

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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32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- YEAR B

7 November 2021

A gift of the heart

Carmel has been a widow for five years. Christmas and New Year are anxious and depressing times for her, especially now that she's on her own. In need of help and a listening ear, Carmel reached out to Sr Joan, who's been a great support to Carmel since her husband's death.

Sr Joan gave Carmel the name and address of a poor and frail elderly couple. "This old couple are in a very difficult situation, Carmel. See what you can do for them," Sr Joan urged.

Carmel was taken aback! It wasn't the response she expected and nor did it seem the answer to her own plight.

Reluctantly, Carmel went to see the elderly couple the next day. She found them in a small unit, barely able to manage basic tasks, including cooking for themselves. They were struggling and frightened. Carmel promised to help them. Over the next couple of weeks, Carmel cooked delicious and healthy meals as well as baking a few sweet treats!

After New Year, Carmel went to see Sr Joan, this time with a more positive outlook on life. She had a 'spring in her step' and a beaming smile on her face. "I haven't cooked or baked very much since my husband died," Carmel explained. "But shopping and cooking for my new friends has helped me to 'live' again, find happiness and rediscover what's really important about Christmas and New Year."

In today's readings we meet two more widows. The first, the widow of Zarephath encounters the prophet Elijah, who's on his way to confront 400 false prophets of Baal. Elijah finds himself in a foreign land during a deadly famine. Despite her personal fears, the destitute but incredibly generous widow gives Elijah all she has. Little did she know that her extraordinary gesture of generosity and kindness would change her life forever: *"For the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry...'"*

The second widow, featured in the gospel, gives 'everything' (two small coins) from her limited resources to the Temple, while others, from their abundance, splash their wealth around for all to see. Jesus praises the widow for her generosity and vulnerable trust in God's providential care, because she gave quietly and lovingly from her heart.

These stories teach us not to measure our gifts by their appearance. The value of a gift is in the heart and when the heart gives, no matter what the gift is, how great or small, if the heart gives it, then it's blessed in God's eyes.

When we act with vulnerable trust in the face of evidence to the contrary, it can bring about transformation beyond our limited capacity. Through our small but generous acts of love, compassion and solidarity, God's grace and goodness abound.

John J Hore CSsR @ Majellan Media 2021

This week in the Parish 7 - 14 November

Sunday 7	32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass
Monday 8	4:00 pm - Prayer & Reflection (see note page 3)
Tuesday 9	THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA Higher School Examinations commence 4:00 pm - Prayer & Reflection (see note page 3)
Wednesday 10	Parish Office Closed (No Prayer & Reflection today)
Thursday 11	4:00 pm - Prayer & Reflection (see note page 3)
Friday 12	4:00 pm - Prayer & Reflection (see note page 3)
Saturday 13	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 14	33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass

Please Note: There will be No weekday Masses during November.



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

2021 HSC EXAMS



Please remember in your prayers the students who commence their **Higher School Certificate examinations** **Tuesday 9 November.** It continues until Wednesday 1 Dec.

CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

November morning tea

Wed 17 Nov | 10:00 am | Mbah Services Club

Enquiries: Alex Lever 0458 817 021

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

Proof of Double Vaccination and wearing of masks is mandatory

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Neva McCabe, Moya Tunsted, Frank Mills, Madonna Marshall, Bede Shortis

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Fr Anthony Lemon, James Wallace

Readings for today and next Sunday:

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B

1 Kg 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44

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Dan 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

READING ROSTER

13/14 Oct - 32nd Sunday in Ord Time - Yr B

6pm Vigil: Barbara Grant

Sunday 8am: Maree Coley

Sunday 10am: Ed Egan

WEDNESDAY WORD

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) UPDATE

As Father Anthony is on sick leave it has been agreed the PPC will take a break and we will recommence at the beginning of the New Year.

There are many things, as a Pastoral Council, we have been working towards in response to the feedback from the questionnaire that we received from our parish community and it will be wonderful when we can return to continue that work.

What a difficult two years our Pastoral Council and the entire Parish has had. We have been limited in our ability to put plans into action with the Covid Pandemic being on the scene for most of this period.

Please God we will return with new enthusiasm and greater opportunities to support our Parish Community in 2022.

We pray for Father Anthony at this time.

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL RAFFLE...

Tickets for the Christmas Carnival Parish Raffle will be available soon.

To be drawn on the first weekend in December.

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.



CONFIRMATION

Last Wednesday evening, Bishop Gregory Homeming administered the **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** to twenty-eight children in our Parish.

Thank you to parents, teachers and catechists who helped prepare the children for this sacrament, and to our parish community, for the prayers and support that you offered the children and their families.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Thursday November 11 we honour and remember all our service men and women who have died and suffered for Australia's cause in all wars and conflicts.



The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month attained a special significance in the post-war years. The moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war.

The allied nations chose this day and time for the commemoration of their war dead.

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Deacon Prodeocio Bognay

Bishop Greg Homeming will ordain Deacon Prodeocio Bognay on Wednesday 8 December at St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore at 6pm.

More details will be issued later.

Please keep Prodeocio in your prayers over the coming weeks as he makes his final preparations for Ordination to the Priesthood.

OFFER MASSES FOR THE HOLY SOULS & SUPPORT PRIESTS IN NEED

The Church dedicates the month of November to praying for our deceased loved ones. Offering Masses is the greatest gift we can give to them.

Because of our close relationship with the Solomon Islands, our November Masses are generally sent to Archbishop Chris Cardone in Honiara, and from there Mass Intentions are distributed to priests in the various parishes who have limited sources of income.

Masses can be offered for those we knew and loved, or for the souls that have nobody to pray for them.

Please ensure all names are clearly printed.

Prayers during November may also be requested for deceased relatives and friends by writing their names on the yellow cards (at the Church entrance) and placing the card on the Church noticeboard.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER & REFLECTION TIME IN SACRED HEART CHURCH

Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer week days Masses during November. However, Fr Anthony would like to offer the **opportunity for quiet prayer and reflection in the Sacred Heart Church each weekday afternoon for one hour from 4 pm to 5 pm**. The area in front of the Tabernacle will be made available. Everyone will need to comply with the current covid rules of the day – check-in, cleaning, masks, density limit etc. Entry and exit will be via the side door near the carpark.

A small group of volunteers will help to monitor this prayer time.

Fr Anthony has agreed that the **Prayer Chapel** can be re-opened for private prayer on weekdays from 9 am to 3 pm for November and December. The current covid rules and density limits will apply limiting the number of people in the chapel at any one time.

Blessed

2021 Daily Advent & Christmas Reflections

Blessed is a beautifully presented resource containing short daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (28 November) through to the Baptism of the Lord (9 January 2022).

Blessed also features beautiful religious artworks from the Masters such as Murillo, Strozzi, Jouvenet, Botticelli and Reni with enlightening "Artwork Spotlight" reflections written by the popular Monsignor Graham Schmitzer.

As we countdown the days to Christmas during these difficult times, we pray that by meditating on God's Word in these daily Advent and Christmas reflections, you may be graced with moments of silence to ponder in your heart (cf. Lk 2:19) the many "blessings" in your life - inspiring you in your call to "blessedness" (that is, "holiness") where true happiness is gained (cf. Pope Francis, *Gaudete et exsultate*, 64).

Spiritually rich, yet easily readable daily reflections from the Diocese of Wollongong.

Only \$4.00 each available from the Parish Office.

JOSEPHITE CALENDARS

2022 Josephite Calendars have arrived.

On sale at the Parish Office.

\$10.00 each.

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (145)

R: Praise the Lord, my soul!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

The Lord is my Shepherd: there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

- Psalm 22:1-2

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 congregational 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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1 November 2021

From Fr Anthony ...

Dear Friends

Please find attached a memo issued today by Bishop Greg to the Diocesan priests and diocesan staff about my illness and the appointment of an administrator. I want to share this with all of you today so that you are aware of my situation.

In the last 12 months I've been suffering low grade back pain but in last 6 weeks its became obvious it was more than a niggle so was followed up with appointment with my GP. My doctor swiftly acted and ordered tests and the tests revealed a large mass on my lower spine that needs to be treated at a deeper level.

Thus, began a journey of short hospitalization and numerous tests with a preliminary diagnosis issued last Friday which will lead to an operation and long-term rehab. I have been quietly assured of a successful outcome and recovery.

An appointment in Brisbane this Friday will map out the future direction and I'll be able to let people know the nature of the illness and how long the recovery will be following that appointment.

I have become increasingly aware in my illness about how beautiful and caring our people are with the level of support shown to me. Thank you.

Please make Fr Peter Wood welcome when he arrives in the Parish later this month.

With every best wish.

Fr Anthony Lemon

Weekday Mass Times In Neighbouring Parishes

St Joseph's Parish, Tweed Heads

Monday – Friday 9:10am

St Anthony's Parish, Kingscliff

Monday – Kingscliff – 8:00 am

Tuesday – Kingscliff – 8:00 am

Tuesday – Pottsville – 9:15am

Wednesday – Kingscliff – 8:00 am

Thursday – Kingscliff – 9:00 am

Friday – Kingscliff – 8:00 am



BISHOP of LISMORE

— GREGORY HOMEMING OCD —

MEMORANDUM

To: All Clergy, Parish Offices

SUBJECT: Murwillumbah Parish

DATE: 1 November 2021

Fr Anthony Lemon has been ill for some time now, and after extensive medical tests, will require an operation and on-going treatment. He has been unable to work as Parish Priest of Murwillumbah and will not be able to return to work until he has recovered.

In the interim, I have appointed Fr Peter Wood, Administrator of Murwillumbah Parish, for so long as it takes for Fr Anthony to return to his post.

Please keep Anthony in your prayers. He will have a serious operation.

Please also keep Peter Wood in your prayers as he assumes the responsibilities attached to Murwillumbah Parish.

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