

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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**24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -
YEAR B**

12 September 2021

Deaf to Jesus' message

Three times in Mark's gospel, Jesus will tell his disciples about his future which will be about suffering, death and resurrection. Each time the disciples are unable to hear him.

These three instances occur in chapters eight, nine, and ten around verse thirty. In chapter eight, Peter identifies Jesus as the Messiah, but subsequent verses show that he has little understanding of the kind of Messiah that Jesus will be. When Peter tries to rebuke Jesus and tell him that this is not the envisaged future, Jesus definitively tells Peter that the future will involve every disciple taking up the cross if they are to be the followers of Jesus.

In chapter nine, Jesus again tells the disciples that he will be betrayed, killed, and three days later rise again, but they did not know what he was talking about. When they arrived in Capernaum, he asked what they were arguing about, but they were embarrassed as they had been arguing with one another about who was the greatest.

In chapter ten, after the disciples were looking for reward for leaving behind their families and their security in following Jesus, he affirms that they will be rewarded, but not in the ways that they expected in terms of material rewards in this life but in life hereafter. He explains that he will suffer, die, and rise, but again they are deaf to his words and James and John come forward and ask if they can sit on the right and the left of Jesus in his kingdom.

It is only at the end of the gospel, when they meet the risen Lord and are commissioned to proclaim the good news to all nations that they begin to understand.

In reading Mark's gospel, one must wonder why the disciples were so deaf to the message of Jesus which was clearly communicated. I think that the answer lies in the expectations of the disciples. They are Jewish and the Jewish people had longed hoped for a Messiah. They had various understandings of who the Messiah would be and what he would do.

Some hoped for a Messiah who would free them from the oppression of the occupying power which at this time was the Romans. Some hoped that their nation would be restored to the stature it had enjoyed under the reign of King David. Others, hoped for religious reform, but almost no one understood that the Messiah would proclaim and inaugurate the "kingdom of God" as a promise of God's salvation and hope for the transformation of the world.

We can take comfort in the fact that the first disciples did not understand for we can also be slow in understanding a suffering Messiah and accepting the challenge of the cross in living lives according to the values of Jesus rather than the values of self-achievement. The life of Jesus ever invites us to reflect and review the directions of our own lives.

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This week in the Parish 12-19 September

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| Saturday 11 | 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass |
| Sunday 12 | 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass |
| Monday 13 | 9:00 am - Parish Office RE-OPENS |
| Tuesday 14 | THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS NO MASS TODAY |
| Wednesday 15 | OUR LADY OF SORROWS NO MASS TODAY |
| Thursday 16 | 8:15 am - Mass 5:30pm - Finance Council Meeting |
| Friday 17 | 12:00 pm - Mass |
| Saturday 18 | 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass |
| Sunday 19 | 25TH 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.

**PARISH OFFICE
RE-OPENS MONDAY
13 SEPTEMBER**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Ken Kerr, Eileen Lutton (Cheryl Forrester's mother),
Claire McLeod (nee Boyle - formerly of Uki),
Howard Nash, Patricia Butturini

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

James Wallace

Readings for today and next Sunday:

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B
Is 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B
Wis 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16 - 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

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

READING ROSTER

18/19 Sept - 25th Sunday in Ord Time - Yr B

6pm Vigil: Margaret Reynolds

Sunday 8am: Maree Coley

Sunday 10am: Barbara Cook

WEDNESDAY WORD

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

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.

SEASON OF CREATION

The logo which reflects Abraham's tent symbolizes "a home for all" which is the theme for this year's Season of Creation. Abraham's tent would have likely been open on multiple sides, so anyone passing by would feel welcome. The tent is often an emblem of dialogue, especially between monotheistic religions born from Abraham.



Today, it is a sign of our interfaith and interdisciplinary call to create safe spaces for dialogue and discernment. The tent represents a place of shelter or refuge. It links us with the homeless, refugees, and all who are on the move and displaced by the effects of climate change."
(Laudato Si' Movement)

'...The sufferings of children are only reasons for us to love them more...'

- Pope Francis



SMARTLOVING BREAKTHROUGH

An online course for spouses in troubled marriages.

If your marriage is under stress or you feel disconnected from your spouse, but don't know how to ease the pain, join us for this online course.

- Identify your conflict triggers.
- Learn strategies to de-escalate an argument.
- Restore hope with practical relationship strategies.

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SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2021

This weekend the Catholic Church marks Safeguarding Sunday on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognize and apologise for the harm by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk.

The Parish of Murwillumbah and the Diocese of Lismore's Safeguarding Team is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.

You can find more information about Safeguarding Sunday at: www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday

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



LISTENING TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Do you have a concern about:

- ◆ Something you have seen or heard within your parish community that has concerned you?

Your feedback may be about:

- ◆ Something you have experienced
- ◆ Something you have witnessed
- ◆ Something you feel needs change

Please discuss any concerns or feedback with the Priest of your Parish.

If your Priest needs assistance to resolve your concern or implement your feedback, he will seek advice and get back to you.

For other matters or assistance, you can contact:
safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au
or call (02) 6621 9444.

RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

I have the right to feel safe and be protected from harm wherever I am

I have the responsibility to not hurt others or treat them badly

I have the right to food, clothing and healthcare and a safe place to live

I have the responsibility to respect this right - many children in the world don't have the basic things like food and clean water

I have the right to a good education

I have the responsibility to always do my best

I have the right to enjoy my own culture, religion and language

I have the responsibility to respect other peoples' culture, religion and language

I have the right to voice my opinions respectfully

I have the responsibility to respect the opinions of others

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (114)

R: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

Alleluia!

VOLUNTEER IN AUSTRALIA AND OVERSEAS - THE CAGLIERO PROJECT, SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO

The Cagliero Project is an initiative of the Australia-Pacific Province of the Salesians of Don Bosco, providing overseas volunteer experiences for Australians who wish to work with disadvantaged young people.

We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers for January 2022 departure. Our volunteer placements run for 6-12 months and are centered around working with young people in educational settings. We are currently recruiting for volunteers in our Australian communities however when it is possible and safe to do so we will recommence sending volunteers to Cambodia, Samoa, Timor Leste and the Solomon Islands.

For more information, or to send us an inquiry, visit: www.cagliero.org.au Applications close October 30.

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
- ◆ you are required to wear a mask inside
- ◆ 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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