

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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St. Brigid's Church

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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

29 January 2023

Small things with great love

In today's reading from Matthew's Gospel, one of the most famous in the New Testament, Jesus teaches us about the true nature of happiness and holiness.

The qualities which Jesus highlights in the Beatitudes can seem almost too ordinary when compared to the strategies for survival recommended by worldly sources of wisdom. Nevertheless, Jesus reminds us that it is precisely in our poverty of spirit, in our being gentle, merciful, and humble, and in seeing God's presence in the ordinary, unremarkable and even tragic circumstances of our lives, that we grow in holiness and embody his presence in the world.

In unobtrusive but significant ways, we can bring holiness to our world and so work to bring his kingdom to fruition. Mother Teresa spoke of not necessarily doing "great things, but small things with great love".

Pope Francis, in "**Gaudete et Exsultate**" offers us practical suggestions for how we might live out the qualities Jesus describes in the Beatitudes. Here is a brief summary of how he encourages us to strive for holiness in our lives:

Perseverance, Patience and Meekness: Remaining firmly grounded in a God who loves and sustains us, enables us to persist in our efforts to bring about his kingdom on earth.

Joy and a Sense of Humour: We live in the certain joy that we are "infinitely loved". This gives us "deep security", a "serene hope" and a sense of humour amidst life's circumstances.

Boldness and Passion: We are encouraged to be bold: to evangelise and to leave a mark in this world. Jesus promises: "Do not be afraid" (Mk 6:50) for "I am with you always, to the end of the world" (Mt 28:20).

Community: We grow in holiness in "a journey in community, side by side with others." "Each community is called to create a God-enlightened space in which to experience the hidden presence of the risen Lord".

Constant Prayer: Our lives are to be "distinguished by a spirit of prayer and a need for communion with God." In the process, we discern "the paths of holiness to which the Lord is calling us."

In the Beatitudes, Jesus beckons us to an openness to God: an openness which enables God to enter into even the unlikeliest moments of our lives and to accompany us intimately, allowing ourselves to be surprised and shaped and formed by his grace, his love and his joy.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 29 **4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A**
8:30 am - Rosary
9:00 am - Mass (No 8am or 10 am Mass today)

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 1 5:30 pm - Mass

Thursday 2 **The Presentation Of The Lord**
8:30 am - Mass
12 noon - Legion of Mary | Parish Meeting Centre

Friday 3 11:00 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12:00 pm - Mass

Saturday 4 9:00 am - Rosary
5:30 pm - Rosary
6:00 pm - Vigil Mass

Sunday 5 **5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A**
WORD OF GOD SUNDAY
8:30 am - Rosary
9:00 am - Mass (No 8am or 10 am Mass today)
10:00 am - Parish Morning Tea (see notice below)

HOUR FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday of each month
11 am - 11:50 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday : 5.30 pm - 5.50 pm
Sunday: 8.30 am - 8.50 am

WEDNESDAY WORD

Copies of Wednesday Word, with this weekend's readings, are

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Patrick Flanagan (Canberra - brother of John), Malcolm Caden, Brian Flanagan (formerly of Murwillumbah), Ken Woodhead (formerly of Murwillumbah), Cardinal George Pell, Mary Stewart, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Peter McLaughlin, David Coley

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Julie Dawson, Maureen McCabe, Mark Hanna, Deb Craig, Fr Anthony Lemon, James Wallace



PARISH MORNING TEA

to celebrate

Fr Peter's 40th Birthday

Sunday 5 February after 9am Mass

ALL WELCOME

Please bring a plate to share

ROSTERS | READINGS

4/5 Jan | 5th Sunday in Ord Time | Year A

6pm - Mike Brennan

9am - Kay Ryder

READINGS FOR TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY:

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A

Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A

Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

ROSARY STATUE

Faith Buchanan



THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to our Special Christmas Day Collection for Wedgetail Retreat, our local Palliative Care Hospice.

A total of \$1,700 will be forwarded to Wedgetail from our Parish.

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.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to 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.

BACK TO SCHOOL DATES

MT ST PATRICK COLLEGE

Tuesday 31 January: Yrs 7, 11 & 12 return
and new students in Yrs 8, 9 & 10.
Wednesday 1 February: Yrs. 8, 9 & 10 return

MT ST PATRICK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Wednesday 1 February: Yrs. 1 - 6
Monday 6 February: Kinder commences

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Wednesday 1 February: Yrs. 1 - 6
Friday 3 February: Kinder commences

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

We welcome back all teachers, staff and students of our three parish schools, Mt St Patrick College, Mt St Patrick Primary School & St Joseph's Primary School for the 2023 year.

2023 LENTEN PROGRAMME

'From Ashes To Hope'



Short daily reflections for Lent, Holy week and to the Second Sunday of Easter.

From Ashes To Hope will nourish and nurture prayer each day during Lent and into the first week of Easter.

The daily reflections invite the reader to contemplate a verse from the Scripture reading of the day. This is followed by a quote from Pope Francis and a simple prayer.

Lenten books have arrived and are available at the Parish Office and the Church - \$6.00 each.

2 February PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

In accordance with the Jewish Law, Jesus was presented in the Temple by his Blessed Mother and his foster father. This is another 'epiphany', a revealing of the Christ Child as the Messiah through the words of Simeon and the testimony of Anna the prophetess. Christ is the light of the nations, hence the blessing and procession of candles on this day, which is also known as 'Candlemas'.

i4GIVE Day - 1st February

The Abdallah & Sakr families have created i4give Day as a remembrance of the four angels that were tragically lost on the 1st of February 2020.

This also helps others who have suffered in a similar way.

As well as this, it is a National day of forgiveness where you could find someone you can forgive or ask for forgiveness.

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you" - Eph 4:32



The Beatitudes ... A Call to Action

Jesus doesn't start in a fantasy dream world of perfection. Jesus looks at the world as it often is for many people, perhaps for most people around the world: 'the poor in spirit', 'those who mourn', 'those who are gentle', 'those who hunger and thirst for justice'.

Jesus astonishes the crowd by saying that such people are 'Blessed'. How can this be? The answer lies in our Lord's emphasis on the new community he is establishing under the reign of God: what he calls 'the Kingdom of God'.

Those in such wretched circumstances *will* have things set right, but only if followers of Jesus do everything possible to lift the poor out of the poverty which crushes their spirit, do everything possible to comfort those who mourn, do everything possible to make sure the gentle share the earth's resources, do everything possible to satisfy the craving for justice.

We could pause for a moment to pray the 'Our Father' pledging ourselves to help construct this new society where the Beatitudes can come true:

'Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on *earth* as it is in heaven.'

- Fr Michael Tate

Change to Sunday Mass Time from 1 February 2023

With the planned return of Fr Anthony to active ministry in late February/early March; a decision has been made to celebrate only one Mass on Sundays rather than the current two Masses. **Sunday Mass time will change to 9:00 am from the first weekend in February.** The Saturday Vigil Mass and weekday Masses will remain unchanged.

Our understanding is that in the short-term Fr Peter will remain in the Parish to support Fr Anthony whilst he continues his rehabilitation and assist with his return to ministry. Whilst Fr Anthony is keen to return to full and active ministry in our Parish, there are still some hurdles to be overcome and the need to assess how much he can physically do is still a work in progress.

We understand that this change may not suit everyone and we are sorry about that; however, going forward we hope that the change is embraced by all and pray that the change will allow our parish to flourish spiritually and as a worshipping community.

If you have any queries or concerns about this change, please email your concerns to murwillumbah@lismore.catholic.org.au or contact the Parish Office to voice your concerns.



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PS 145)

**R: Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Rejoice and be glad: your reward will be great
in heaven.**

Alleluia!

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 5 in 2023. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God.

Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodssunday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are the meek,
for they shall possess the land.

- Matthew 5:3-4

ST FRANCIS SOCIAL

Saturday | 4 February | 7:30 pm

**St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Hall
West End | Brisbane**

Good ol' fashion dance/social mixer for young adults aged 18-39. Inspired by the parish dances held in Brisbane during the 1950's, 1960's and 1970's, with a bit of fundraising for local charities thrown in.

For more information see Church noticeboard.

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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