

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C

6 February 2022

Preaching as we walk

According to the book, *Life of Francis Assisi*, Francis once invited a young monk to join him on a trip to town to preach. Honoured to receive the invitation, the monk readily accepted. All day long he and Francis walked through the streets, byways, and alleys. They rubbed shoulders with hundreds of people.

At day's end, the two went home. Not once had Francis addressed a crowd, nor had he talked to anyone about the gospel. Disappointed, his young companion said, "I thought we were going into town to preach."

Francis responded, "My son, we have preached. We were preaching while we were walking. We were seen by many, and our behaviour was watched. It is of no use to walk anywhere to preach unless we preach everywhere as we walk!"

We too are called to bear witness to Christ through our lives. Rarely will it mean explicitly explaining why we believe, although there may be such opportunities, our primary witness will be through the example of our lives and our prayer for others. However, we can learn from the example of those great figures who have given witness in trying circumstances.

The prophet Isaiah told the Lord that he was not up to the task, but God empowered him, and he became a messenger to the people of Israel despite his feeling of inadequacy. His mission was to call people to renew their relationship with God. It was not an easy mission and he experienced opposition and rejection, but he also gave the people hope at a time when their nation was crumbling under the assault of the Assyrians in the eight century BCE.

Saul the persecutor, becomes Paul the preacher and missionary. He writes to the Corinthian community telling them again the story of Jesus who lived and died for the forgiveness of our sins who has been raised to new life. This Jesus appears to the apostles and disciples and gives them the strength to bear witness just as Paul has been doing since his conversion.

Our gospel tells the familiar story of Jesus teaching the crowd from the boat of Peter. When he had finished teaching, he invites the weary fishermen to put out into deep water where they catch an enormous number of fish and Jesus invites them to spend their lives not in catching fish but in reaching out to people with the message of the Good News.

Jesus, the Apostles, and Paul, all bear witness by word and deed. Isaiah, a reluctant prophet, also bears witness of God's message to the people of Israel. Although there may be occasions when we share with others our story and our reasons for belief, it will be the witness of our lives that speaks more eloquently and consistently to our family friends and acquaintances.

A quotation often attributed to St Francis reminds us:

"Preach the Gospel at all times. If necessary, use words."

Michael A Kelly @Magellan Media 2022

This week in the Parish 6 - 13 Feb

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
Monday 7	9:00 am - Rosary & Prayers (see note below)
Tuesday 8	5:00 pm - Baptism Preparation Meeting 5:30 pm - Mass 6:30 pm - First Reconciliation Parent Meeting
Wednesday 9	5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 10	NO Mass today
Friday 11	12:00 pm - Mass
Saturday 12	6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 13	6th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year C 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass 12 noon - Baptism



RECONCILIATION

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

WEDNESDAY WORD

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

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Guilio Battacio, Guillier Inojales, Michael Burke, Jan Weaver, Janice Paine

ANNIVERSARIES:

Anne Manning

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Ursula Dowling, Fr Anthony Lemon, James Wallace

Readings for this Sunday and next week:

5TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME - Year C

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

6TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME - Year C

Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

READING ROSTER | YEAR C

5/6 Feb | 5th Sunday Ordinary Time

6 pm - Barbara Brodbeck

8 am - Barbara Cook

10 am - Lorraine Green

12/13 Feb | 6th Sunday Ordinary Time

6 pm - Lisa Dusi-Fox

8 am - Philomena Zambelli

10 am - Mary-Ann Thackray

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.

ROSARY & PRAYERS for God's Precious Infants and the Unborn Child - Monday 7 February - 9am - Sacred Heart Church.

Pregnancy Help Line: 1300 139 313

CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

February morning tea

Wed 16 Feb | 10:00 am

Murwillumbah Services Club

Enquiries: Alex Lever 0458 817 021

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

Wearing of masks is mandatory

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

During Term One a number of children from our parish will be preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

There will be Parent Information Meeting

this Tuesday 8 February at 6:30pm

in the Sacred Heart Church.

Welcome and Instruction for this Sacrament will take place at all weekend Masses next weekend, 12/13 February.

First Reconciliation will take place during their Retreat Day, on Friday 11 March at the Parish Meeting Centre.

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

This weekend, the Church in Australia celebrates Word of God Sunday, which was instituted by Pope Francis in 2019 in his [apostolic letter, *Aperuit Illis*](#). The letter encouraged the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God.

In his [homily](#) for this year's Word of God Sunday, Pope Francis reminded the faithful that at the heart of the life of God's holy people and the journey of faith is God and his word.

'Everything started with the word that God spoke to us. In Christ, his eternal Word, the Father "chose us before the foundation of the world". By that Word, he created the universe: "he spoke, and it came to be",' the Holy Father said.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

"Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful"
(Lk 6:36).

February 11 is World Day of the Sick, an observation started by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes.

People around the world take the time to pray for the sick and for those who work very hard to alleviate the sufferings of the sick on this day. Faith organisations mark this day especially to provide the sick with medicines, food, and spiritual guidance.

As we remember and pray for all those who are sick in this world, we call to mind our mission as men and women who have committed our varied gifts and talents to helping our brothers and sisters who suffer all forms of illness.

Let us not forget the many steps along the way to healing.

Let us be gentle with ourselves when we find that we too have become ill.

Amen.

AN UPDATE | FR ANTHONY

After 3 months in hospital, Fr Anthony will move in the near future from acute care in Brisbane to a rehabilitation unit. Fr Anthony is able to stand unaided for a short time, and walk a short distance with aids. He can sit for short periods of time (no longer than an hour at a time at the moment). He is making great progress considering the complex nature of his surgery in November. Fr Anthony will undergo further cancer treatment in the coming months. He is well in himself and sends his love and greetings to you all. He is grateful to everyone for their continued thoughts and prayers, cards and letters. Your support has been very important to him in his recovery. Thank you.

In consultation with his medical team and with Bishop Greg, Fr Anthony hopes to be able to return to active parish ministry in January 2023.

FR PETER KARAM | RETIREMENT

Having recently turned 80, Fr Peter Karam will retire from Parish ministry on 28 February. Fr Peter has worked tirelessly in the Diocese for 55 years, most recently as Parish Priest of Our Lady Help of Christians South Lismore. Many parishioners will remember Fr Peter Karam from his time in Murwillumbah in the 1970's. Fr Peter was Assistant Priest in Murwillumbah from March 1970 until October 1975 and was instrumental in the renovations in Sacred Heart Church following the Second Vatican Council and also for overseeing the construction of the Mt St Patrick multi-storey Primary School and Regional High School library. We wish Fr Peter all the best for his retirement and ask that you keep him in your prayers as begins the next stage of his life in retirement.

FILIPINO SPECIAL DISASTER APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this special appeal. Donations on the weekend of 30-31 January totaled \$2,829.25. Donations may still be made care of the parish office. Thank you.

2022 LENTEN PROGRAMME

'Remember'



Remember is published by the Diocese of Wollongong and designed as a six-week Lenten resource for individual, small groups, staff reflections and families.

It also includes daily reflections from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday.

Short daily reflections and longer-form Sunday reflections, questions and prayer - perfect for individual devotional reading.

Lenten books have arrived and are available at the Parish Office and the Sacred Heart Church - \$10.00.



*Happy Birthday
Best wishes to Fr Peter
as he celebrates his
birthday this weekend.*

**5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C
RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PS 137)**

R: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people.

Alleluia!

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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