

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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**16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -
YEAR C | 17 July 2022**

Sacred quality of trees

In the human religious imagination, a tree is often understood to be a symbol of the connection between heaven and earth: branches, spread out and covering all beneath them, are joined by a trunk to roots plunged deep into the ground. The foliage above gives shade and protection from the harsh heat of the day, and fruit for our nourishment. Besides water (which like fruit 'falls' from above) human survival depends on shelter and food, both of which the tree provides.

The terebinth tree, common in the Holy Land, manifests this sacred quality of trees: its thickly leaved branches, bearing berry-like fruit used in traditional medicine and cooking, span low and wide over the observer beneath them; its stubborn trunk rises out of the dry, rocky earth like a miracle.

In this way – seen from a spiritual point of view – the tree repeats the structure of the world, as sky and earth. Add to this the pungent resinous smell of the terebinth, and perhaps you have a sense of the setting for today's engrossing Old Testament reading: Abraham, camped under the terebinth of Mamre, is visited by three strangers, whom he graciously entertains, waiting on them, feeding them the best of what he has to offer. And conversing with them: they (or he: somehow the three persons are the appearing of the one God) make a promise that in a year's time Abraham's barren, elderly wife Sarah, who is well past her child-bearing age, will have a son.

The gift of a son initiates the surprising way in which God, who called Abraham out of Babylonia to a different way of life, will fulfill his original promise to give Abraham uncountable descendants and to inherit the land in which he is camped and bring great blessing to all the world.

A people, a land, and universal blessing: all of this is meant to turn our minds back to the beginning of the bible when God created people, in a land (the tree-garden of Eden) and gave them a universal vocation based on a blessing. Abraham and Sarah, under the terebinth, are a New Adam and Eve, the renewal of God's original humanity project that sin threatened to derail.

This project culminates in Christ, the ultimate Adam, through whose 'tree' the universal blessing promised to Abraham comes to the world. From the Garden of Eden to the tree of the Cross to the New Creation (with its centrally placed Tree that nourishes and heals all), the story of redemption is marked at major moments by trees. Their interrelated symbolic significance contributes to the meaningful unity of the whole biblical epic.

Next time you are outside, spend a few contemplative minutes underneath a tree. It's not hard to see the cosmic beauty of that tree as a faint image of the coming 'world without end, amen' for which we are always praying.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 17	16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C Reconciliation: 7:30am - 7:50pm 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass
Tuesday 19	5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 20	10:00 am - Catholic Men's Group (see note below) 5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 21	8:15 am - Mass 12 noon - Legion of Mary - Parish Meeting Centre 5:30 pm - Finance Council Meeting
Friday 22	Parish Office is Closed 12 noon - Mass 12:30 pm - Catholic Women's Luncheon (see note)
Saturday 23	Reconciliation: 5:30am - 5:50pm 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 24	17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C Reconciliation: 7:30am - 7:50pm 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass

HOUR FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Each Tuesday & Wednesday
from 4:30 pm

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: 7.30 am - 7.50 am

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



Children's Liturgy
this Sunday is held
at the 8am Mass
each week.

All primary school aged children
are welcome come along & join in.
*No Children's Liturgy on Sunday 17
July. Restarts 24 July.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Pat Flack

ANNIVERSARIES:

Pat Ryder, Kevin O'Keefe, Lloyd Roberts, Ron Flannery

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Leah Ryder, Maureen McCabe, Lachlan Gallagher,
Baby Harry Partridge, Mark Hanna, Deb Craig,
Fr Anthony Lemon, James Wallace

READING ROSTER | YEAR C

23/24 July | 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6 pm - Christine Wightley

8 am - Bernard Nolan

10 am - Mary-Ann Thackray

Readings for the next week:

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr C

Gen 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

ROSARY STATUE HOME VISITS TO RESTART

Are you interested in having Our Lady's statue in your
home for a week for home rosary?

To join the Roster, please contact Philomena Zambelli
0414 201 940.

CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

July morning tea

Wed 20 July | 10:00 am

Murwillumbah Services Club

Enquiries: Alex Lever 0458 817 021

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP

July luncheon

Friday 22 July | 12:30pm | Murwillumbah
Services Club

Enquiries: Frances Wright 6672 1512

Barbara Cook 6672 3377 | 0459 955 394

ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME

**Please note... The Parish Office will be closed
next Friday 22 July.**

LEGION OF MARY NEWS...

The Legion of Mary meet at twelve noon in the Parish
Meeting Centre, each Thursday. New members very
welcome. Come & see what we do!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We 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.

A REMINDER...

As part of our commitment to Safeguarding in our Parish, we wish to advise everyone that there is **NO ACCESS to the Sacristy before and after each Mass**. This area is used by our clergy, acolytes and workers for Mass preparation and vesting and is not an appropriate place for others to enter at these times.

If you need to speak with Fr Peter, please let one of our hospitality team know and we'll arrange for you to catch up with Fr Peter after Mass if possible. Alternatively, an appointment may be made through the Parish Office by phoning 6672 1118 during office hours 9 am to 3 pm.

If your request relates to a Mass intention, envelopes are available at the hospitality table and may be completed and left with the hospitality team for Fr Peter.

The Good Pantry Lismore to open at former Wyrallah Road Food Hub

Many people across Lismore Diocese are still desperately flood-affected. Bishop Greg's flood appeal raised approximately \$1.5 million from generous donors across the country and around the world.

Bishop Greg has carefully considered the needs of our community, and decided to support causes that will have lasting benefits for the largest numbers of people.

The first of his initiatives will be to launch The Good Pantry Lismore, in partnership with the Lismore Soup Kitchen (The Winsome). The facility will sell dry pantry items at low cost for people in need, particularly flood-affected residents and Health Care Card holders from Monday 18 July.

The Good Pantry Lismore will open weekdays from 10am to 3pm at 51 Wyrallah Road, East Lismore.

More information will be available on their Facebook page.

REFLECTION...

Today we see the people of God offering the hospitality rather than receiving it, first Abraham and then Martha. What lessons of discipleship can be learned from these readings?

First and foremost we see how important openness is, for in each case those to whom the hospitality was offered were divine visitors in human form. We can never be sure under what guise God will come to us. It could be the person on the street who asks for directions, or the one who comes to our place of work to engage the service that we provide. It may be the friend who comes to dinner or the co-worker who acts in a way we did not expect. God comes into our lives in unexpected ways and we must have an open attitude of hospitality if we are to receive the blessings that might come with such visits.

We know that we cannot lay aside the responsibilities of our lives in order to sit with Mary at the feet of Jesus. However, we cannot allow ourselves to be held captive by these responsibilities, regardless of how legitimate they may be. And so we continue to struggle; to carry the burdens that are ours for the sake of the people that we serve; to serve the people in our care realising that we will probably not be able to accomplish all of our tasks or at least as well as we would like. It is in this way that the reign of God struggles to be born. - *Dianne Bergant CSA*

Passionist Family Groups

FAMILY CAMP 2022

Friday 2 - Sunday 4 September
Bornhoffen PCYC, Natural Bridge



*Celebrating Passionist Family Groups
& connecting generations*

Adults | \$125 Children under 15 | \$70

Book your tickets:

Call Celine 0416 027 482 or celinepfgm@gmail.com

St Mary's Church, Grafton

'Sacred Concert'

100th Anniversary of the Stained Glass
Windows Installation

Sunday 24 July
1pm - 3:30pm

All welcome to attend



CONSECRATION OF HOMES TO SACRED HEART

Would you like to request your home to be Consecrated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus?

Please phone the Parish Office (6672 1118) to book in, and to arrange a time.



**Christ in the House of
Martha and Mary**
- *Johannes Vermeer (c.1655)*

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Psalm 14)

R: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

IF SUNG:

R: The just will live in the presence of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me, I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.

- Revelations 3:20



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.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter – Virtual Weekend

Live your best life in love

The Virtual Weekend is conducted by Zoom allowing you to attend from the comfort of your own home.

Date: 19-21 August 2022

Starting Friday, 19 August 2022, 7.00 pm (Sydney time)

Through Sunday, 21 August 2022 around 4.00 pm.

The Weekend will conclude with Holy Mass

Book online www.wvme.org.au

OR contact Booking Couple

Mercy & James Evirakare, Mobile 0409 183 676

Email: vicbookings@wvme.org.au

What is required to attend virtually:

- A computer / laptop with video (camera + microphone)
- A good internet connection
- If you have small children, you will need to find care for them during the day

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



INVEST WITH PEACE OF MIND

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