi-modal in that people will be present face-face and online.

The Plenary Council is the fruit of a lengthy process of consultation of the Australian community which began in 2018 with the primary question being, "What is God's Spirit asking of us in Australia Today?"

There were 222,000 responses, and the material was then gathered by the National Centre for Pastoral Research into six broad themes with discernment and writing groups appointed for each theme. Their material was published on Pentecost Sunday in 2020, and a small writing group was appointed to produce a 'Working Document' to guide the participants.

The final chapter of this document is entitled "I am with you always," and the opening reflection is about Saint Mary MacKillop who is seen as a model of Australian discipleship. Her story is a powerful reminder "that the way of courageous discipleship of Jesus Christ is not foreign to those who live under the Australian sun in this wide brown land."

The 'Working Document' offers all of us an invitation "to follow in Saint Mary's footsteps, seeking new ways to share the joy of the Gospel with each other and with the communities in which we live."

Our Gospel reading for the feast reminds us that God watches over us on our journey through life, values us, and invites us to seek first the kingdom, and God promises to provide for our other needs. We see an example of this when the great prophet Elijah visits a widow in an obscure village in the north of the country and asks for bread and water.

The widow had little but she provided a small meal with the limited resources at hand and she and her son supped with Elijah. To her utter surprise, her generosity is rewarded and the "jar of meal was not spent, nor the jug of oil emptied." God provided for all in their need.

Paul writes to the Colossians from prison in Rome around 60-62 after he had heard that they were struggling with some theological issues. Paul reminds them of God's enduring love and offers them advice about how to let the love of God flow into their lives so that they forgive each other as the Lord had forgiven them and live lives of generosity, humility, gentleness and patience which will bring peace to the heart and blessings to the community.

The words of our readings struck a chord in the heart of Mary MacKillop and her words to her sisters resonate in our ears when we hear her sage advice. "Never see a need, without doing something about it."

The Plenary Council is a synodal exercise in listening to the voices of our faith communities and making decisions that will lead us to fullness of life.

Michael A Kelly CSsR @ Majellan Media 2021
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This week in the Parish 8 - 15 August



Sunday 08	ST MARY OF THE CROSS - Year B 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass
Monday 09	PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED TODAY
Tuesday 10	5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 11	5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 12	8:15 am - Mass 9:00 am - Legion of Mary - South Meeting Room
Friday 13	12:00 pm - Mass
Saturday 14	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 15	ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Phil Marshall, Carolyn Zambelli, Theresa Orodani

ANNIVERSARIES:

Lyn-Maree Bush (daughter of Harry Pearson),
Mary Reading

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

James Wallace

Readings for today and next Sunday:

ST MARY OF THE CROSS - Year B
1 Kg 17:8-16; Col 3:12-17; Mt 6:25-34

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - Year B
Apoc 11:19, 12:1-6, 10; 1 Cor 15:20-26;
Lk 1:39-56

READING ROSTER:

14/15 August - The Assumption

6pm Vigil: Ray Daley

Sunday 8am: Philomena Zambelli

Sunday 10am: Mary-Ann Thackray

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

LITURGY HELP

Wednesday Word is not available this week.
Copies of Liturgy Help with this weekend's readings, are available for you in the Church.

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

August morning tea
Wednesday 18 August | 10:00 am
| Murwillumbah Services Club

Enquiries: Alex Lever 0458 817 021

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

ST MARY OF THE CROSS WORDS OF WISDOM...

'Remember we are but travellers here.'

'We must teach more by example than by word.'

'Help one another on.'

'Entreat God to make us all that we should be.'

'God loves generosity in us.'

'Let us be humble and grateful.'

'Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them bravely, remembering Whom you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you all your life. God will reward you as only He can.'

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.



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



ST. MARY OF THE CROSS

Solemnity - Sunday 8th August

Mary Helen MacKillop was born in Fitzroy, Melbourne on January 15, 1842. Together with Fr Tenison Woods, Mary founded the Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph in 1867, an Order dedicated to the education of poor children. Mary faced many challenges, not least of which was her (questionable) excommunication by Bishop Shiel in September 1871 – an excommunication lifted five months later.

By 1891, there were three hundred sisters working in nine dioceses in Australia and New Zealand. An ordinary Australian woman, yet a woman of heroic holiness, goodness, warmth and determination, Mary died on August 8, 1909. On October 17, 2010 Mary MacKillop, Saint Mary of the Cross, was declared a Saint by Pope Benedict XVI.

Mary's motto for life was -

'Never see a need without doing something about it'

ST MARY OF THE CROSS PRAYER

God of all blessings,
you revealed in Mary MacKillop
a sensitivity to the rights and dignity
of every person,
regardless of race or creed.

May we learn from her to overcome
the obstacles of prejudice and fear.

Help us to value the goodness of each person
and all the blessings of unity in diversity.

We ask this through the depth and unity of you,
our bountiful God,
who holds all things in being.

Amen.

FOLLOW THE VOICE WITHIN

Journey with Jesus

YOUNG ADULTS ENCOUNTER AND PRAYER

FOR MEN AND WOMEN AGES 18 - 35

OCTOBER 30, SATURDAY
9:30 AM - 3:30 PM
INVERCAULD HOUSE
#163 INVERCAULD ROAD,
COONELLABAH, NSW

You may scan this code to register

To register, please contact:
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M: 0405 327 153
E: dmoralde@lismore.catholic.org.au

ST MARY OF THE CROSS - B RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (63)

R: My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him.

Alleluia!

**'Never ever doubt the value and importance of the life you are living!
Never ever doubt that you are loved by God in a most extraordinary way!
Never ever put a limit to the mercy of God!'
- St Mary of the Cross**

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 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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