

# 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

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**19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -  
YEAR C | 7 August 2022**

## *Waiting for Jesus' return!*

A priest walked into a bar and made an announcement. "Anyone who wants to go to heaven, please stand up now."

Everyone stood except for one man who continued to sip his drink at the bar. The priest said to him, "Sir, don't you want to go to heaven when you die?"

The man looked up and said, "When I die? Yes. But I thought you were gathering a group to go now."

In today's gospel, the Evangelist Luke brings together several of Jesus' parables that focus on the call to persevere and to be vigilant as we await the final end-time drama.

As Christians, we inhabit a strange situation where we must live out our busy, work-a-day lives while always conscious that Jesus will one day return and utterly transform the world as we know it. The very ordinariness of our lives is always threatened by a possible outbreak of the extraordinary. As Luke's Jesus warns us, his return will come on "a day and at an hour we do not expect" (Luke 12:40)

Like the man in the story above drinking quietly in the bar, however, we are not quite prepared for that final day to happen any time soon. While each day we pray the words of the Our Father, "may your kingdom come", we silently add the caveat, "but not right now". We have plans and dreams yet unrealised; tasks unfinished; and hopes unfulfilled. If the second coming of Jesus is imminent, it would prove inconvenient.

This reaction is, in part, due to fear – fear of the unknown. Jesus told us very little about the when and the what of the end times. Indeed, in Mark's Gospel (13:32) Jesus says that not even he was privy to the exact timetable of the last days. We are told that we must remain at our posts, be on guard, and be ready for Jesus' return.

But generations have passed since the time of Jesus, and little has changed. War and want, pandemics and politicking, disease and death continue to define our world. So, it isn't simply fear that has led to trepidations about the end, it is also weariness; we have grown weary of waiting for Jesus' return.

Today's gospel suggests that because of this weariness, our focus has turned from Jesus' return and the coming of the God's kingdom to the acquisition of worldly wealth and the attainment of personal success.

We must ask ourselves, have we lost sight of what ultimately matters in life? If so, then it may be time to reboot and to renew; to reconsider our priorities and reorder our plans and dreams, tasks and hopes. We may not know the day or the hour when Jesus will return. But 'right now' is the perfect day and hour to reflect on our goals, our achievements, and our values to determine if they are helping or hindering our faith journey.

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# This week in the Parish

Sunday 7	<b>19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C</b> <b>Reconciliation:</b> 7:30am - 7:50am 8:00 am - Mass 9:00 am - Cuppa after 8am Mass 10:00 am - Mass
Monday 8	<b>ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP, FEAST DAY</b> 7:30 am - Mass
Tuesday 9	5:00 pm - Baptism Preparation Meeting 5:30 pm - Mass 6:30 pm - Confirmation Parent Meeting
Wednesday 10	10:30 am - Requiem Mass for Irene McDonald 5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 11	8:15 am - Mass 12 noon - Legion of Mary - Parish Meeting Centre
Friday 12	12 noon - Mass
Saturday 13	<b>Reconciliation:</b> 5:30pm - 5:50pm 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 14	<b>20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C</b> <b>Reconciliation:</b> 7:30am - 7:50am 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** is held at  
the 8 am Mass each week.



All primary school  
age children wel-  
come to come  
along and join in.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Tom Eady, Irene McDonald, Stephen Foster,  
Kev Gooley, Ted Conlon

### 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

### 13/14 Aug | 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6 pm - Barbara Grant  
8 am - Bernard Nolan  
10 am - Mary-Ann Thackray

### Readings for the next week:

#### 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr C

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

Thank you to the anonymous donor  
who paid for the milk and biscuits  
for the cuppa this week.

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

### Confirmation Parent Meeting

Tuesday 9 August - 6.30pm  
Sacred Heart Church

*Baptised children in Year 3 or older are eligible  
to make their Confirmation. Parents who have  
children making their Confirmation this year will  
need to attend this meeting.*

**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

## CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

August morning tea

Wednesday 17 August | 10:00 am

Murwillumbah Services Club

Enquiries: Alex Lever 0458 817 021

**ALL MEN ARE WELCOME**

## 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.*



## ST. MARY OF THE CROSS

### Solemnity - Monday 8th August

Mary Helen MacKillop was born in Fitzroy, Melbourne on January 15, 1842. Together with Fr Tenison Woods, Mary founded the Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph in 1867, an Order dedicated to the education of poor children. Mary faced many challenges, not least of which was her (questionable) excommunication by Bishop Shiel in September 1871 – an excommunication lifted five months later.

By 1891, there were three hundred sisters working in nine dioceses in Australia and New Zealand. An ordinary Australian woman, yet a woman of heroic holiness, goodness, warmth and determination, Mary died on August 8, 1909. On October 17, 2010 Mary MacKillop, Saint Mary of the Cross, was declared a Saint by Pope Benedict XVI. Mary's motto for life was -

**'Never see a need without doing something about it'**

### ST MARY OF THE CROSS PRAYER

**God of all blessings,  
you revealed in Mary MacKillop  
a sensitivity to the rights and dignity  
of every person, regardless of race or creed.  
May we learn from her to overcome  
the obstacles of prejudice and fear.  
Help us to value the goodness of each person  
and all the blessings of unity in diversity.  
We ask this through the depth and unity  
of you, our bountiful God,  
who holds all things in being.  
Amen.**

Murwillumbah Philharmonic choir

## "We're Back"

Presents a Fundraising Concert  
with all Proceeds going to

### WEDGETAIL RETREAT

**Jessie McMillan Hall, Wollumbin St  
Saturday 20 August | 2:30pm**

Enquiries: 02 6672 8459

Refreshments will be served after the Concert

## THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Monday 15th August

7:30 am Mass - Sacred Heart Church

9:15 am Mass with Mt St Patrick Primary School  
- Sacred Heart Church

12:00 pm Mass with Mt St Patrick College  
- Sacred Heart Church

2:10 pm Mass with St Joseph's Primary  
- Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church

### Holy Days of Obligation for Australia

are 15th August (Assumption) and 25th December (Christmas). A Holy Day is simply a solemnity celebrated like a Sunday, that is, with obligation.

## NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

National Vocations Awareness is celebrated each year across a week that includes the August 8 Feast Day of Australia's first saint: St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

This year the week runs from 7-14 August.

For further information visit the website:  
[www.catholic.org.au/vocations](http://www.catholic.org.au/vocations)

## Adult Faith Formation

Registrations for Cycle 6 Courses with the *Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation* (VLCFF) are now open. Close on August 31. (Courses begin September 5.)

See [Course offerings for Cycle 6.](#)

Courses are five weeks in duration and cost \$US50. The Diocese has had nearly 50 people access various courses over the last two years.

If anyone is interested in pursuing any of the listed courses, please contact Tony Worner at [VLCFF.LismoreDiocese@stagneparish.org.au](mailto:VLCFF.LismoreDiocese@stagneparish.org.au).



## 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.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

OR contact Booking Couple

Mercy & James Bvirakare, Mobile 0409 183 676

Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.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



**19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Psalm 32)**

**R: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming.**

**Alleluia!**

**SAVE THE DATE:**

Fr Paul McDonald will be celebrating the 40th Anniversary on his Ordination to the Priesthood on Tuesday 30 August, He will celebrate Mass here at Sacred Heart Church at 5:30 pm that day.

**SAVE THE DATE:**



**PARISH PICNIC  
SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER**

**MARY OF THE CROSS Words of Wisdom...**

'Remember we are but travellers here' - 1866

'We must teach more by example than by word.'

- 1867

'Entreat God to make us all that we should be.'

- 1873

**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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