

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -
YEAR B

10 October 2021

The road that leads us to God

The kingdom of God is the heart and essence of Jesus' teaching. References to the kingdom appear 114 times in the four gospels. According to our earliest gospel, Mark (1:15: cf. 3:24; 4:11, 26, 30), Jesus initiated his message with the proclamation, "The present era of history is at an end, the reign of God has come near; convert your mind and believe in the good news."

In Jesus' teachings, this kingdom of God emerges as a vision of a future direct rule by God upon earth. It was not, as is often thought today, a vision of heavenly spiritual realm, or even life after death *per se*; but a future physical, corporeal, historical reality.

Jesus characterised this coming reign of God as an overturning of the present world order — a new relationship between God and creation, a "rebirth" and a "regeneration" when "the first will be last and the last first" (Mk 10:31; Matt 19:30), and those who will be great in God's reign will be those who serve (Matt 20:26-27).

For Jesus, this reign of God was both a future event and present now in and through his ministry. In Luke's Gospel (17:20-21), the Lukan Jesus even goes so far as to say, "The Kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' Indeed, the kingdom of God is among you" (or, in some translations, "within you").

In the popular imagination, the Christian proclamation of salvation and redemption are commonly identified with attaining one's heavenly reward in a "life after death". A fresh appreciation of Jesus' teaching on the kingdom, however, suggests that redemption is as much about living as about dying.

In today's gospel, Jesus engages in a series of discussions about the kingdom and eternal life with a stranger he meets on the road, and then, with his disciples. The gist of the two encounters is that one cannot earn eternal reward simply by obeying the commandments or doing good deeds. But one can enter the kingdom now by turning one's life over to God's will and trusting in the divine providence.

A good friend of mine in the priesthood often tells his congregation that heaven and hell are not "places" as such, but "situations" where one's life option is eternalised. The Jesuit, John Powell, wrote that "gentle and caring elderly people have spent their entire lives practicing at being gentle and caring."

As I read today's gospel, I was reminded of Thomas Merton's Prayer of Unknowing: "My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going ... and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you ... I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that, if I do this, you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it."

Ian J Elmer @ Majellan Media 2021

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This week in the Parish 3-10 October

Sunday 10	28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass
Wednesday 13	10:00 am - Parish Men's Group (see note below)
Thursday 14	9:00 am - Legion of Mary - South Meeting Room
Friday 15	ST TERESA OF JESUS
Saturday 16	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 17	29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass

Please note: There are No weekday Masses this week, while Fr Anthony is on holidays.



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:

Frank Mills (brother of Fr Bill - Mullumbimby)
Madonna Marshall, Bede Shortis, David Wilkinson,
Philip Blackburn, Julie Keogh, Peg Hatfield

ANNIVERSARIES:

Phil & Brian Lazenby, Bernadette Kelly

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Vince Kean, Margaret Chiesa, James Wallace

WELCOME

This weekend we welcome & thank Fr Michael Nilon who is saying weekend Masses during Fr Anthony's annual leave.

We thank Fr Michael for his generosity of time.

Please Note: there will be no Mass Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday this coming week.

Urgent calls:

Phone: Presbytery 6672 1118
or email: shpmbah@norex.com.au

Readings for today and next Sunday:

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B
Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B
Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45

READING ROSTER

16/17 October - 29th Sunday in Ord Time - Yr B

6pm Vigil: Barbara Brodbeck

Sunday 8am: Bernard Nolan

Sunday 10am: Lorraine Green

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

WEDNESDAY WORD

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

CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

October morning tea

Wed 13 Oct | 10:00 am | Murwillumbah Services Club

Enquiries: Alex Lever 0458 817 021

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

*Wearing of masks is mandatory
as well as proof of double vaccination*

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP

October luncheon

Friday 22 Oct | 12 noon | Murwillumbah Services Club

Enquiries: Helen Larkin 6672 5647

Barbara Cook 6672 3377

ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME

*Wearing of masks is mandatory
as well as proof of double vaccination*

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.

Cancellation of 2021 Christmas Carnival and Tableau

It is with regret that we advise that a decision has been made to cancel the Christmas Carnival and Nativity Tableau again this year. With all the various covid-19 safety regulations & public health orders currently in place – for the parish and our parish schools and the wider community – it is very difficult to plan and hold an event such as our iconic Christmas Carnival and Tableau in 2021. Both our primary schools – Mt St Patrick Primary and St Joseph's Primary – will organise their own Nativity Plays within their school communities to tell the children the story of Christmas.

We will still hold the Parish Raffle as a fundraiser and have the support of our three Parish schools for this fundraiser. We plan to have raffle tickets ready to distribute to parishioners and parish school families by 1 November. The raffle will be drawn on Saturday 4 December.

If we are able to, after 1 December “freedom” day, we plan to hold an outdoor Carols event for all parish and school families on Saturday 4 December - a BYO picnic event on the playground after Vigil Mass. This remains a work in progress and dependant on the rules and regulations at the time! More details on this in future bulletins.

Interested in being a part of this special event?

We'll be looking for

musicians and singers to help lead the carols
helpers to set up stage and sound and some seating

Advent and the preparation for Christmas is such a special time of the year for us all and its disappointing that we cannot start our preparations for Christmas in our usual fashion with the Carnival and Tableau.

Fr Anthony

THE PLENARY COUNCIL

began last Sunday 3 October with the Opening Mass celebrated by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB.



We continue our prayers that this Plenary Council, guided by the Holy Spirit, will bear much fruit for the Catholic Church in Australia.

We also ask for your prayers for our Diocesan members attending the Plenary Council: Bishop Gregory Homeming, Fr Paul Gooley, Fr Peter Slack, Dr Deirdre Little and Miss Ellen Hales.

Daily Masses and some sessions are being live streamed and recorded and are available at:

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/masses-and-livestreams/>

All professions and trades are called to assist this mission.

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OCTOBER IS WORLD MISSION MONTH

For we **CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING** about what we have **SEEN & HEARD** ACTS 4:20

In two weeks, Catholic Mission will share with us the powerful story of Churai*, a mother who found her way to the Mother and Babies Home, run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok, Thailand, during a desperate time in her life.

The Good Shepherd Sisters' mission is to promote the dignity and human rights of all, especially women and children; but they can only do that with support from people like you.

Please come with an open and generous heart.

*Name and images altered to protect identity



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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (89)

R: Fill us with your love, O Lord,
and we will sing for joy!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Happy the poor in Spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

All blessings come to us through our Lord. He will teach us, for in beholding His life we find that He is the best example. — *St Teresa of Avila*

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
- ◆ 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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