

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

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**29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -
YEAR C | 16 October 2022**

Persistence in prayer

The Amalekites were a fierce desert tribe, unhappy about strangers coming into their territory and they became one of Israel's enemies in the early periods of their history. After the lengthy Israelite Exodus from Egypt, and as they prepared to enter the promised land the Amalekites attacked Israel, but Israel repulsed the attack. The battle took place at Rephidim – the last stopping-place of the Israelites on the Exodus from Egypt before they reached Mt Sinai.

As the leader of the people, Moses asks Joshua, who will be his successor, to engage the Amalekites in battle while he went with Aaron, his brother, and Hur, a co-leader of the people, to a hill where they could see the progress of the battle. The prayer of Moses ensures victory, but when he became tired, they gave him a rock to sit on and then held up his arms in prayer until Joshua achieved victory.

It is a memorable story of the power of prayer, although one feels sorry for the Amalekites who were one of the inhabitants of the land the Israelites were to occupy. However, the message of the story is that God looked after the chosen people whom God delivered from exile in Egypt.

Persistence in prayer is also the theme of the gospel with the widow gradually winning over the judge, not by argumentation, but by the consistency of her request for justice against her adversary.

Do these two stories mean that we can get God to give us what we want if we just persist in making our request?

The answer is no for a God whom we can manipulate is not the God in whom we believe. We pray to God in hope for the outcomes we desire but we cannot presume that God will give us what we want. We pray in hopeful expectation but not with presumption and God gives us what we need even if it is not what we hoped for.

We may not always receive that for which we pray; instead, something entirely different may come our way. Some people deal with this by saying, "I asked something of God, and God's answer was no." Our prayers of petition are an acknowledgment of our dependence on God, and we must never stop turning to God in our need, but we patiently await God's response.

We should also remember that petition is only one form of prayer. There are prayers of praise, thanksgiving, contrition and worship. These prayers are our response to God, who has spoken to us before we even think to pray. God speaks through creation, and we respond in praise; God speaks through people and events of our lives, and we express our gratitude; when we have been unfaithful to our commitments, God calls us back, and we repent; God's past goodness speaks to us, and we worship the one who cares for us.

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This week in the Parish

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 11:15 am - Baptisms 12 noon - Baptisms
Tuesday 18	5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 19	10:00 am - Catholic Men's Group (see note below) 5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 20	8:15 am - Mass 12 noon - Legion of Mary - Parish Meeting Centre
Friday 21	12:00 pm - Mass
Saturday 22	Rosary - 5:30 pm Reconciliation: 5:30pm - 5:50pm 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 23	30TH 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

ANNIVERSARIES:

Salvatore Procopio, Mary Lever, Margaret Grant, Brian Lazenby, Phil Lazenby,

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

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

READING ROSTER | YEAR C

22/23 October | 30th Sunday in Ord Time

6 pm - Margaret Mumford

8 am - tba

10 am - Lorraine Green

Readings for the next week:

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr C

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18;

Lk 18:9-14

ROSARY STATUE

Paula Thornton



CHILDREN'S LITURGY is held at the 8 am Mass each week.

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

BAPTISMS:

Please welcome
Isla Rose Reading
& **Ryan David McLachlan,**
Layla Bell Alley
& **Olivia Elle Alley**
to our faith community.



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

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.

Next Sunday is **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**
BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY



Many families in Emdibir are subsistence farmers, and distressingly, many are unable to put enough food on the table each day.

Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Church and community in Emdibir, Ethiopia, where your gift can help build a life-changing program from the ground up to help address this urgent need.

We hope you will take this opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.

Envelopes will be available for your donation | Freecall: 1800 257 296 | or visit: catholicmission.org.au/Ethiopia

Thank you for your prayerful support and generosity.

Administering the Eucharist on the tongue has recommenced.

We ask that as far as possible those who receive on the tongue 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. Please note that we are also *trialling* a kneeler (located just near the front pew on the right) for those who wish to kneel to receive Communion.

Offertory Procession – before we can re-introduce the Offertory Procession into weekend Masses, we need volunteers for the roster please.

What's involved?

- ideally two or more people; often from the same family or friendship group
- walking with the gifts from the Credence Table in the middle of the church up to meet Father and altar servers at the steps of the sanctuary at the appropriate time during Mass
- hand sanitiser located on Credence Table to be used before picking up the vessels used for the bread and wine

If you are interested, please put your name of the roster at the back of the church and your preferred Mass time/s to be rostered.

We also need volunteers please to form a new **Welcome/Hospitality Team**

What's involved?

Ideally two people per Mass to welcome everyone in

Arriving at the Church about 20-30 minutes before Mass start time to welcome parishioners and visitors

Encouraging people to take a Bulletin and hymn sheet

Putting Collection money from plates into money bags and securing in a safe location as Mass commences
(Acolytes will collect money from this location after Mass)

Tidying up the Hospitality table at the end of Mass

Order of Mass cards have also been reintroduced recently – these A4 cards are for use during Mass and should be returned at the end of Mass – we've noticed that many of these cards may have been taken home with Bulletins. If you have mistakenly taken one home we'd appreciate it if you would return it as they are reusable and we only have a limited number. From the initial 50 cards we only have 16 left in the church.

Christmas Carnival and Tableau planning continues – please refer to the insert in this weekend's Bulletin for ways you can help. Contact the parish office to let us know how you might help. This is our first carnival since 2019 and we want to make it special for our whole community!

How can you help?

Volunteer to run or help on a stall or with the children's activities

Donate items for the various stalls – cakes & sweets, plants & produce, craft, bottles, mini cent auction

Help on food stall or food tickets

Help on the chocolate wheel

Buy raffle tickets in the Parish Raffle – online tickets and paper tickets will be available

Help at the working bees on Saturday and Sunday to set up and clean up

Thank you to the combined parish schools team of school leaders and teachers who are coordinating the production of the Nativity Tableau that will take place in the Gilbey Centre on Carnival night. Rehearsals start very soon!



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Psalm 120)

R: Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of
our heart.**

Alleluia!

MASS TIMES

ALL SAINTS DAY

TUESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER

5:30 PM MASS in Sacred Heart Church

ALL SOULS DAY

WEDNESDAY, 2 NOVEMBER

5:30 PM MASS in Sacred Heart Church

PRAYER SPONSORS FOR MSPC HSC STUDENTS

Mt St Patrick College is asking for Prayer Sponsors for Year 12 students during their Higher School Certificate exams. The HSC exams commenced last Wednesday 12 October and will continue until Friday 4 November.

Prayer cards with student names will be handed out at Masses this weekend.

Thank you for your prayers.

Pope's Mission Intention for October ...

For a Church open to everyone: We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

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%

Agents: ALG/Egan Simpson Solicitors, 15 Prince Street, Murwillumbah.



CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL & NATIVITY TABLEAU

Saturday 26th November 2022 from 4:00 pm

How can I help?

Your support is greatly appreciated by carnival organisers and all stall holders.

Now: Donate goods to sell or donate cash, materials or ingredients to stall holders or offer to help in preparation

At Saturday Working Bee: Help with set-up on Saturday morning from 7:00 am

On Carnival Night: Offer to help on a stall, even for a short time as this allows others to take a break

At Sunday Working Bee: Help with dismantle & clean up on Sunday morning up from 7:00 am



CARNIVAL COMMITTEE CONTACTS

Parish Office: 6672 1118

Carnival Night: 0413 277 700

What can I do?

Parish Raffle

Buy a book of tickets online or collect a book of tickets to sell the old fashioned way!
Collect books to sell from church, parish office or schools

Chocolate Wheel

Call organisers to offer help—helpers must be over 17 years of age

Raffles

Donate a prize for raffles. Please drop items into the Parish Office by 3 pm Thursday 24 November
Ideas include gift vouchers, gift packs, hamper items, Christmas decorations

Mini Cent Auction

Donate items for inclusion in the mini cent auction prizes (*new items only*)

Bottles

Filled bottles or parcels to \$2-\$3value; donate clean empty bottles; and/or goodies to fill bottles.
Plastic recyclable bottles if possible. Drop items at Parish Office or schools by Thursday 24 November

Cakes & Sweets

Donate home-cooked cakes, slices, biscuits, muffins, Christmas cakes and puddings; home made sweets—
deliver to MSPP or Parish Office by 3 pm Friday 25 November or to the stall on carnival day by 4 pm.
Cake/bakery boxes are available

Plants

Potted plants, cuttings, herbs & shrubs | Deliver to Parish Office by 3 pm Friday 25 November or to stall on
Carnival day by 3 pm | Drive up access available until 3 pm only

Craft

Donate Craft & Sewing items (*new items only*).
Drop items to Parish Office by Thursday 24 November or deliver to stall on Carnival day by 3 pm

Produce

Donate fresh fruit & vegetables, pickles and jams.
Deliver to stall on Carnival day by 3 pm or to Parish Office by 3 pm Friday 25 November.

Food Tickets

Help sell food tickets. *Food tickets are required to purchase BBQ, & hot dogs*

BBQ & Hot Dogs

Help with cooking BBQ & serving food

Bar

RSA bar staff needed. Must have a current NSW Competency Card—18 & over

Drinks—Hot & Cold

Helpers needed for setting up at 3 pm and selling drinks from 4 pm

Children's Activities

Donations of small prizes for Hoopla. Donations may be left at Parish office by Thursday 24 November
Helpers for various children's activities needed | New ideas welcome!

Glow Sticks

Mt St Patrick College students will sell glow sticks on Carnival night

Who do I contact?

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Belinda Glazebrook & Sheree Loughman

MSP Primary Parent Forum 6672 1821

Marie Luxford

Helpers needed

Helpers needed

Parish Office 6672 1118

St Josephs Parent Forum 6672 1867

Parish Office 6672 1118 / Bryanne Jardine

Helpers needed

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