

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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**25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -
YEAR C | 18 September 2022**

No place for greed in God's world

Human nature doesn't seem to change very much. Writing some 750 years before the coming of Christ, the prophet Amos is complaining about the rich and powerful exploiting the poor and oppressed.

In Amos' time, Israel had become quite a wealthy nation but, as in much of the world today, corruption and greed meant resources were not equally shared among the ordinary people.

As we know, the Church itself is not immune from corruption. As disciples of Jesus, we are called upon to challenge all non-Gospel values whether in the Church or society at large. Going back to Pope Leo XIII (*Rerum Novarum* 1891), the Church expounds fundamental principles of social justice including dignified working conditions, just wages, the right of workers' associations (trade unions) and private property, and defence of the poor.

While rejecting communism outright, the document is also critical of unbridled capitalism. Every human society needs to be founded on the dignity of the human person, the common good, and principles of justice and subsidiarity.

Pope Francis speaks more directly about the need for the Church itself to be an agent of social transformation by being "a church that is poor and for the poor". In a manner reminiscent of Jesus in today's gospel, Francis tells us "the judgment of the needy, the outcast and the poor prefigures the judgment of God." He also connects the Church's call to poverty with Francis of Assisi "the man of peace who loves and protects creation".

Pope Francis speaks of the inseparable bond between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace. Furthermore, he directly links human greed with the breakdown of human community, increase in world tensions, and destruction of the environment.

Calling for a "global ecological conversion," Pope Francis states that "everything is connected" including the worth of a poor person, the stranger, the refugee, and the cry of nature. He adds that "communion with nature is impossible without tenderness, compassion and concern for our fellow human beings".

In other words, we are called to a spiritual awakening to the reality that human life is grounded in three intertwined relationships: with God, with our neighbour and with the earth itself. While Pope Francis is bold enough to address his writings to "every living person on this planet," he is also calling on the Church to become a more genuine and authentic community of Jesus' disciples.

Or, in Jesus' words, let us become more "trustworthy" in the manner we use our resources – money, talents and time – for building up the kingdom of God on earth, rather than building up kingdoms of power and wealth for ourselves. In the words of another parable, let us become "trustworthy servants" who use our gifts in the service of others and as active stewards of God's creation.

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This week in the Parish

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| 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) |
| Tuesday 20 | No Mass today |
| Wednesday 21 | 10:00 am - Catholic Men's Group (see note below) 5:30 pm - Mass |
| Thursday 22 | PUBLIC HOLIDAY - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 8:15 am - MEMORIAL MASS (see note page 3) |
| Friday 23 | 10:30 am - Requiem Mass for Monica McDonald 12:30 pm - Catholic Women's Group (see note below) |
| Saturday 24 | Reconciliation: 5:30pm - 5:50pm 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass |
| Sunday 25 | 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C Reconciliation: 7:30am - 7:50am 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass |

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:

Leah Ryder, Monica McDonald, Glenda Newell,
John Albury, Marie Callaghan, Reg Norris

ANNIVERSARIES:

Michael Dusi

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

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

READING ROSTER | YEAR C

24/25 September | 26th Sunday in Ord Time

6 pm - Lyndy Severs

8 am - Kay Ryder

10 am - Mary-Ann Thackray

Readings for the next week:

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr C

Amos 6:1, 4-7; 1 Tim 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

ROSARY STATUE

Kay Ryder



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

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP

September luncheon
Friday 23 September | 12:30pm | Murwillumbah
Services Club
Enquiries: Frances Wright 6672 1512
Barbara Cook 6672 3377 | 0459 955 394

ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Mt St Patrick School Year 12
students as they graduate from High School
this week.

Parish Office will be closed
Thursday 22 September
- designated Public Holiday

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

*A Memorial Mass
for Queen Elizabeth II
will be held at 8:15 am
on Thursday 22 September
Sacred Heart Church
ALL WELCOME!*



SAVE THE DATE
**2022 CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL
& NATIVITY TABLEAU**
Saturday 26 November

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

is celebrated annually on 21st September and is devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples.

Gospel Reflection | Greg Sunter

We return again to the Lukan theme of money and how it can get in the way of being a true disciple. This week's gospel passage reminds us that we cannot be a follower of God and chase after riches at the same time. That parable of the steward and his master is one that is rarely quoted and would be unfamiliar to most readers. The actions of the steward upon learning that he is to be dismissed seem to us to be evidence of his dubious dealings and yet the master praises his astuteness.

When a steward entered into loans and deals on behalf of his master, he would build into the repayment a profit for himself. This was quite normal and acceptable. So the amount that the steward asks the debtors to reduce their debts to the master is actually the cut that he had built into the deal for himself. His actions are, surprisingly, quite noble and legitimate. What he is doing is ensuring that his master receives all that is owed to him whilst the steward is making himself more popular with the debtors because they don't have to pay back as much. It would be like a modern day salesman saying that he would forego his commission on the sale so that the purchaser didn't have to pay as much.

But why does Jesus use this parable? He makes the point that when the crunch comes – when the kingdom of God is imminent – monetary wealth is going to be meaningless. It is best to cut your losses and turn your energy to building relationships rather than riches.

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Psalm 112)

R: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

IF SUNG:

R: Praise the Lord who raises up the poor.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION


Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.

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 **\$15,000!**

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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