

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



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Church of the Sacred Heart

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**24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -
YEAR C | 11 September 2022**

Seeing ourselves as rescued sheep

The central claim of our faith is summarised by St Paul in today's readings. "This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."

The main promise of the Christian faith is that Jesus has fixed the problem of the human condition by defeating death and freeing us from the power of sin. Because of Christ's triumph over sin and death, any human being, at any moment, can turn from their sins that threaten to eternally separate them from God and be reconciled.

Today's Mass readings give three examples of a theme we see time and time again in the Scriptures; God's people commit horrible sins and, instead of receiving what they deserve, God forgives and restores them.

The Israelites in the first reading set up and worship a golden calf. Idolatry is fiercely condemned by God in the Old Testament because it cuts people off from their loving creator and elevates something else without the goodness and holiness of the one true God in his place. No other being, person or thing but God alone can be entrusted with the human heart's need to worship.

In the responsorial Psalm, we hear the lament of David who is guilty of an affair and conspiring to have a man killed to cover up his infidelity. Although he was God's chosen leader of Israel, his self-indulgence leads to the destruction of a family and is a betrayal of his unique relationship with the God who gave him everything.

In the second reading, Paul tells his testimony of how he was a violent persecutor of Christians. His rage, judgment and violent hatred for God's people made him an enemy of the God he claimed to serve.

While the actions of the Israelites, David and Paul are particularly damaging, there is something of their actions in every human sin, no matter how small. Every sin is part idolatry, because it places our will and our love for ourselves or for things above God and his commandments. Every sin is also part adultery, as we betray the special, loving relationship that God has created us for to love something else. Every sin is also part violence, as it ruptures the God's plan for the world and creates enmity between people.

And God's response to the destruction of sin is proclaimed in today's gospel. "What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it?"

On each of these occasions in today's readings, God looked upon his people's repentant hearts, wiped away their guilt and brought them back to him. Our faith is not just about being a good person, because none of us are truly good. It is instead about seeing ourselves as rescued sheep.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 11	24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C Reconciliation: 7:30am - 7:50am 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass
Tuesday 13	5:30 pm - Mass 7:00 pm - Baptism Preparation Meeting
Wednesday 14	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS 12:30 pm - Requiem Mass for John Albury
Thursday 15	OUR LADY OF SORROWS 8:15 am - Mass 12 noon - Legion of Mary - Parish Meeting Centre
Friday 16	12 noon - Mass
Saturday 17	Reconciliation: 5:30pm - 5:50pm 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 18	25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C Reconciliation: 7:30am - 7:50am 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass 11:00 am - PARISH PICNIC ON THE PLAYGROUND (see note page 3)

HOURLY 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:

John Albury, Marie Callaghan, Reg Norris, Betty Pollack, Arthur King, Kelvin Heanes, Paul Larkin

ANNIVERSARIES:

Joy Ianna, Joe & Mary Mills

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

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

READING ROSTER | YEAR C

17/18 September | 25th Sunday in Ord Time

6 pm - Christine Wightley

8 am - Bernard Nolan

10 am - Ed Egan

Readings for the next week:

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr C

Amos 8:4-7; 1 Tim 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

ROSARY STATUE

Pauline Weber



BAPTISM PREPARATION

If you are considering having your child baptised please phone the Parish Office for enquiries and to book in for the Baptism Preparation Meeting.

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on Tuesday 14 September at 7pm.

CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

The September morning tea
Wednesday 21 September | 10:00 am
Murwillumbah Services Club
Enquiries: Alex Lever 0458 817 021

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

CONFIRMATION



Last Thursday evening 8 September, Bishop Gregory Homeming administered the **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** to twenty-five children in our Parish.

Thank you to parents, teachers and catechists who helped prepare the children for this sacrament, and to our parish community, for the prayers and support that you offered the children and their families.

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.

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

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Safe and Supported

**SAFEGUARDING
SUNDAY 2022
SEPTEMBER 11**

In the Catholic Church, Safeguarding Sunday occurs at the end of National Child Protection Week. It complements the wider Australian commemoration but has a distinctive emphasis.

Safeguarding Sunday was affirmed by the members of the Church's recent Plenary Council, who in the decrees expressed *"our profound sorrow that children and young people and vulnerable adults have been abused by clergy, religious and lay workers of the Catholic Church, and that religious leaders have failed to act sufficiently to prevent or respond to abuse"*. That focus naturally leads to the desire to make amends to the people who were abused and to ensure that in all the relationships with children within the Church they will be safe. The processes and protocols support that commitment to say "Never Again" to abuse.

National Child Protection Week looks more broadly at the need of children for protection. Its theme this year is **"Every child in every community needs a fair go"**. It asks us to reflect on the support that children need to grow into confident and trusting adults, free from abuse of every kind. This perspective brings home to us the horror of what was done in the Catholic Church by setting it in the broader need for protection in the Australian community as a whole.

Our effectiveness in safeguarding children depends on changing deep-rooted attitudes and to be attentive to the vulnerable people in our Church community.

Gracious God,
 you love and care for all of your children,
 especially the smallest and most vulnerable.
 We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at
 risk who have been sexually abused,
 and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed.
 Help us to hear their cries of pain
 and to take responsibility for those whose lives
 have been broken.

Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded
 by abuse, and the failure to be heard.

We pray that with the help of your grace
 communities and families will find understanding
 and support,
 so that now and in the future
 their wounds may be healed
 and they may find lasting peace.

Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our
 children and adults at risk,
 giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience
 to seek out assistance when required.

We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ,
 your Son, who lives and reigns with you
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Amen

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Psalm 50)

R: I will rise and go to my Father.

IF SUNG:

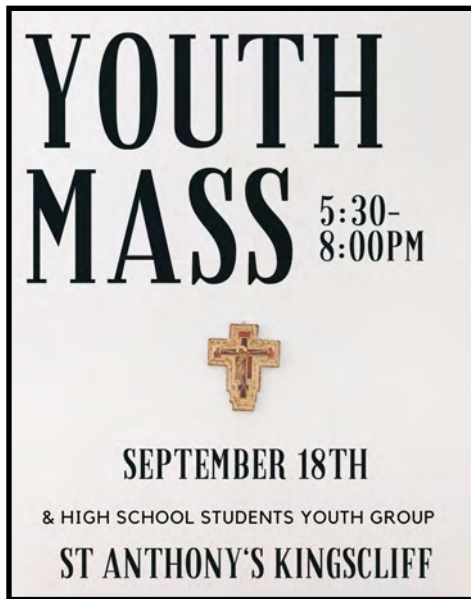
R. I will arise and go to my Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION


Alleluia, Alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!



**YOUTH
MASS** 5:30-8:00PM



SEPTEMBER 18TH
& HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS YOUTH GROUP
ST ANTHONY'S KINGSCLIFF

SPECIAL PROJECT – BRING BACK THE SOUND!

Donations to date **\$14,000!**

Thank you to the generous parishioners who have donated to this special project already. We estimate that the cost of replacing a series of microphones for the altar/sanctuary; the main audio mixing board and the ageing amplifiers will be in the vicinity of \$15,000 to \$20,000, so we are well on our way to achieving this amount.

If you would like to donate to this special project, your donations will be gratefully accepted. Donations may be made by cash or cheque or via direct deposit to Account Name: Catholic Church Murwillumbah | BSB 062 580 | Account No: 0090 4506 | Reference: Special Project Sound.

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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