

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

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**26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -
YEAR B**

26 September 2021

Being open to others

We might think that, as a general rule, belonging to a group would be a good thing. However, today's Scriptures teach us that belonging to a group might not be all positive. As members of a group, we might advance the group's interests to the detriment of others outside the group. We might be so protective of the group's achievements that we do not want anyone else to do the same things – simply because that person is “not one of us”.

James' letter is particularly severe on the rich – not because they were wealthy but because of what they were doing together as a group. He warned them to expect divine retribution because they were cheating their workers of their wages and exploiting their workers' powerlessness to support their own luxurious and opulent lifestyles.

Pope John Paul II called this kind of belonging “communion in sin”. It involves people working together to advance their own interests by exploiting others. In such cases, injustices are perpetuated systematically and efficiently for the benefit of the few.

Both the disciples of Moses and the disciples of Jesus felt they belonged to exclusive groups formed by their masters for good purposes. They felt threatened by the success of others outside their circle doing what they felt should properly belong to them. They demanded that any outsider be stopped from doing what he or she was doing, simply because such a person was not one of the group, “not one of us”.

The responses of both Moses and Jesus are very instructive. They challenged their disciples to see the marvellous works of God's Spirit, which can move in totally unexpected ways. They challenged them to respect God's freedom and choice about who should be working for the kingdom and truth. The group is invited not to be threatened, but to be open to outsiders who do things differently, and to acknowledge with humility that truth and goodness are larger than we are.

Belonging to groups and organisations will always be part of our human experience. While it is natural that we feel a sense of pride in the groups to which we belong, we need to ask questions about how any particular group is forming us as human beings. Is the group helping us grow towards true goodness and truth, or not?

It is natural for us to want to belong. But we do well to reflect on how the group is operating. Is our group too exclusive? Should we be more open to others?

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This week in the Parish 26 Sept-3 Oct



Sunday 26 Sept	26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B 8:00 am - Mass - online Mass with Fr Anthony
Monday 27	ST VINCENT DE PAUL
Tuesday 28	NO MASS TODAY
Wednesday 29	5:30 pm - MASS
Thursday 30	8:15 am - Mass 9:00 am - Legion of Mary - South Meeting Room
Friday 1 October	12:00 pm - Mass
Saturday 2	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 3	Daylight Saving commences 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass

Mass times are subject to change depending upon future NSW health orders.

THE PARISH OFFICE
is closed to visitors during
the current lockdown;
however we are still
available by email & phone
E: shpmbah@norex.com.au
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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Philip Blackburn, Julie Keogh, Peg Hatfield,
Margaret Dignan, Joy Ianna, Ken Kerr, Eileen Lutton,
Claire McLeod, Howard Nash, Patricia Butturini

ANNIVERSARIES:

Marie Murnane, Mary Mills

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Margaret Chiesa, James Wallace

Readings for today and next Sunday:

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Num 11:25-29; James 5:1-6;
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B

Gen 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16

READING ROSTER

2/3 October - 27th Sunday in Ord Time - Yr B

6pm Vigil: Lisa Dusi-Fox

Sunday 8am: Kay Ryder

Sunday 10am: Lorraine Green

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

WEDNESDAY WORD

Copies of Wednesday Word, with this weekend's
readings, will be with your Bulletin this weekend.

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.*

MAKE A SPIRITUAL CONNECTION

An ancient practice of the Church for those who cannot
be present at Mass is to make a spiritual communion.
We have a simple prayer you can pray with longing in
your heart to be united to Jesus.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

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 Masses next weekend.**

Thank you for your prayers.

PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be
held on **Thursday 7 October at 5:30 pm.**

The agenda for the meeting will be set on **Thursday 30
September.** 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 Wed 29 September.

Today the Catholic Church in Australia observes
MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY

TOWARDS AN EVEN WIDER “WE”

In the Encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, I expressed a concern and a hope that remain uppermost in my thoughts: “Once this health crisis passes, our worst response would be to plunge even more deeply into feverish consumerism and new forms of egotistic self-preservation. God willing, after all this, we will think no longer in terms of ‘them’ and ‘those’, but only ‘us’” (No. 35).

For this reason, I have wished to devote the Message for this year’s World Day of Migrants and Refugees to the theme, *Towards An Ever Wider “We”*, in order to indicate a clear horizon for our common journey in this world.

The history of this “we”

God created us male and female, different yet complementary, in order to form a “we” destined to become ever more numerous in the succession of generations. God created us in his image, in the image of his own triune being, a communion in diversity. Thus I would like to use this World Day to address a twofold appeal, first to the Catholic faithful and then all the men and women of our world, to advance together towards an ever wider “we”.

A Church that is more and more “catholic”

For the members of the Catholic Church, this appeal entails a commitment to becoming ever more faithful to our being “catholic”, as Saint Paul reminded the community in Ephesus: “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism” (*Eph 4:4-5*).

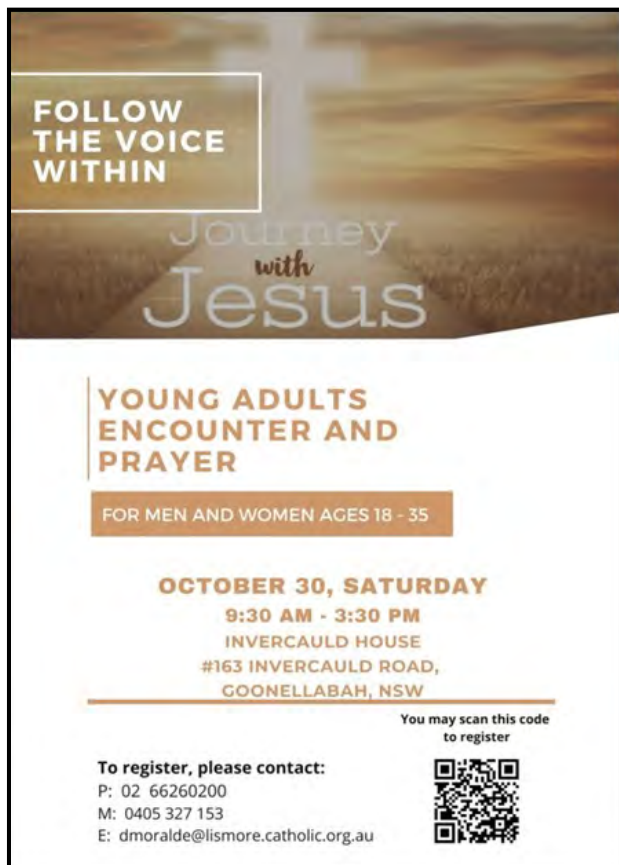
An ever more inclusive world

I also make this appeal to journey together towards an ever wider “we” to all men and women, for the sake of renewing the human family, building together a future of justice and peace, and ensuring that no one is left behind. Our societies will have a “colourful” future, enriched by diversity and by cultural exchanges. Consequently, we must even now learn to live together in harmony and peace.

The dream begins

The prophet Joel predicted that the messianic future would be a time of dreams and visions inspired by the Spirit: “I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions” (*Joel 2:28*). We are called to dream together, fearlessly, as a single human family, as companions on the same journey, as sons and daughters of the same earth that is our common home, sisters and brothers all (cf. *Fratelli Tutti*, 8).

An excerpt from the message of His Holiness, Pope Francis for the 107th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2021.



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

You may scan this code to register

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

PLENARY COUNCIL

- 3RD OCTOBER



The opening Mass for the first assembly of the Plenary Council will be celebrated next Sunday 3rd October.

The Mass will be livestreamed from St Mary’s Cathedral in Perth on the Council website at 3pm DST : <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

The assembly gathering of more than 278 people will be virtual given the restrictions in many states. The Lismore Diocese has 4 representatives. Please keep them, and all involved, in your prayers as the final preparations take place.

VIRTUAL LEARNING COMMUNITY FOR FAITH FORMATION (VLCFF)

VLCFF is offering a three-week 'closed course' on Aging and Spirituality, beginning October 10. Registrations for Courses in Cycle 7 are now open (closing 1 October)

For more information go to St Agnes Parish Port Macquarie website or contact Tony Worner at VLCFF.LismoreDiocese@stagnesparish.org.au

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (18)

R: The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth:
make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia!

SUPPORTING YOUR SPIRITUAL AND PRAYER LIVES DURING COVID-19

View Mass at Home

There are several options to tune into Mass at home this weekend:

ONLINE:

- ◆ Fr Anthony will stream Sunday Mass at 8:00 am from our Sacred Heart Church for you at home this weekend on our [Sacred Heart Parish YouTube channel](#)
- ◆ Bishop Greg Homeming will celebrate Sunday Mass Online at 9:00 am on the [Diocesan YouTube channel](#)
- ◆ Mass on Demand: <http://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home>


FREEVIEW TV:

- ◆ Tune in to channel 10 on Sunday mornings at 6:00a m for 'Mass for You at Home'.

Read the Mass Readings as a Family

A great resource is available from Diocese of Wollongong - [Daily Mass Readings](#)

Please visit the [Parish website](#) for other links and resources.



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15 Prince Street, Murwillumbah.

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.*

SEASON OF CREATION

Twice in today's Gospel Jesus refers to the everlasting fire of hell. Better to lose a hand or an eye than endure that, he says, making some dramatic points about sin and sacrifice.



At this moment in human history Jesus' choice of imagery and his message about dramatic action are especially pertinent. As Pope Francis declares in his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, climate change is an imminent threat to our world. For Christians, this raises two issues directly relevant to this passage from Mark.

On the one hand, we have a duty to protect ourselves and each other from catastrophe by checking our own sinful behaviours and habits. We should seriously consider what we can do to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels through personal usage, investment options, and political choices. We cannot dodge responsibility on this issue. Our faith demands action.

On the other hand, we also have a duty to find common cause with everyone else who shares this concern. Pope Francis encourages us to work with people of other religions 'for the sake of protecting nature, defending the poor, and building networks of respect and fraternity'. When it comes to protecting our common home, 'Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

by Nick Brodie



**Be creatively courageous
like Joseph**

Year of St Joseph 8 December 2020 - 8 December 2021