

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

Convent Lane, Uki

PARISH STAFF

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**18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -
YEAR C | 31 July 2022**

What's important in life

The story is told of a rich industrialist who was disturbed to find a fisherman sitting lazily beside his boat. "Why aren't you out there fishing?" he asked.

"Because I've caught enough fish for today," said the fisherman.

"Why don't you catch more fish than you need?" the rich man asked.

"What would I do with them?"

"You could earn more money," came the impatient reply, "and buy a better boat so you could go deeper and catch more fish. You could purchase nylon nets, catch more fish, and make more money. Soon you would have a fleet of boats and be rich like me."

The fisherman asked, "Then what would I do?"

"You could sit down and enjoy life," said the industrialist.

"What do you think I'm doing now?" The fisherman replied as he looked placidly out to sea.

This is an interesting story, but it asks us about what is important in life. We all strive to achieve, provide for our families, and the next generation. This is perfectly reasonable, but when is enough? If we are blessed with a stable work situation and a good income, we are fortunate, but there will come a time in life when we ask what is important. The gospel begins with a dispute about an estate, and sadly the death of a parent or a relative sometimes leads to arguments about the estate. The person who made the bequest wanted to divide assets for the benefit of all but sometimes a member of the family gets preferential treatment and others are excluded. It is easy to see how this can lead to dispute and litigation between family members which can end in bitterness and estrangement. This is always a very unfortunate outcome.

The parable of the rich man is like that of the industrialist who spoke to the fisherman, and it asks us to think about our priorities in life and whether or not they are governed by the economics of accumulation or other principles. There is nothing wrong with having assets for they are necessary for life, but it's what we do with these assets. Obviously, we should provide for our family and business partners, but we also have a responsibility if we are blessed with assets to look to the good of those in need.

Do we have a plan for the distribution of some of our yearly gains to different charities? Have we considered the needs of our faith community and our commitment to educate children, support those in need of housing, rehabilitation programs, aged care and what can we do for countries suffering disaster? The gospel is not only about proclaiming good news but witnessing by our actions that the message of Jesus resonates in our lives and leads us to bear witness not just in word but also by deed.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 31	18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C Reconciliation: 7:30am - 7:50am 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass
Tuesday 2	10:30 am - Funeral Prayers for Kevin Gooley 5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 3	5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 4	8:15 am - Mass 12 noon - Legion of Mary - Parish Meeting Centre 5:30 pm - Pastoral Council Meeting
Friday 5	11:00 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12 noon - Mass
Saturday 6	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD Reconciliation: 5:30pm - 5:50pm 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 7	19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C Reconciliation: 7:30am - 7:50am 8:00 am - Mass 9:00 am - Cuppa after 8am 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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday of each month

11 am - 11:50 am

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Stephen Foster (nephew of Margaret Flannery),
Kevin Gooley, Ted Conlon

ANNIVERSARIES: Margaret Johnston

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

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

READING ROSTER | YEAR C

6/7 August | 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6 pm - Barbara Brodbeck

8 am - Jan Bruce

10 am - Ed Egan

Readings for the next week:

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr C

Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48

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

Welcome & Instruction - 13/14 August

Confirmation Instruction - 20/21 August

Confirmation Instruction - 27/28 August

Confirmation Instruction - 3/4 September

Retreat Day - 8 September

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Thursday 8 September
Sacred Heart Church

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

Financial Report to the Parish for the year ended 31 December 2021

Included with this weekend's bulletin is the financial summary for the parish for the year ended 31 December 2021.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed financial summary or planned giving, please speak to one of our Parish Finance Council members or to our Parish Business Manager, Mary-Ann Thackray.

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.

GOSPEL REFLECTION | Greg Sunter

One of the themes running through the gospels is that wealth can be an obstacle to entering fully into relationship with God. It is not wealth in itself that is problematic but rather valuing material riches above everything else and the constant desire to accumulate more and more. We have the story of the rich young man who asks Jesus what he must do to inherit the kingdom and Jesus tells him to sell everything he has and give away the proceeds. The young man goes away sad because he thought that with his great accumulation of wealth he'd be able to buy anything that he needed to gain the kingdom. We also have the saying of Jesus that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.

The parable in today's gospel depicts a man who has so much grain that he decides to build bigger barns to store it all. The parable follows Jesus' teaching that 'a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' The point is about having more than we need. What good is served by one person having more than they need while others do not have enough to meet their needs? The rich man who had the abundant harvest could have stored up all that he needed and still been able to share the abundance with others.

Liberation theology introduced the catch phrase, 'live simply so that others may simply live'. The call was for those in wealthier countries to simplify their wasteful and indulgent lifestyles so that others may be able to meet their most basic of needs.

Scriptural context – Do not worry

This parable and teaching about the love of wealth is followed up by Jesus telling his disciples not to worry about what they will eat and what they will wear. He invites them to look to the birds of the air and flowers of the fields. God provides them with all that they need. Jesus tells his disciples to seek the kingdom, and all the other necessities of life will be given to them as well. Rather than focusing on accumulating wealth as the rich man in today's parable, Jesus reassures his disciples that if they focus their lives on the kingdom they will have all that they need.

Living the Gospel – This hoard of yours...

Our modern society is particularly dominated by a mindset of accumulating more than we might ever need. The saying 'Whoever has the most toys, wins' holds more than just a shred of truth for many people. Our consumerist lifestyle nurtures the desire to accumulate more and more 'stuff'. Every time we turn on the television there is a new 'must have' gadget. We talk about built-in obsolescence of manufactured goods and every new technological device makes older models redundant so that we feel we constantly have to upgrade. How would we answer God's question, 'so this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?'



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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. Invite your friends. **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.



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



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Psalm 89)

R: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

CONGRATULATIONS

to Fr Peter who is celebrating
the 12th Anniversary of his Ordination
to the Priesthood this Saturday 30th July.

SAVE THE DATE:



PARISH PICNIC
SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER



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.

I am the bread of life, says the Lord;
whoever comes to me will not hunger and
whoever believes in me will not thirst.

- John 6:35

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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Financial Report to the Parish for the year ended 31 December 2021

***A message from the Parish Finance Council
on behalf of Fr Anthony Lemon, Parish Priest and
Fr Peter Wood, Parish Administrator***

This financial summary has been prepared so that you are aware of the financial activity of our parish during the period 1 January to 31 December 2021.

Members of the Parish Finance Council during 2021 were Peter McDonald-Chairperson, Leo Kelly, Jim Grennan, Kevin Twohill, Ray Daley and Marie Morrin (January-June). During the first half of 2022 we have welcomed two new members to the Finance Council – Jennifer Wallace and Wayne Bartesko and wished Leo Kelly well in retirement.

2021 was another challenging year for the Parish. Whilst clergy and parish staff remained committed to engagement with parishioners, COVID-19 rules and regulations impacted the overall operations of the Parish.

Numbers attending weekly Mass continued to decline. In some instances, people have not yet returned, and some may not intend to. Declining numbers do affect the profitability and viability of the Parish. This is a diocese wide concern which is being addressed as part of the Diocesan Review currently being conducted.

The Parish Finance Committee remains committed to the ongoing financial viability of the Sacred Heart Parish.

Whilst our ability to generate income has diminished, our operating costs continue to escalate. We have set aside time in the latter half of this year to address some key strategic issues. Some of these issues may be of a sensitive nature to long term parishioners and the Finance Council are mindful of this. This will include the exploration of how it might be possible to repurpose some Parish assets (where appropriate) to assist with income streams. Please be assured that community consultation will form part of the review for the strategic planning. We will continue to look for ways to attract added income to the Parish and to modify our operations to reduce expenses.

Our aging Parish buildings (many now over 100 years old) are in constant need of repair and maintenance, which causes a continual drain on Parish funds. Our maintenance program was to be updated during 2021 however constraints from COVID-19 have delayed this review until this year.

The financial summary for the year ended 31 December 2021 shows a healthy surplus thanks to a very generous bequest from a Parishioner who passed away in late 2020 leaving 50% of their Estate to the Parish. We are extremely grateful for this generous act. This bequest will be used to help with the ongoing maintenance of our iconic Parish assets.

It is largely due to you, our loyal Parishioners, and your continued generosity through the Planned Giving Program, that the Parish remains financially stable. We sincerely thank you all for your ongoing financial commitment throughout 2021 and the continuing covid pandemic.

Since the first Parish Planned Giving Programme was established by Monsignor O'Rourke in 1964, the programme has remained a central part of our parish's income sources. We encourage all Parishioners to participate in the programme according to your financial capability.

The Planned Giving Programme remains vital for the financial viability of our Parish. We encourage everyone to consider joining the program, especially if you are new to the parish. Please contact the Parish Business Manager to discuss how you can participate.

Thank you to each and every one of you for your donations through the planned giving program and for some of you through anonymous donations throughout the year.

If you have any questions about the Planned Giving Programme; other ways to donate to the Parish without being a part of the Planned Giving Program; or want to know more about the parish finances generally, please contact the Parish Business Manager or the Parish Finance Council Chair.

We thank you sincerely for your continuing presence in our parish community and your ongoing support of the Sacred Heart Parish.



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FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

INCOME	Notes	2021	2020
Second Collection – Planned Giving		75,239	83,986
Second Collection – Loose Plate		11,189	9,188
Donations & Sponsorships	3	5,430	5,000
Miscellaneous Income		2,029	4,497
Pastoral Income		4,051	1,954
Rental Income	4	226,059	220,443
Extraordinary Income – JobKeeper Allowance		0	97,050
Extraordinary Income – Bequest	2	461,563	0
Total Income		785,560	422,118
EXPENSES			
Diocesan Quotas	5	9,566	0
Electricity & Gas		10,367	9,716
General Operating Expenses		37,794	43,154
Insurance		36,506	36,194
Interest on Loan Parish Administration Centre		9,763	11,922
Motor Vehicle Expenses	5	9,963	6,016
Pastoral Expenses		1,345	1,295
Payroll Expenses		151,414	191,883
Rates Water		16,054	19,369
Rental Commission & Charges		11,973	12,788
Repairs Maintenance Improvement		60,654	46,042
Total Expenses		355,399	378,379
Net Surplus / (Loss) for 2021		430,161	43,739
Adjusted Surplus /(Loss) without Extraordinary Income		(31,402)	(53,311)

Notes:

1. Cash Reserves available for Parish use at 31 December 2021: \$595,449 (2020: \$170,173)
2. Generous bequest received in 2021 has boosted cash reserves and funds will be used for the future maintenance of parish buildings, most particularly Sacred Heart Church, Parish Hall and Presbytery.
3. No Christmas Carnival donation in 2021 as Carnival was cancelled again due to covid restrictions & uncertainty.
4. Parish Hall currently leased to Mt St Patrick College as Learning Hub/Library. This lease will be extended at end of 2022 for a further period yet to be determined.
5. Diocesan Quota and Diocesan Car Scheme which were suspended during 2020 recommenced in 2021.
6. A copy of the full audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 for the Parish is available for inspection at the Parish Administration Centre.