

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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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

5 December 2021

The need to forgive ourselves

John the Baptist is among the most theologically significant figures in the Gospels. In Luke's gospel, his birth narrative parallels that of Jesus. His conception is announced by an angel, and his birth was a surprise gift to his aged parents. The expectant mothers of Jesus and John meet and rejoice that they have been blessed by God. The children are cousins, and both will begin their mission in the desert.

Although his formative years were lived in obscurity in the desert, John's public ministry began by calling people to a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins symbolised by water baptism. Using the words of the prophet Isaiah he also called people to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. His message and ministry marked the culmination of the law and the prophets and heralded the inbreaking of the kingdom of God. He was a transitional figure between the Old and New Testaments.

His call to repentance can be viewed in two ways. Looking backward, the issue can be making up for what has been done in the past. Looking forward, it can be about getting things sorted so that the problems will hopefully not recur. However, the issue of repentance is more complicated than just having two perspectives on life. Socially, we want criminals to pay for their crimes, so we send them to prison to suffer because of their actions. It's about justice.

Many people share this view and believe that those who acted badly should get their just desserts in this life and if not then certainly in the next. Hell is imagined as God's final reckoning where the God of justice prevails. However, this is hardly an adequate view of God who through the prophets and through Jesus calls us to repent. To repent is to start anew, to make sure that past failures do not predict our future, so having repented of our failures and experienced God's forgiveness, we look forward to a better way of living. Repentance is about letting the Lord come more fully into our lives.

God is a God of love, not of vengeance, so let us start afresh in the knowledge of God's enduring love for each of us and look forward to the fullness of life to which God has called us.

In the formula of absolution in the sacrament of penance, we hear: "God the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sin." May we hear this message of love that reconciles, believe that God has forgiven us, and be big enough to let go of the past and forgive ourselves. Repentance is not just about the past, but about a way of living into the future in knowledge of the love of God for each of us.

Michael A Kelly CSsR @ Majellan Media 2021

This week in the Parish 28 Nov - 5 Dec

Saturday 4	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 5	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year C 8:00 am - Mass 9:00 am - Welcome cuppa & drawing the Parish Raffle 10:00 am - Mass
Monday	9:00 am - Rosary & Prayers (see note below)
Tuesday 7	No Mass today
Wednesday 8	The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY No Mass today 6:00 pm - Deacon Prodeacio's Ordination in Lismore
Thursday 9	8:15 am - Mass
Friday 10	No Mass today
Saturday 11	9:00 am - Mass of Anointing 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 12	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year C 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass

During December, 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

Prayer Chapel:

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mary Minahan (mother of Mary Trevithick),
Sr Judith Quirk, Sr Joan Reynolds, Ricky Toms,
June Heggie, Margaret MacLennan, John de Mol

ANNIVERSARIES:

Stephen Sweetnam, Bill Hyde, Eileen Gear

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Fr Anthony Lemon, James Wallace

Readings for today and next Sunday:

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year C

Baruch 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year C

Zeph 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

READING ROSTER

11/12 Dec - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Yr C

6pm Vigil: Mike Brennan

Sunday 8am: Bernard Nolan

Sunday 10am: Barbara Cook

WEDNESDAY WORD

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

ROSARY & PRAYERS for God's Precious Infants and the Unborn Child - Monday 6 December - 9am - Sacred Heart Church Prayer Chapel.

Pregnancy Help Line: 1300 139 313

'MASS OF ANOINTING'

9.00AM SATURDAY 11 DECEMBER

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is a prayer of healing which may be celebrated individually and communally, and may be received more than once.

All Parishioners Are Welcome.

CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

December morning tea

Wed 15 Dec | 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

JOSEPHITE CALENDARS

2022 Josephite Calendars are on sale in the Church or 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.

ADVENT WREATH



The season of Advent invites us to renew our lives in preparation for the coming of Jesus. The people who heard the message of John the Baptist repented for their sins and were baptized as a sign of God's forgiveness.

In Baptism, our sins are forgiven, and we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, who helps us in our life of discipleship. Led by the Holy Spirit, we use this Advent season to renew our lives so that we, like John the Baptist, might prepare the way for Jesus.

Mt St Patrick OSHC We are hiring now...

Casual educators required for Dec/Jan vacation care (possible to extend to after school care 2022)

- ◆ you must have a warm smiling face that makes every child feel special!
- ◆ you must be able to laugh at jokes you don't find funny
- ◆ possessing the skills required to rapidly count the heads of numerous moving small people is of the utmost importance
- ◆ you must be prepared to have lots of fun in the workplace

If the above sounds like you we would love to hear from you.

Position to start mid-December.

Contact: Darlene 0474 827 651
or murp-oshc@lism.catholic.edu



ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Deacon Prodenzio will be ordained by Bishop Greg Homeming this Wednesday 8 December at St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore at 6pm.

The bus will be leaving from the Queensland Rd bus bay - 3.45pm for 4pm departure. Suggested time for arrival back in Murwillumbah - 10.30pm. Cost of the bus is \$10 - to be paid at the Parish Office or on boarding.

Please keep Prodenzio in your prayers this week as he makes final preparations for his Ordination.

Prodenzio's Ordination will be livestreamed. Link to be advised.



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.

Please 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 **Wednesday 8 December**. Thank you very much for anything you are able to do.

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



SYNOD 2021 2023

Catholics across Australia are being consolidated for the next international Synod of Bishops, which has the theme: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission".

Pope Francis asks us to dream of a renewed church where all people feel that they have a home and can participate.

We are encouraged to prayerfully reflect and make submissions via a user-friendly online portal. All people are encouraged to meet in groups or submit individually. Multiple submissions are welcome.

These submissions will comprise the report from the Diocese of Lismore for the 2023 Synod.

See the process at: <http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

Update on Fr Anthony | Friday 3 Dec 2021

Fr Anthony is in a stable condition. His medical team are very pleased with his progress in the seven days since surgery but there is a long road to recovery ahead and your continued prayers are appreciated.

Cards, notes, and emails may continue to be left with the Parish team and we will forward them to Fr Anthony each week.

There have been some enquiries about visitors and/or how to contact Fr Anthony. **Please be aware that, at Fr Anthony's request, visitors and phone contacts are strictly limited to his family and his support team only** as he undertakes his recovery and rehabilitation over the coming weeks.

Thank you all for your continued support of Fr Anthony and thank you for respecting Fr Anthony's privacy as he starts on the long road to recovery.





SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (125)

R: The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his
paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.
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

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL Friday 24th December

6:00pm - Sacred Heart Church
8:00pm - Sacred Heart Church

CHRISTMAS DAY Saturday 25th December

9:00am - Sacred Heart Church

HOLY FAMILY Sunday 26th December

9:00am - Sacred Heart Church

Please note:

There is no Vigil Mass on Saturday
25 December.

There is no Reconciliation at the 9am Mass
on Sunday 26 December.

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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Agents: ALG/Egan Simpson Solicitors: 15 Prince Street, Murwillumbah.