

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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**33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -
YEAR C | 13 November 2022**

A message of faithful endurance

Jesus' disciples would have had the words of prophets like Malachi in today's first reading inscribed onto their hearts. Malachi, speaking centuries before the birth of Jesus, describes the day of God's judgement when "all the proud and all evildoers will be stubble" and, for God's people, "there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays."

Jesus' disciples, like many faithful Jews of the time, would have eagerly anticipated when God would save his people, as he did in Egypt in the Exodus. This time, however, God would free them from suffering once and for all and lead them into an eternal promised land. This apocalyptic action would sweep aside the world as they knew it.

So, when in today's gospel reading Jesus prophesies the cataclysmic destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, it seems to open the possibility that God's judgement will come within the disciples' own lifetimes. They would have looked at the chaos and destruction in the world around them as a sign that the end times were coming soon and they would have wanted to know what God would have them do to prepare.

However, Jesus' description of the signs of the coming apocalypse, such as wars, earthquakes, famines and plagues, sounds like business as usual on planet Earth. What would have seemed like a world-ending event to his disciples, such as the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple that occurs within a generation of Jesus' warnings, is just one of the countless trials they will have to endure.

While we should not expect the end of the world in our lifetimes, the signs prophesied by Jesus are constant reminders the things of this world are passing away.

Although it is unlikely that we will live to see the climactic events prophesied by the Scriptures, the end of our own time in this world will indeed come. As always, Jesus' warnings about the passing away of this world are reminders of our own passing and to prepare ourselves for the eternal life that will follow the death that awaits us all.

As we see in St Paul's writings to the Thessalonians in today's second reading, preparing for the life to come means faithfully performing the daily labours and service that God has given us to do. This message of faithful endurance is what Jesus wants his disciples to take away from his prophecies about the end times. As Jesus highlights in the gospel, it is not through noticing signs of the end of the world that they will find salvation, but by persevering in faith and love through trials.

While we await the coming of Jesus, let us also persevere in faith and love, whatever trials come our way, always counting on the grace of God to be with us, especially when we need it most.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 13	33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C Rosary - 7:30 am Reconciliation: 7:30am - 7:50am 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass
Tuesday 15	No Mass today
Wednesday 16	No Mass today 10:00 am - Catholic Men's Group - see note below
Thursday 17	No Mass today 12 noon - Legion of Mary - Parish Meeting Centre
Friday 18	12 noon - Mass
Saturday 19	Rosary - 5:30 pm Reconciliation: 5:30pm - 5:50pm 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 20	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - Yr C Rosary - 7:30 am Reconciliation: 7:30am - 7:50am 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass

ANNUAL CLERGY CONFERENCE

Fr. Peter, will be attending the annual Clergy Conference in Lismore this coming week. There will be no weekday Masses in the parish Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. In case of an emergency, please phone Parish Office 66721118.

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.'



CHILDREN'S

LITURGY is held at the 8 am Mass each week.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Michelle van den Broek, Maureen Cusack, Fay Gleave, Sr Julieanne Murphy PBVM, Bill Pendergast

ANNIVERSARIES:

Fr John Fitz-Walter, Richard Leape, Danny Armour

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

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

ROSTERS

READING ROSTER

19/20 November | Christ The King - Year C

6 pm - Denise Banner

8 am - Bernard Nolan

10 am - Mary-Ann Thackray

ALTAR SERVERS:

6pm Vigil | Taiis Brockbank & Lucia Calvino

8am | Bailey & Jana Lofts

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Vanessa Hughes

CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

November Morning Tea

Wednesday 16 November | 10:00 am

Murwillumbah Services Club

Enquiries: Alex Lever 0458 817 021

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

'MASS OF ANOINTING'

9AM | SATURDAY | 17 DECEMBER

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is a prayer of healing which may be celebrated individually and communally, and may be received more than once.

All Parishioners Are Welcome.

Readings for the next week:

Christ The King - Yr C

2 Sam 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

ROSARY STATUE

Wayne Bartesko



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.

A SUMMARY FROM THE PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD 9 NOVEMBER 2022

Thank you to everyone who gathered together for our Parish Assembly on Wednesday evening. It was a productive evening of open and honest conversation.

The purpose of this Assembly was to openly discuss various challenges and concerns that we face as a Parish today. The Assembly opened with a communal hymn and praying together. Christine Wightley, Chair of our Pastoral Council spoke about our mission and reminded us that "we are not simply members of the church, we are the church" and about the need to promote the joy of the Gospel. Christine highlighted a number of pastoral areas that we are aware of need more focus.

Peter McDonald, Chair of the Finance Council, then spoke about the various challenges we face as a parish today and outlined a proposal to assist us on our way into the future. Peter spoke about the following concerns that need to be considered in our planning for the future:

- ◆ Aging faith community
- ◆ Aging Clergy and no new seminarians for our Diocese coming through
- ◆ Burnout of clergy due to heavy work-load
- ◆ Declining attendance at Mass
- ◆ Diminishing donations and income
- ◆ Increased costs for maintenance of aging buildings
- ◆ The pressing need to maintain the Sacred Heart Precinct, including painting, roofing, repointing
- ◆ The increase in the cost of insurance on buildings and the possibility that some of the parish assets may become un-insurable
- ◆ The impact of flood damage and future threats of disaster and erosion

The proposal put to the Assembly by the Parish Finance Council and the Parish Pastoral Council was that we sell both the Uki and Burringbar church properties and quarantine sale proceeds for the restoration and maintenance of our Sacred Heart Precinct as the flagship of the Catholic identity in Murwillumbah. Funds would also be set aside for renewed Pastoral projects including pastoral care, youth engagement and social justice programs.

The general consensus of the Assembly participants was that the sale of these properties is the way forward. The next step in the disposal of the church properties will be to seek permission from the Bishop. The process will take time and we will seek assistance from the families who have lived their lives in these country churches to help us to collate histories; curate special items and create suitable celebrations to honour the history of each of these churches.

If anyone who was unable to attend the Assembly would like to comment on the proposal put forward, please contact Mary-Ann in the Parish Office by phone 02 6672 1118 or by email to mthackray@lismore.catholic.org.au.



St Vincent de Paul Society Mary MacKillop Conference, Murwillumbah

Christmas this year, as a result of the floods, Covid and the high cost of living, will be more difficult than usual for many families in our area. Once again the Mary MacKillop Conference Murwillumbah will be helping those in need to make Christmas special.

Instead of hampers, we will be giving those on our Christmas list **GIFT CARDS or VOUCHERS** to enable them to purchase gifts, toys and festive food.

Please will you consider donating any of the following:

- ◆ **Gift cards or vouchers** - especially on outlets where gifts, toys or something special can be purchased
- ◆ **Money** - can be left in a specially marked envelope at Parish or School offices or Vinnies, or on a collection plate at Mass
- ◆ **Donate online** to <http://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-appeal> **BUT WHEN YOU REACH THE OPTION ASKING FOR 'COMMENTS OR CONFERENCE NAME' PLEASE WRITE "Conference 43-427" SO YOUR GIFT STAYS IN THIS AREA.**

To give us time to get Christmas help to those who need it we hope most gifts will be received by early December. Thank you very much for anything you are able to do.

Denise Banner, President, Mary MacKillop Conference (personal 0409 243 147)



33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Psalm 97)

R: The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

Commemorated annually on the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar.

In this year's message for the annual observance themed "For your sakes Christ became poor (2 Cor. 8:9)", Pope Francis recalled the words of St. Paul to the Christians of Corinth, in order to encourage their efforts to show solidarity with their brothers and sisters in need.

See the Pope's message at <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri/documents/>

Incarnate

2022 Advent & Christmas Reflections

Incarnate is a beautifully presented resource containing short daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (27 November) through to the Baptism of the Lord (9 January 2023). Only \$5.00 | available from the Church and Parish Office.

NOVEMBER - HOLY SOULS

November is a special time for praying for the dead. During this month people request "Masses" for deceased relatives & friends. Envelopes for these Masses are on the table at the Church or at the Parish Office.

Please ensure all names are clearly printed.

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

JOSEPHITE CALENDARS

2023 Josephite Calendars are on sale in the Church and the Parish Office. \$10.00 each.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

There is NO VIGIL MASS on Saturday 26 November (Christmas Carnival Day)

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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