

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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**25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -
YEAR B**

19 September 2021

Being like little children

Imagine the scene. Jesus and his disciples are making their way along the road to Capernaum. Being a few paces away from the others, Jesus is not part of their conversation. Nonetheless he picks up the vibe: the disciples are squabbling among themselves. So, when they arrive at their destination, Jesus confronts them: "What were you arguing about along the road?" Attempting to cover their shame, the disciples say nothing.

Before advancing the story, let us put it in context. Just a few days earlier, Jesus had taken Peter, James and John to Mt Tabor, some thirty miles from Capernaum, where he was shown in all his glory. Then, on the way down the mountain, they came across a boy possessed by an unclean spirit. The disciples try unsuccessfully to heal the boy. Jesus says, "Bring him to me," and the boy is healed. The disciples reaction: "Why could not we heal the boy"? Their concern is not with the boy, but with their own power.

Moreover, on the mountain and along the road, Jesus has been telling the disciples that the Son of Man was to suffer and die, but after three days would rise again. Understandably, too many things are being said and done by Jesus. The disciples are confounded, confused. Their response is to fear Jesus: "They did not understand what he said and were too afraid to ask". So, what do they do? They start debating about which one of them is the greatest!

We can picture the scene. Peter argues he has been appointed leader of the group. John announces his special intimacy with Jesus. His brother, James, known for his fiery temperament, portrays himself as the most courageous. Philip reminds them it was he Jesus first approaches about feeding the five thousand. But, says Andrew, it was me who found the boy with five barley loaves and two fish without which there would be no miracle. Judas harangues them all: without financial planning (his special gift), the discipleship mission would collapse.

At this point, Jesus has had enough. And so he calls the Twelve to him and says simply: "If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last and servant of all". Although the disciples should immediately relate this to Jesus' earlier teachings, such as the Sermon on the Mount, he knows all too well people with ears so often cannot hear! So Jesus, ever the true teacher, takes a little child, symbol of vulnerability, telling them they too must become like "little children" if they are to learn true discipleship.

We are not told how the disciples reacted. Hopefully, they began to realise the question of "who is the greatest" is very much the wrong question. The questions we need to ask are: how can I become like a little child; how can I best learn to serve others; how can I put my ego aside in order to be an instrument of God's love for others in our world?

Gerard Hall SM @ Majellan Media 2021

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This week in the Parish 19-26 September



Sunday 19	25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass
Monday 20	ST VINCENT DE PAUL
Tuesday 21	5:30 pm - MASS
Wednesday 22	5:30 pm - MASS
Thursday 23	8:15 am - Mass 9:00 am - Legion of Mary - South Meeting Room
Friday 24	12:00 pm - Mass
Saturday 25	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 26	26TH 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: Margaret Dignan, Margaret Ianna, Ken Kerr, Eileen Lutton, Claire McLeod, Howard Nash, Patricia Butturini

ANNIVERSARIES:

Jan Roche, Michael Dusi, Bruno Granzotto, Monica Spackman, Gus Dignan

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

James Wallace

Readings for today and next Sunday:

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

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B
Num 11:25-29; James 5:1-6;
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

READING ROSTER

25/26 Sept - 26th Sunday in Ord Time - Yr B

6pm Vigil: Lyndy Severs

Sunday 8am: Peter Callaghan

Sunday 10am: Ed Egan

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

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.

CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

September morning tea

Wed 22 Sept | 10:00 am | Murwillumbah Services Club

Enquiries: Alex Lever 0458 817 021

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

(wearing of masks is mandatory)

PRAYER SPONSORS FOR MSPC HSC STUDENTS

Mt St Patrick College is once again asking for Prayer Sponsors for Year 12 students during their Higher School Certificate exams. The HSC exams commence Tuesday 9 November.

Prayer cards with student names will be handed out at all Masses next weekend.

Thank you for your prayers.



As part of our commitment to Safeguarding in our Parish, we wish to advise everyone that there is **NO ACCESS to the Sacristy before and after each Mass.** This area is used by our clergy, acolytes and workers for Mass preparation and vesting and is not an appropriate place for others to enter at these times.

If you need to speak with Fr Anthony, please let one of our hospitality team know and we'll arrange for you to catch up with Fr Anthony after Mass if possible. Alternatively, an appointment may be made through the Parish Office by phoning 6672 1118 during office hours 9 am to 3 pm.

If your request relates to a Mass intention, envelopes are available at the hospitality table and may be completed and left with the hospitality team for Fr Anthony.

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,
 GOONELLABAH, NSW

To register, please contact:
 P: 02 66260200
 M: 0405 327 153
 E: dmoralde@lismore.catholic.org.au

You may scan this code to register




Dare to be different!
Vocation Discernment Retreat
for men ages 18 - 35 years old

November 5 - 7, 2021
 Invercauld House
 #163 Invercauld Road, Goonellabah
 For more information, contact:
 (02) 6626 0200
 #0421 863 756

Please register before October 25



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** or email tribunal@lismore.catholic.org.au



A message from:

Aid to the Church in Need Australia

One Million Children Praying the Rosary: ACN invites you to join the prayer campaign 'One Million Children Praying the Rosary' for unity and peace in the world on the 18th of October. Be part of this prayer campaign and join many others! Register and learn more at www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children

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

The Cagliari 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.

VIRTUAL LEARNING COMMUNITY FOR FAITH FORMATION (VLCFF)

Registrations for Courses in Cycle 7 are now open (close October 1)

Information regarding a 'Closed' 3-Week Course on Aging - *Let this be the Time: Spiritual Essentials for Life's Second Act.*

The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF at Dayton University) is offering a three-week 'closed course' on Aging and Spirituality, beginning October 10. This means that the only people in the group are those registered from a Parish (or Diocese). They then interact with each other online to complete the readings and posts. There is no assessment, but participants need to complete the tasks within the required timeline to gain a completion certificate. Ten (10) are required for this to go ahead.

For further information go to St Agnes Parish Port Macquarie website or contact Tony Worner at

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (53)

R: The Lord upholds my life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Parent Meeting

Tuesday 5 October - 6.30pm

Sacred Heart Church

Welcome & Instruction - 9/10 October

Confirmation Instruction - 16/17 October

Confirmation Instruction - 23/24 October

Confirmation Instruction - 30/31 October

Sacrament of Confirmation

Wednesday 3 November

*Children in Year 3 or older
are eligible to make their Confirmation.*

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.

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



INVEST WITH PEACE OF MIND

www.dif.org.au Phone 1800 802 516

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