

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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St. Brigid's Church

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**17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -
YEAR C | 24 July 2022**

The promise of God's grace

A disciple says, "Lord, teach us to pray." In reply, Jesus offers a four-point lesson in prayer.

Firstly, Jesus invites his followers to address God as 'Father'. This would've been revolutionary! Out of respect and awe, they didn't use God's name in prayer. Now Jesus teaches that they're members of God's family; sisters and brothers who are to call God 'Father'. In Jewish society, fathers had responsibility to love and care for their wives and children; a very personal relationship. It's this kind of intimate relationship with God that Jesus invites us all to embrace.

Secondly, being sisters and brothers in God's family, we're to have concern for everyone and for the issues that are important to God's loving and merciful heart. In praying for our own needs, we're also called to broaden our perspective and see the 'bigger picture' by praying that God's love for humanity will be known everywhere and that all people will love each other and live in peace and harmony.

Thirdly, we're to be persistent in our prayer. In the first reading, Abraham asks God to spare Sodom – and he was persistent! Jesus tells his followers, "Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened" (Lk 11:9). Jesus tells them to ask their Heavenly Father who knows all their needs and they will be heard. He also reminds them that whenever two or three of them agree to ask anything in his name, it will be granted (cf. Mt 18:19). In other words, never shy away from 'pestering' or 'bothering' God.

Finally, God gives what is good for us. Most of us have had the experience of praying for something, but God didn't answer the prayer as we wanted. It's hard to accept or understand that what we're asking for may not be good for us. Jesus says that a loving Father would never give a stone to anyone who wants bread, or a snake to anyone who wants fish, or a scorpion to anyone who wants food. Jesus doesn't promise what can't be delivered and he doesn't say 'your wish is granted'. Rather, Jesus challenges us to realise "how much ... the Father will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask" (Lk 13).

What Jesus promises is grace. He promises the Holy Spirit – to sustain us, uplift us, and help us to endure. The Holy Spirit empowers us to accept God's plan – even if it's not our plan – and to get up, go on and face another day.

St Alphonsus Liguori, the founder of the Redemptorists and a Doctor of Prayer, says that we don't pray to change God, but that God might change the one who prays and the community which prays. When we open ourselves to God's grace and action in this way, we'll be changed and become instruments of God's love.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 24	17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C 2nd World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly Reconciliation: 7:30am - 7:50pm 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass
Tuesday 26	Sts Joachim & Anne, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary 5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 27	5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 28	8:15 am - Mass 12 noon - Legion of Mary - Parish Meeting Centre
Friday 29	12 noon - Mass
Saturday 30	Reconciliation: 5:30am - 5:50pm 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 31	18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C Reconciliation: 7:30am - 7:50pm 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass

CHILDREN'S LITURGY is held at the 8 am Mass each week. All primary school age children welcome to come along and join in



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

ASPIRE

YOUNG ADULT FORMATION
with Bishop Greg Homeming

Next session: 5.00pm-6.30pm

Tuesday 26 July

Zoom ID: 698 1470 2479 |

<https://lismcatholic.zoom.us/j/6981470274>

E: youth@stcarthages.org.au

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Pat Flack

ANNIVERSARIES:

Eva Sterling

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

30/31 July | 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6 pm - Lyndy Severs

8 am - Kay Ryder

10 am - Lorraine Green

Readings for the next week:

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Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

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.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Parent Meeting

Tuesday 9 August - 6.30pm
Sacred Heart Church

Sacrament of Confirmation

Thursday 8 September

*Children in Year 3 or older
are eligible to make their Confirmation.*

SAVE THE DATE:



PARISH PICNIC

SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS ...

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held on **Thursday 4 August at 5:30 pm.**

The agenda for the meeting will be set on **Thursday 28 July.** Any matters that you, our Parishioners, would like to be considered for the agenda should be sent by email to banner@onthenet.com.au or placed in the PPC box in the church no later than Wednesday 27 July.

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.



Today is THE SECOND WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY



**“In old age they will still bear fruit”
– Psalm 92:15**

Pope Francis has chosen this theme to awaken our collective sense of gratitude and respect for the elderly and to seek new ways of making the elderly a living part of our community.

Not only are young people called upon to show their respect for the lives of older people, but the elderly also have a mission – to pass on their faith.

Each of us, whether single or married, religious or priest, share in this mission. Let’s reflect on some particular ways in which it is lived out by grandparents and the elderly.

SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE **Grandparents of Jesus | Feast Day 26th July**

According to Church tradition they were a deeply faithful Jewish couple from the line of King David. Strong devotion to them dates back to early Christianity. While we know very little about Sts Joachim and Anne we can assume that Mary was raised in a faith-filled Jewish home, which led her to respond wholeheartedly to God’s request with faith, “Let it be done to me as you will”.

Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us. Pray for our grandchildren who are so dear to us.

A Blessing Prayer for Grandparents

by Greg Sunter

God of all the generations

Your gift of faith and gift of love have been handed down to us through parents, grandparents and great-grandparents for all of time.

Look with favour on all our grandparents and bless them.

Bless their eyes that look on us with love and affection.

Bless their ears that listen to our questions and our stories.

Bless their knees and laps we sit on.

Bless their arms that hold us and their hands that help us.

Bless their legs that walk beside us.

Bless their hearts that swell with pride for us.

And bless their faces that bring us joy.

Bless them and keep them as they bless and keep us.

We make this prayer through Saint Joachim & Saint Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

Amen.



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Celebrating a Return to Global Mission

Once again Australian Catholics are being offered deep re-engagement with our sisters and brothers globally. Covid challenged our ability to reach beyond but now you can again consider **Mission opportunities abroad**. If you respond to the call to share your skills; to mentor those with little other opportunity, you will be prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961.

Enquire online or **Ph: 0422 742 567** about a placement to engage your skills and **Register** for a Webinar on **Monday August 1st at 7:00 pm** for the chance to talk directly with Palms’ partner communities abroad and two Australian program participants recently posted to work with them. **The stories will inspire.**

CHAPLAIN ROLE KEMPSEY | Seeking applications for a role within the Diocese, a Catholic Chaplain who will be supporting the Mid north Coast Correctional Centre in Kempsey, NSW. The Chaplain position is 70 hours a fortnight, however part-time will also be considered. The suitably qualified Chaplain will provide high quality transformational pastoral care & spiritual support to inmates, their families/carers, and staff. Click on this [link](#) to access more information and to apply online for the role or alternatively email jobs@lismore.catholic.com.au or call the People and Capability Advisor on 02 6621 9444. Closing date 12 August .



POSTPONED !!

St Mary’s Church, Grafton
‘Sacred Concert’
Sunday 24 July

Passionist Family Groups | FAMILY CAMP

Friday 2 - Sunday 4 September 2022

Bornhoffen PCYC, Natural Bridge

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

Book your tickets:

Call Celine 0416 027 482 or celinepfgm@gmail.com



**17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Psalm 137)**

R: Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall receive mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they shall see God.
- Matthew 5:7-8



**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.



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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