

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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**20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -
YEAR C | 14 August 2022**

The peace that stays with us

Bearing in mind that Luke begins his gospel with stories surrounding the birth of Jesus and the angels joyfully singing – *Glory to God in the highest heaven, and PEACE to people who enjoy his favour* – it is not unreasonable for us to answer the Lord's question with "Yes".

So, how do we cope with today's uncomfortable gospel and the other texts in the liturgy this Sunday, which do not make for easy reading? The short answer is with "difficulty". The longer answer calls for a little reflection on the world into which Jesus was born and the world which persists to this day: a world in which there is so much violence and division, a great deal of which we feel helpless to influence, let alone resolve.

Luke provides the context for telling us about Jesus' comments: he is aware of his impending Passion and goes on to remind the people that while they have learnt how to provide weather forecasts, they are not so clever when it comes to resolving their problems and disputes. How often in recent years have we bemoaned our lot as we have battled with the challenges of COVID-19 or the global fall-out from the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the associated threats of further divisions and conflicts across the world?

Suffering and evil are part of the human story from the very beginning, so how do we deal with this paradox?

Firstly, we should never isolate passages of Scripture, but seek to understand the whole gospel message. In his gospel, John also quotes Jesus on this subject: "Peace I leave to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you." Therein, I suggest, lies the key. Peace is God's gift to us and, just as for Jesus, it does not do away with suffering and death, it enables us to overcome them.

The tragedy of human history is that we have sought to manufacture peace by compromising our integrity. Jesus warns us this is doomed to failure and that we may even have to suffer breakdowns in our relationships with those who are closest to us to if are to experience his peace.

In conclusion, I suggest you note the example of Pope Francis: he has met with division and opposition throughout his life. He continues to agonise over the divisions in the Church and across the world. However, he invites us not to give up on loving and never to tire of being tenderly compassionate and forgiving.

On the night he was elected, he asked for some quiet time to ponder and pray. Later he would share with us the wonderful experience of peace that came upon before he went out to give his blessing to the city of Rome and the world. He says that peace has never left him. May you and I experience the same.

Timothy J Buckley CSsR © Majellan Media 2022

This week in the Parish

Sunday 14	20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C Reconciliation: 7:30am - 7:50am 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass 11:15am - Baptisms
Monday 15	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 7:30 am - Mass 9:15 am - Mass with Mt St Patrick Primary 12:00 pm - Mass with Mt St Patrick College 2:00 pm - Mass with St Joseph's Primary - OLPS 5:30 pm - Mass
Tuesday 16	No Mass today
Wednesday 17	1:00 pm - Funeral prayers for Ray Wightley No Mass today
Thursday 18	No Mass today 12 noon - Legion of Mary - Parish Meeting Centre
Friday 19	12 noon - Mass
Saturday 20	Reconciliation: 5:30pm - 5:50pm 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 21	21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C Reconciliation: 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 welcome to come along and join in.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Marie Karam (sister of Fr Peter Karam, Casino),
Ray Wightley, Tom Eady, Irene McDonald,
Stephen Foster, Kev Gooley, Ted Conlon

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sr Teresa Joan Fitzgerald, David Gorton

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

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

READING ROSTER | YEAR C

20/21 Aug | 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

6 pm - Mike Brennan

8 am - Philomena Zambelli

10 am - Lorraine Green

Readings for the next week:

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr C

Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

BAPTISM:

Please welcome
Leo Robert Garner
to our faith community.



The Partridge family would like to thank parishioners for your prayers during their baby son, Harrison's, recent illness and surgery. The family are very grateful. He is recovering well.

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.

An update from Fr Anthony on his health journey ...

On Friday 5 August I went back to the Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane for my 9-month post-surgery appointment with my Orthopedic Oncologist. The doctor said that everything was good, no recurrence of the cancer and the metal ware now supporting my spine is strong and secure. He said with time and continued physio I should make a full recovery. The other amazing bit of news is that he has preserved the nerves to my legs and feet and that I have near full function of both legs and feet. What an amazing blessing.

Thank you for all your prayers, thoughts and wonderful support. The support I have consistently received has made a huge difference to my life and recovery. The Diocese of Lismore and the Parish of Murwillumbah have been absolutely magnificent in their care and support for me. Nothing has been beyond their care and love to this day.

Finally, the staff at PA Hospital continue to care and support me. What a tremendous group of people they are.

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

2:00 pm Mass with St Joseph's Primary
- Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church

5:30 pm Mass - Sacred Heart Church

KINGSCLIFF PARISH

7:30am & 9am - St Anthony's, Kingscliff

9:15am at Sts. Mary & Ambrose, Pottsville

TWEED HEADS PARISH

7:00 am - St Joseph's Church, Tweed Heads

9:10 am - St Joseph's Church, Tweed Heads

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.



RCIA - A JOURNEY OF FAITH

We invite all those interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith to an enquiry night:

**Tuesday 23 or Wednesday 24 August
at 6:15pm in the Sacred Heart Church**

You may be:

- ♦ Baptised in another Christian faith and are interested in becoming Catholic
- ♦ Unbaptised and would like to learn about the faith
- ♦ Interested in supporting candidates on the journey or being part of the RCIA team

For further information contact the Parish Office - 66721118 or shpmbah@norex.com.au

Sunday 18 September 2022
11 am to 2 pm
**Parish Picnic
on the Playground**

Please join us ...
Relax & meet new people
Games & activities
Easy access
Parking & toilets
Tables provided

BYO cold picnic food, blankets and chairs

The poster features a background image of a lush green park with a large tree and a playground. In the foreground, there is a picnic setup on a red and white checkered blanket. The setup includes a wicker picnic basket, a green cooler, a pink cup, a plate of food, and some fruit. The text is overlaid on the image in a clear, bold font.

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Psalm 39)

R: Lord, come to my aid.

IF SUNG:

R: O Lord, come to my aid; do not delay.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow me.

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.

THE PARISH VITALITY SURVEY

The Parish Vitality Survey is a short confidential survey that seeks input from parishioners about their parish. It provides you with the ability to have a say about your church, what we do well, where we can do better and how we can sustain and strengthen our parish communities. The survey will provide valuable insight into the Diocesan Review currently underway across the Lismore Diocese.

The survey opens online at lismorediocese.org on the 18th August for a period of two weeks. The survey will also be available to complete in hard copy.

Murwillumbah Philharmonic choir

"We're Back"

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

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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