

# 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

Convent Lane, Uki

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## PARISH STAFF

### Parish Priest

Fr. Anthony Lemon

### Parish Manager

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### Parish Secretary

Beth Gorton

### Pastoral Associate

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**33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
- YEAR B**

**14 November 2021**

## Always a faithful God

A man thrown into a den of hungry lions; three youths cast into a massive furnace; dreams and visions; kings gone mad; angelic beings appearing and disappearing: the Book of Daniel is wild stuff. It certainly captivated Jesus, who identified himself as the visionary's 'Son of Man' riding on the clouds as Lord and Judge of the world.

And Daniel continues to captivate Christians today, who may try to see its obscure symbolisms and elaborate numerical prophecies as cryptic anticipations of contemporary political volatilities in the Middle East and Eastern Europe foreboding the end of the world. The problem with this (well-intentioned) approach is that 'apocalypse' in the Bible does not mean 'end of the world', but rather, 'uncovering' or 'disclosure'. An apocalypse — and the Book of Daniel is certainly that — is a disclosure from heaven (through dream, vision, or angelic intermediary: all in play in Daniel) about the Creator's ultimate plan.

An apocalypse like Daniel or the Book of Revelation is meant to *uncover* the meaning of that great mystery of human purpose hidden in God's mind. What is the point of history? Of all this suffering and ignorance and loss? God only knows! And those who gain 'wisdom' by contemplating his Word with discernment ...

Think about the setting of Daniel: it takes place in Babylon. Daniel and his friends have been exiled to this foreign land because of Israel's covenant failures, as Jeremiah and many prophets had warned. Babylon ('Ur of the Chaldeans') is the place from out of which Abraham was originally called. Exile to Babylon meant that God was — astoundingly — taking his whole covenant project back to square one.

The covenant project was the central mission of God to rescue the world from its self-destructive path: God chose Abraham, promising him descendants that would make a great nation through whom 'all the world would be blessed.'

God gave this people a *land* and a *law*, so that they could enlighten the nations regarding God's desire for human flourishing; he gave them a *temple* and a *king*, meant to be the epicenter of true worship and worldwide justice. But Israel failed so egregiously that God took away their king, destroyed the temple, and removed them from their land, setting them in a society that made it difficult, even deadly to practice their God-given law. Daniel's visions and prophecies are written for those who hold on to hope amid apparent covenant failure. How do they apply to us?

For St Paul, the Gospel is the 'apocalypse of the mystery': the death and resurrection of Jesus brings about God's renewal of true worship (temple) and right living (law) in a worldwide community of faith (land) founded on the universal lordship of Israel's Messiah (king). What Daniel foresaw; the Church has been experiencing for two millennia.

Don't be shaken by scandal, controversy, persecution, or failure: sufferings and setbacks came, but God was faithful then. How much more so now with the mystery revealed?

W Chris Hackett @ Majellan Media 2021

# This week in the Parish 14 – 21 November

Sunday 14 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B  
8:00 am - Mass - Fr Michael Nilon  
10:00 am - Mass - Fr Wilber Tobe

Wednesday 17 10:00 am - Catholic Men's Group (see note below)

Saturday 20 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass - Fr Michael Nilon

Sunday 21 Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE - B  
8:00 am - Mass - Fr Wilber Tobe  
10:00 am - Mass - Fr Wilber Tobe

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO WEEKDAY MASSES DURING NOVEMBER.**

The Sacred Heart Prayer Chapel will be open for private prayer each weekday from 9am - 3pm.

During November, the Sacred Heart Church will be open for Prayer & Reflection each weekday from 4pm - 5pm. (entry via side door)



## 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 continue their **Higher School Certificate examinations.**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

June Heggie (aunt of Chris Anderson), Margaret MacLennan, John de Mol, Neva McCabe, Moya Tunsted

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Fr John Fitz-Walter, Ray Pirlo, Carmel Hennessy

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Fr Anthony Lemon, James Wallace

### Readings for today and next Sunday:

**33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B**

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

**CHRIST THE KING - Year B**

Dan 7:13-14; Apoc 1:5-8; Jn 18:33-37

## READING ROSTER

20/21 Nov - CHRIST The KING - Yr B

6pm Vigil: Denise Banner

Sunday 8am: Philomena Zambelli

Sunday 10am: Lisa Dusi-Fox

## WEDNESDAY WORD

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

## ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

### Deacon Prodeocio Bognay

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

Prodeocio will be ordained by Bishop Greg Homeming on Wednesday 8 December at St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore at 6pm. More details shortly.

## CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

November morning tea

Wed 17 Nov | 10:00 am | M'bah Services Club

Enquiries: Alex Lever 0458 817 021

**ALL MEN ARE WELCOME**

*Proof of Double Vaccination and wearing of masks is mandatory*

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP

The last meeting of the year will be a social afternoon tea at the home of Barbara Cook, 63 Byangum Road.

Wednesday 24 November | 2:00 pm

Easy access available.

Enquiries: Barbara Cook 6672 3377

**ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME**

## JOSEPHITE CALENDARS

2022 Josephite Calendars have arrived. On sale at the Parish Office. \$10.00 each.

## 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.*

## THE LATEST NEWS ON FR ANTHONY

We have been advised that **Fr Anthony will undergo major surgery on Friday 26 November** in Brisbane and be out of action for some considerable time - we are preparing for well into 2022 at the moment - *maybe* back to light duties around Easter but really not sure. He is currently in Brisbane awaiting surgery and will not return to Murwillumbah until at least the end of January 2022. Please keep Fr Anthony and his family in your prayers.

Please be assured that Fr Anthony is well cared for and that the Diocese is taking care of all Fr Anthony's medical expenses.

We'll keep you up to date when there is news to share and ask that you please respect Fr Anthony's privacy. He sends his love and best wishes to everyone.

Cards and messages may be left at the Parish Office and we will regularly forward them to Fr Anthony in Brisbane.

As previously advised Fr Peter Wood has been appointed Administrator for our Parish for as long as it takes for Fr Anthony to fully recover. **Fr Peter will commence his appointment here on Friday 26 November** and will celebrate all weekend Masses on 27-28 November. Fr Peter is moving to our Parish from Part Macquarie where he has been Assistant Priest for the past 7 years. We look forward to welcoming Fr Peter to Murwillumbah.

### CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL - PARISH RAFFLE TICKETS

Prizes include: 1st Prize - \$1,000 cash  
2nd Prize - \$250 cash  
3rd Prize - \$100 cash

Supplementary prizes of hams and other great Christmas treats.

Book of ten tickets @ \$1 each = \$10.00

**DON'T MISS OUT!**

Tickets available from the Hospitality Table before or after each Mass - see Barbara, Mary-Ann or Beth; or from Parish Office weekdays. To be drawn on the first weekend in December.



### St Vincent de Paul Society

### Mary MacKillop Conference, Murwillumbah

**Christmas can be a sad time for those doing it tough. Once again the Mary MacKillop Conference Murwillumbah will be helping those in need to make Christmas special.**

Although we can't supply hampers this year, we will be giving those on our Christmas list **GIFT CARDS or VOUCHERS** to enable them to purchase gifts, toys and festive food.

**Please will you consider donating any of the following:**

- ♦ **Gift cards or vouchers** - especially on outlets where gifts, toys or something special can be purchased
- ♦ **Money** - can be left in a specially marked envelope at Parish or School offices or Vinnies, or on a collection plate at Mass
- ♦ **Donate online** to <http://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-appeal> **BUT WHEN YOU REACH THE OPTION ASKING FOR 'COMMENTS OR CONFERENCE NAME' PLEASE WRITE "Conference 43-427" SO YOUR GIFT STAYS IN THIS AREA.**

To give us time to get Christmas help to those who need it we hope most gifts will be received by early December. Thank you very much for anything you are able to do.

Denise Banner, President, Mary MacKillop Conference (personal 0409 243 147)



### BLESSED - Daily Advent & Christmas Reflections

**Blessed** is a beautifully presented resource containing short daily reflections from Advent through to the Baptism of the Lord.

As we hopefully ease back into the routines of our lives from the advent of lockdown, may we see how our re-emergence into new life mirrors the Advent season as we await the birth of the Saviour. God chose Mary to give birth to Jesus, and Christ has chosen us as his dwelling when we meditate on his Word and receive him in the Eucharist. Only \$4.00 each available from the Parish Office.



## 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B RESPONSORIAL PSALM (15)

R: **Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Be watchful, pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.**

**Alleluia!**

## 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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