

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

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**31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -
YEAR C | 30 October 2022**

God's mercy for all creation

Today's readings focus on the theme of "mercy". The author of the Wisdom of Solomon reflects on the expansive nature of God's mercy, which is extended to all creation. The Psalmist sings of the divine being's graciousness and compassion: "slow to anger and abounding in mercy" (Ps 145:8).

Paul strikes an eschatological note in writing to the Thessalonians of the end time when God will "make you worthy of his calling ... [through] the grace of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ" (2 Thes 1:11-12). And, finally, Luke tells the story of the tax collector, Zacchaeus, who finds mercy and forgiveness after encountering Jesus.

Each of these readings explores various aspects of the biblical concept of mercy. In the Wisdom traditions of the Old Testament, mercy manifests in the saving acts of YHWH, beginning with a view of the creation as a revelation of divine love and compassion. The author of the today's first reading tells us that we can take heart from looking at how God lavishes abundance upon the created order. He reassures his readers that YHWH is a "lover of souls" who "loathes nothing" that he has made and will only gently rebuke the sinner to draw them back into relationship with him.

The gospel story provides a narrative account of such a gentle rebuke, as Jesus' calm presence visits the house of Zacchaeus and engenders in the tax collector genuine repentance and remorse. The story represents the fulfilment of themes explored first in the Song of Zechariah in Luke's nativity narratives, where the father of John the Baptist sings that the "tender mercy of God will visit us, like daylight breaking from on high" (Lk 1:78).

The biblical concept of mercy is tied to the motif of YHWH's covenant faithfulness. The Psalmist says that God has proven "trustworthy in all his words ... fulfilling the desires of all who revere him". (Ps 145:13, 19) Paul intimates that we have nothing to fear about our future because God has called us into a relationship that will ultimately "bring to fulfilment every good purpose and every effort of faith" (1 Thes 1:11).

However, with God mercy is never simply faithfulness; God's mercy exceeds the covenant obligation. Israel had long since forfeited any claim on YHWH, but still God showed mercy in visiting and redeeming his people (Lk 1:68). God's compassion is made concrete in the healing and forgiveness brought by Jesus.

In the biblical record, God's mercy and compassion precedes repentance. We are not required to repent first before God lavishes love and mercy upon us. Rather, it is the realisation of God's compassionate presence in our lives that calls forth our repentance.

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This week in the Parish

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| Sunday 30 | 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C Rosary - 7:30 am Reconciliation: 7:30am - 7:50am 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass |
| NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS | |
| Tuesday 1 | ALL SAINTS DAY PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 5:30 pm - Mass |
| Wednesday 2 | The COMMEMORATION of ALL the FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Soul's Day) 5:30 pm - Mass |
| Thursday 3 | 8:15 am - Mass 12 noon - Legion of Mary - Parish Meeting Centre 5:30 pm - Pastoral Council Meeting |
| Friday 4 | 9:15 am - Grandparents Day Mass with MSPPS 11:00 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12:00 pm - Mass |
| Saturday 5 | Rosary - 5:30 pm Reconciliation: 5:30pm - 5:50pm 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass |
| Sunday 6 | 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C Rosary - 7:30 am Reconciliation: 7:30am - 7:50am 8:00 am - Mass 9:00 am - Cuppa after 8am 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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
First Friday of each month
11 am - 11:50 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: Fay Gleave, Sr Julieanne Murphy PBVM, Bill Pendergast, Alex Montgomery, Leanne Dempsey, Narelle Holstein

ANNIVERSARIES: John de Mol, Mary Lever

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

READING ROSTER | YEAR C

5/6 November | 32nd Sunday in Ord Time

6 pm - Tim Waugh
8 am - Philomena Zambelli
10 am - Mary-Ann Thackray

Readings for the next week:

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr C
2 Macc 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thess 1:16 - 3:5; Lk 20:27-38

ROSARY STATUE
Jacinta Gear



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

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

MASS OF THE ANGELS

9.00am Saturday 12 November
Sacred Heart Church

A special Mass for families to remember their children who have died at, or before birth, or as young children.

Parish Assembly

Fr Peter together with the Parish Finance Council & the Parish Pastoral Council invite all parishioners to a special meeting to discuss the future direction of our Parish
Wednesday 9 November 2022
6 pm in the Sacred Heart Church.

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.

OFFER MASSES FOR THE HOLY SOULS & SUPPORT PRIESTS IN NEED

The Church dedicates the month of November to praying for our deceased loved ones. Both Scripture and Tradition remind us to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins and enter the joy of Heaven. Offering Masses therefore is the greatest gift we can give to them.

Because of our close relationship with the Solomon Islands, our November Masses are generally sent to Archbishop Chris Cardone in Honiara, and from there Mass Intentions are distributed to priests in the various parishes who have limited sources of income.

Masses can be offered for those we knew and loved, or for the souls that have nobody to pray for them.

Please Note: the Parish Office will be Closed this Tuesday 1 November.

MASS TIMES

ALL SAINTS DAY

TUESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER

5:30 PM MASS | Sacred Heart Church

ALL SOULS DAY

WEDNESDAY, 2 NOVEMBER

5:30 PM MASS | Sacred Heart Church

NOVEMBER - HOLY SOULS

November is a special time for praying for the dead.

During this month people traditionally request "November Masses" for deceased relatives & friends. Envelopes for these Masses are in the Planned Giving pack of envelopes or on the table at the Church.

Please ensure all names are clearly printed.

Prayers during November may also be requested for deceased relatives and friends by writing their names on the yellow cards (at the Church entrance) and placing the card on the Church noticeboard.

In 2 Maccabees 12:43-46 we read

"It is therefore a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the Dead."

2022 HSC STUDENTS

Please remember in your prayers all Year 12 students as they enter their final week of Higher School Certificate examinations.



2022 Parish Christmas Raffle

Cash Prizes 1st prize \$1,500 2nd prize \$500 3rd prize \$250

Buy Tickets - online | QR | paper

**Supporting Sacred Heart Catholic Parish and
the pastoral works of Murwillumbah Parish**

Books of the old-fashioned paper Christmas Carnival Raffle Tickets will be available next week from the Hospitality Table at all Masses and from the Parish Office.

Tickets may also be purchased online from <https://rafflelink.com.au/christmas2022>

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Psalm 144)

**R: I will praise your name forever,
my king and my God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**God loved the world so much, he gave us
his only Son, that all who believe in him
might have eternal life.**

Alleluia!

SPECIAL PROJECT – BRING BACK THE SOUND!

Thank you to everyone who has donated to this special project. We have started to install some of the new sound equipment. We now have a new mixer and microphones for the Altar, Ambo and the Chair. And some new choir microphones to be installed in the coming week. We hope that the newly installed equipment is making a difference to your Mass experience.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY THANK YOU

Thank you so much for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs like the establishment of the Deberety Goat Rearing Centre in Emdibir, Ethiopia.

Your gift is helping the Church and the local community work and also supports mission programs around the world that reach out and give life to those in most need.

If you would like to contribute, please take home an envelope or go to catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia

**Thank you for your prayerful support
and generosity.**

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Temporary/Casual position for a Cleaner at MSPC for 4 - 6 hours per weekday until 16/12/22.

Must have a current Working With Children Check.
Contact Mary-Anne McShane 0419431630

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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