

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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**28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -
YEAR C | 9 October 2022**

A spiritual jingle

Have you ever memorised a song, a hymn, a saying, or motto? Advertising companies are paid huge dollars for jingles that stick in the minds of potential customers.

Associating the jingle with images on television linked to pleasant feelings allows the advertiser to join their product – say an energy drink -- with memories of something you value. They thereby elicit a desire for their product. Not at all subtle but it often works.

St Paul wants to do something similar. He said, "This saying is trustworthy: If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him. But if we deny him he will deny us. If we are unfaithful he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself."

This is much like a wisdom saying – an apothegm or aphorism. Philosophers, ancient (Heraclitus) and modern (Nietzsche) are famous for writing like this. Great sages, mystics, and spiritual teachers of Eastern religions did and do very much the same. In this aphoristic style they want to pack as much content into as few words as possible in a way that is easy to memorise, like a jingle, and yet must be mulled over again and again. The more the saying is contemplated, the deeper the receiver realises it to be. The deeper the receiver enters the ideas of the saying, the more they are transformed by it.

It should be easy for us to trust that St Paul is offering us something worth meditating on. *This saying is trustworthy*, he says: what I am about to tell you is worth trusting, worth shaping your life by. And we would be right to think that what follows has something to do with our relation to Jesus Christ. The saying is composed of four conditional (if/then) statements. (1) *if we have died with him we shall also live with him*; (2) *if we persevere we shall also reign with him*; (3) *but if we deny him he will deny us*; (4) *if we are unfaithful he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself*.

The first statement seems to recall the mystery of baptism where we undergo sacramental death and resurrection that joins us to Christ's own. The second statement encapsulates the core meaning of salvation in the Christian sense: to *live* for Christ in this world leads to a *share* in his reign or rule – a *partnership* with him – in his eternal kingdom that will bring to *fullness* in us God's original purpose in creating humanity. The third and fourth statements pair a *warning*, deeply consistent with the rest of the New Testament, with a *promise* that recognises our weakness and his merciful fidelity.

Memorise it. Ponder it. Learn to make your decisions by it. See what happens! St Paul gives us a well-rounded doorway into the mystery of our faith with this aphorism.

This week in the Parish

Sunday 9	28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C Rosary - 7:30 am Reconciliation: 7:30am - 7:50am 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass
Tuesday 11	5:30 pm - Mass 7:00 pm - Baptism Preparation Meeting
Wednesday 12	HSC Exams commence 5:30 pm - Mass 6:00 pm - Christmas Carnival Meeting (see note pg 3)
Thursday 13	8:15 am - Mass 12 noon - Legion of Mary - Parish Meeting Centre
Friday 14	12:00 pm - Mass
Saturday 15	10:00 AM - ROSARY IN THE PARK (see note below) Rosary - 5:30 pm Reconciliation: 5:30pm - 5:50pm 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 16	29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C Rosary - 7:30 am Reconciliation: 7:30am - 7:50am 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass

HOUR FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

from 4:30 pm
before Tuesday & Wednesday
5:30 pm Mass

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

ROSARY

'The Rosary is prayed half an hour before each weekend Mass. Please join us in front of the tabernacle to pray for our parish and prepare for Mass.'

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Anne Sinclair, Leah Ryder, Monica McDonald, Glenda Newell

ANNIVERSARIES: Bernadette Kelly, Annabelle Jones, Tom Bugden, Phil Lazenby, Maria Zambelli

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Bev Guinea, Maureen McCabe, Mark Hanna, Deb Craig, Fr Anthony Lemon, James Wallace

READING ROSTER | YEAR C

15/16 October | 29th Sunday in Ord Time

6 pm - Mike Brennan
8 am - Maree Coley
10 am - Ed Egan

Readings for the next week:

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr C
Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tim 3:14 - 4:2; Lk 18:1-8

ROSARY STATUE
Annette Lofts



ROSARY IN THE PARK

Rosary in the Park will happen again this year. We will gather in Budd Park on Saturday 15th October a bit before 10am. After the Rosary we will share a sausage sizzle together. Come and join us to pray for our beautiful country and our leaders - *Philomena Zambelli*



2022 HSC EXAMS

Please remember in your prayers the students who commence their **Higher School Certificate** examinations on **Wednesday 12th October**.

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 11 October at 7pm.

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.
- Psalm 33:11

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.



Christmas Carnival & Nativity Tableau

Saturday 26 November 2022 from 4:00 pm

Your help is needed
for fete stalls and food stalls.

How can you help?

- volunteer to run or help on a stall or with children's activities
- donate items for the various stalls
- cakes & sweets | produce | plants | craft | bottles | mini cent auction
- help on the food stalls
- help on the chocolate wheels
- buy raffle tickets | online and paper tickets will be available
- working bees on the Saturday and Sunday to set up and clean up

NEXT CARNIVAL PLANNING MEETING | Wednesday 12 October at 6 pm |
College Library/Learning Hub | Can't make the meeting but happy to help?
Please call the Parish Office 6672 1118 to let us know how you can help

WOMEN OF FAITH GUIDED WOMEN'S RETREAT



Could you use a time of prayer and retreat away from your busy routine in the company of other women? In November, Evangelisation Brisbane will be hosting a Friday evening to Sunday lunchtime retreat for women entitled Women of Faith. Read on to find out more.

Have you ever pondered the real women of the New Testament, some of the first disciples of Jesus? Mary of Bethany, Mary Magdalene, Mary Mother of Jesus, Phoebe - each have a unique story that can inspire our journey as women disciples. To spend some intentional time reflecting upon their lives and the implications for our own as women, register now for the 11-13 November weekend retreat for women at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre.

Details: Date: 6pm Friday 11 November– 1pm Sunday 13 November
Location: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre (267 Wellington St, Ormiston)

Price: Live in attendees - \$400 (includes all meals and accommodation)
Live out attendees - \$220 (includes morning tea, lunch and dinners)

Live-in retreatants are encouraged to arrive in time to register and be allocated their room (i.e. by 6pm latest). Meals are Friday evening through to Sunday lunch inclusive. [Register online](#)

OCTOBER IS WORLD MISSION MONTH BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY



Malnutrition is a challenge many families face in Ethiopia, especially those with babies and young children. In two weeks' time, you will learn about Neela* and her son Ajani*, and how families like theirs can be supported through a new Church-run community program.

This is an opportunity to partner with a life-giving mission program – your prayers and generosity are crucial in ensuring this program can even begin.

This is also a great way to commit to being witnesses of Jesus Christ, as He has called us to be in Acts 1:8.

**Name altered to protect identity |*

Freecall: 1800 257 296 | catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia

CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

October Morning Tea

Wednesday 19 October |
10:00 am

Murwillumbah Services Club

Enquiries: Alex Lever
0458 817 021

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Psalm 97)

R: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you
in Christ Jesus.**

Alleluia!

Murwillumbah Christian Education Fund TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday 14 October | Trivia starts at 7 pm
The Undercroft | All Saints Anglican Church

*A fundraiser to support Christian scripture teachers
in our public schools system*

BRING A TEAM OR JOIN A TABLE

\$100 for a table of 10 or \$12 per person

Call to reserve your spot | 0405 548 844

BYO nibbles and decorate your table for a prize

VACANCY | CHAPLAIN ROLE IN KEMPSEY

We are 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 and spiritual support to inmates, their families/carers, and staff.

Access EthicalJobs.com.au - [Employer Portal](#) to obtain more information and to apply online for the role or alternatively email your resume to jobs@lismore.catholic.org.au or call the People and Capability Advisor on 02 6621 9444. The closing

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.



INVEST WITH PEACE OF MIND

www.dif.org.au Ph: 1800 802 516 Paying 1.75% from 1 October 2022
Agents: ALG/Egan Simpson Solicitors, 15 Prince Street, Murwillumbah.



A general update from the Diocese of Lismore Chancery regarding COVID-19 and relaxing of restrictions | issued 6 October 2022

General Covid-19 Information and Update

With winter behind us and high vaccination rates amongst Australians, the risks associated with severe COVID-19 have reduced in the general community. Risk of severe COVID-19 remains higher amongst the elderly, particularly in aged care settings.

Government COVID-19 restrictions have eased and there are no longer specific guidelines provided by NSW Health in relation to modification of religious services.

With the above in mind we have further reviewed our COVID-19 protocols and are moving to a state of normality, whereby Parish Priests determine how they would like to manage COVID-19 related practices in their Church.

Specifically, this means, that subject to the approval of the Parish Priest:

Administering the Eucharist on the tongue may recommence. ***As far as possible those who receive on the tongue should come after those who receive on the hand.*** This is for the safety of the person distributing communion and those later in the queue. If communion is given on the tongue, we suggest the person distributing sanitise hands after communion [\[The option to receive Holy Communion on the tongue in our Parish is effective immediately\]](#);

Communal Sign of Peace may be exchanged physically. It is up to the individual. Bowing and waving are also commonly being used;

Collections by way of Passing the Plate may recommence. Plates should be sanitised before and after use. [\[For the time being our Parish will continue with the current practice of the collection plates being located on the Hospitality Table at the front door\]](#);

Offertory Procession may recommence. Hands should be sanitised before taking up the vessels containing the bread and wine [\[Offertory processions will recommence in our Parish once we have a roster arranged in the next week or two\]](#);

Holy water in fonts may be reinstated subject to alcohol-based hand sanitisers being stationed within easy reach of the font and instructions to use the hand sanitiser before using the font are installed and communicated with parishioners [\[Holy water will be reintroduced in the coming week to the various fonts in the church with hand sanitiser available\]](#);

Communion to the homebound. Households have the highest transmission rates of COVID-19. For Ministers of Communion taking communion to the homebound, hands should be sanitised prior to entering and after leaving a home, it is up to the individual member as to whether they wear a mask.

The above is relatively consistent with practice in place, or about to come into effect in many other Diocese in NSW. If you have any queries or concerns please speak to Fr Peter or to Parish manager, Mary-Ann.

As we head back towards normality, we ask you to consider how you might be able to help. Please add your name to the rosters volunteer list located on the Hospitality Table if you can assist with Offertory Processions or as a Welcomer at weekend Masses.

1. Since our June 2022 update we have run our Parish Vitality Survey. Thank you to all Clergy, Parishioners, Parish Secretaries, Employees and Volunteers who took time to complete or support the survey. We are very pleased that nearly 1000 people (993 to be precise) responded.
We are now moving on to collating the results by parish and once the reports are ready, we will share them with your Parish Priest and Pastoral or Finance Council.
The results for the Diocese will be presented to Bishop Greg. This report will include over 660 'Messages to the Bishop'. He will have a lot of reading to do!
2. A small team has been put together to act as sounding board for the Diocesan Review. The team comprises the following people:
 - **Janita Thomson** from the Tweed Heads parish. She is the Family School Partnership Consultant at the Catholic Schools Office and has been involved in parishes in Bellingen and Casino previously.
 - **Steve Ellem** from the Casino parish. He plays an active part in the parish in many diverse roles including being on the pastoral council as well as the finance committee.
 - **Anne Graham** from the Byron Bay parish. She is Professor of Childhood Studies and Founding Director of the Centre for Children and Young People at Southern Cross University and has been involved in many Diocesan projects.
 - **Fr Michael Roohan** from the Camden Haven parish where he is the parish priest. Michael is on the Board of the Schools company and has served in several parishes including Wauchope, Clarence Valley, Coffs Harbour, Port Macquarie among others
 - **Gary Reen** from the Ballina parish and is the Assistant Director of Mission at the Catholic Schools Office Lismore. Gary has been active in the Mission and Evangelisation area in education
3. Atat has provided the Council of Priests with a project update recently; and
4. We continued our work behind the scenes updating information as a result of the release of 2021 census data.

What are we doing in the upcoming period?

1. We will continue collating the Parish Vitality Survey responses and prepare reports.
2. Atat is engaging with the Chancery about its role and future services and support for parishes.
3. We are moving from a primary focus of information collection to analysis and reporting on the trends and themes of the information gathered.

In other news ... Appointment of CEO/Director of Catholic Schools

The appointment of Mr Adam Spencer to the position of Chief Executive Officer/ Director of Catholic Schools, commencing early 2023 was announced late last week.

Adam has served as the Chief Executive Officer of St Agnes Parish, Port Macquarie since 2013 and previously as the Deputy Chief Executive Officer from 2011. Having worked in the Diocese for over 27 years Adam has held various school leadership and teaching positions including ten years as Principal of Newman Senior Technical College (formerly St Joseph's Vocational College and Australian Technical College). He was a long-term member of the former Diocesan Catholic Schools Council and has also served as Chair of the DLCSL Board of Directors since 2019 and will retire from the Board in December 2022.

Adam holds a Master of Business Administration, a Graduate Diploma Education, a Bachelor of Arts, and is a Graduate Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Adam is passionate about education throughout the Diocese and has a deep appreciation of what makes the Diocese of Lismore, and particularly its system of schools, world class. Adam has broad experiences across education and community services, as well as corporate transformation and strategy, and is strongly rooted in the Catholic faith community.