

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

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St. Columba's Church

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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C

30 January 2022

Be Open To God's Message

In this astonishing incident in Luke's gospel, those listening to Jesus suddenly turn from praising him to rage against him. So intense was their anger that they attempt to kill him. And these are people from Jesus' home town of Nazareth, who knew his family and had grown up with him. How do we explain this?

Today's gospel follows on from Jesus in the synagogue reading from Isaiah about bringing Good News to the poor, proclaiming new sight to the blind, liberty to captives and setting free the downtrodden. He then stuns everyone by claiming he was fulfilling this text; he is the prophet they had been longing for.

His listeners were astonished, and greatly approved of what Jesus was saying. But then they struggled to take this in. They had heard about his miracles and teaching elsewhere, and demanded he do the same in their town. Perhaps that would really put Nazareth 'on the map', bringing them honour and prestige.

What a shock when Jesus suddenly pulls the rug from under their feet. Far from healing the blind, Jesus in effect accuses them of being blind to the message of God. He highlights how God ignored the plight of Israel when Elijah only helped the Sidonian widow, and when in Elisha's time no lepers in Israel were cured except a Syrian foreigner.

Jesus' listeners were in no doubt about the significance of what Jesus was saying, that God's message of love and solidarity was not just for the Jewish people alone, but for everyone. Jesus was not original in saying this, since it is a theme in the Jewish prophets. But these people in Nazareth did not want to accept this, and their initial admiration for Jesus turned to absolute fury.

Pope Francis repeatedly insists that Jesus' words are powerfully relevant for us in our very different world. Francis urges us to see with the eyes of Jesus those on the margins, those excluded and hard done by. These are the ones for whom God's heart especially aches.

Pope Francis says the Christian community is not meant to be a museum or a cocoon keeping us safe from the problems of the world, but rather a 'field hospital', bringing healing and seeking out the wounded. His catchy phrases, like getting mud on our boots, or smelling like the sheep, remind us that each of us, in our own way, shares this mission.

We know God loves everyone without exception, but in Jesus' eyes those who are most 'special' to God are the outsiders, like refugees and asylum seekers, the unemployed, or the homeless. As Pope Francis spells out in his document *Laudato Si'*, God is calling us to transform our world by protecting the wellbeing of everyone and preserving our glorious planet for future generations.

Bruce Duncan CSsR @Magellan Media

This week in the Parish 30 Jan-6 Feb

Saturday 29	6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 30	4th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year C 9:00 am - Mass
Tuesday 1 Feb	5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 2	The Presentation of the Lord 5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 3	8:15 am - Mass
Friday 4	12:00 pm - Mass
Saturday 5	6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 6	5th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year C WORD OF GOD SUNDAY 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass



THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to our Special Christmas Day Collection for Wedgetail Retreat, our local Palliative Care Hospice.

A total of \$1,100 will be forwarded to Wedgetail from our Parish.

CUPPA AFTER 9AM MASS

There will be a cuppa/morning tea after the 9am Mass this Sunday 30 January, for the Filipino Appeal.

WEDNESDAY WORD

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

RECONCILIATION

Saturday	5.30 pm - 5.50 pm
Sunday	8.30 am - 8.50 am

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Guillier Inojales, Michael Burke, Jan Weaver, Janice Paine, Tarq Mezzadri, Mark Biltoft

ANNIVERSARIES:

Keith Lazenby

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Fr Anthony Lemon, James Wallace

Readings for this Sunday and next week:

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Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31 - 13:13; Lk 4:21-30

5TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME - Year C

Is 6:1-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

READING ROSTER | YEAR C

29/30 Jan | 4th Sunday Ordinary Time

6 pm - Grace Molloy

9 am - Bernard Nolan

5/6 Feb | 5th Sunday Ordinary Time

6 pm - Barbara Brodbeck

8 am - Barbara Cook

10 am - Lorraine Green

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.

BACK TO SCHOOL DATES

MT ST PATRICK COLLEGE

Tuesday 1 February: Yrs 7, 11 & 12 return and new students in Yrs 8, 9 & 10.

Wednesday 2 February: Yrs. 8, 9 & 10 return

MT ST PATRICK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tuesday 1 February: Yrs. 1 - 6

Tuesday 8 February: Kinder commences

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 4 February: Yrs. 1 - 6

Tuesday 8 February: Kinder commences

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

We welcome back all teachers, staff and students of our three parish schools, Mt St Patrick College, Mt St Patrick Primary School & St Joseph's Primary School for the 2022 year.

Love is patient; love is kind;
love is not envious or boastful
or arrogant or rude.
It does not insist on its own way;
it is not irritable or resentful;
it does not rejoice in wrongdoing,
but rejoices in the truth.

It bears all things,
believes all things,
hopes all things,
endures all things.

- 1 Corinthians 13:4-7



FILIPINO APPEAL

Super Typhoon Rai (Odette) wreaked havoc in the Philippines from 12 – 22 December 2021.

Over half a million people displaced

800,000 + homes destroyed

Nearly 7 million people affected

Our local Filipino community have started an appeal for donations to assist the “poorest of the poor” affected by the typhoon and are asking for our assistance with cash donations which will be sent directly to the Philippines to help provide food and shelter as families there rebuild their lives.

This weekend envelopes for donations are available. We ask you to please support our Filipino community in their fundraising efforts.

With thanks.

Fr Peter Wood & Fr Wilber Tobe



PRAY FOR TONGA

Tonga is reeling after a violent underwater volcano eruption triggered tsunamis, destroyed telecommunications and blanketed the country in ash and rock.

Roads, bridges and homes are damaged.
Water supplies have been contaminated by volcanic ash and saltwater.

**Tonga needs your support urgently.
Give now to help with emergency response.**

Visit www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific or call 1800 024 412 toll free

i4GIVE Day - 1st February

Parents Daniel & Leila Abdallah have created i4give Day as a remembrance of the four angels that were tragically lost on the 1st of February 2020.

This is to also help others who have suffered in a similar way.

As well as this, it is a National day of forgiveness where you could find someone you can forgive or ask for forgiveness.

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you”

Ephesians 4:32



2022 SACRAMENTAL DATES

RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation Parent Meeting:

Tuesday 8 Feb 6.30pm in Sacred Heart Church

Retreat Day & Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Friday 11 March - Parish Meeting Centre

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion Parent Meeting:

Tuesday 17 May 6.30pm in Sacred Heart Church

First Holy Communion - Sun 19 June - 10am

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Parent Meeting:

Tuesday 9 August 6.30pm in Sacred Heart Church

Sacrament of Confirmation -

Thursday 8 September



ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY
Mary MacKillop Conference,
Murwillumbah

THANK YOU!

Sincere thanks to all who contributed in any way to the St Vincent de Paul Society's Christmas Appeal.

The amazing generosity of parishioners, our three Parish schools, local businesses and the broader community enabled Mary MacKillop Conference Murwillumbah to distribute very substantial Christmas support to **55 local families, comprising 188 people.**

Many donations of both money and gift cards were anonymous - please know that your generosity made a **REAL DIFFERENCE** to how these families could celebrate Christmas.

Our Conference Members wish you all God's good blessings for 2022.

Denise Banner, President, Mary MacKillop Conference

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PS 70)

R: I will sing of your salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 6 in 2022. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God.

Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodsonday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

MASS ATTENDANCE

What you need to know ...

Please **DO NOT ATTEND MASS if you are unwell or have any cold or flu-like symptoms.**

QR check in on arrival is still required for places of worship.

Masks are mandatory inside for everyone over 12 years of age, subject to exemptions. Please continue to use the hand sanitiser provided.

Singing as a congregation is discouraged at the moment.

Distribution of communion remains strictly **BY HAND** only. **When coming to receive communion, please proceed in single file.**

All Masses will continue to be celebrated in the Sacred Heart Church. Country churches remain closed.

We will still maintain a covid-19 safety plan for the foreseeable future.

Thank you all for your care and consideration of each other. 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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