

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A
18 June 2023

A mission that includes all peoples

Our call to be “missionary disciples of Jesus” is based on the Exodus experience of the Jewish people. Yes, God enables the Jews to be liberated from slavery, but much more is at stake. God addresses Moses like an earthly king pledging to confer on Israel the dignity of a “priestly kingdom” and a “consecrated nation”. The Israelites, on their part, are called to pledge themselves to God’s law which is about to be given them in the Ten Commandments.

Guess what? The Jews were not always faithful to this new covenant that God made with them. Yet, despite this, we learn from today’s Psalm that God remains faithful and merciful; moreover, God continues to care and protect his people as a shepherd guides his flock.

The writers of the Jewish Scriptures are at pains to point out that, despite the failure of the people of the Covenant to live by the Law, God does not give up. Indeed, as the Psalmist tells us: “How good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love; God is forever faithful.” The extent of God’s faithful and forgiving love is made evident in Paul’s Letter to the Romans. St Paul tells us that God sends his own Son to live among us and die for us. A new covenant is formed to promote the offer of life and salvation not just to the Jewish people, but to all who acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord and strive to live out their faith in loving service of others.

Importantly, this offer of a new covenant for all people does not nullify God’s first covenant made with the Jews. This highlights the importance of Jewish-Christian dialogue as a way of understanding the multiple ways God is present among all people calling them to fulness of life. Such dialogue also points to the importance of the Jewish Scriptures for our proper understanding of the God of Jesus Christ in the New Testament.

This brings us to today’s gospel by Matthew who is very much writing for a Jewish-Christian audience. Matthew had already introduced us to Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount and to some of his healing miracles. Today we see Jesus inviting disciples – we are even given names of the prominent Twelve – to assist him in his mission of the Kingdom. Such mission is in full continuity with God’s mission to Israel. Jesus even uses the words of Moses stating that “the people are like sheep without a shepherd.”

But what are we to make of Jesus’ words to the disciples to avoid “pagan territory” and “Samaritan towns” but, rather, “go to the lost sheep of the House of Israel”? We need to know that Jesus, as the Baptist before him, saw his own mission focussed on the “twelve tribes of Israel”. It is only after the death and resurrection of Jesus that the disciples are empowered by the Spirit to see their mission is for all people regardless of race, nationality or ethnicity.

Gerard Hall SM @ Majellan Media 2023

This week in the Parish

Saturday 17	The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass	HOUR FOR PRIVATE PRAYER from 4:30 pm before Tuesday & Wednesday 5:30 pm Mass
Sunday 18	11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr A 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptisms	RECONCILIATION Saturday: 5.30 pm - 5.50 pm Sunday: 8.30 am - 8.50 am
Tuesday 20	5:30 pm - Mass	
Wednesday 21	10:00 am - Catholic Men's Group (see note below) No Mass today	
Thursday 22	No Mass today	WEDNESDAY WORD Copies of Wednesday Word, are available for you in the Church.
Friday 23	10:00 am - Requiem Mass for Peter Solomon No 12 noon Mass today	
Saturday 24	The NATIVITY of the JOHN THE BAPTIST 9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass	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.
Sunday 25	12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr A 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass	

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Kathleen Allam, Nita Lutherborough, Peter Solomon

ANNIVERSARIES:

Pat Flack

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Colin Brooks, Katherine Dawson-Malone, baby Oliver, David Burke, Malcolm Reid, Paul Calvino, Margaret Hyde, Maureen McCabe, Fr Anthony Lemon, James Wallace

ROSTERS | READINGS

READING ROSTER

24/25 June | 12th Sunday in Ord Time | Yr A

6pm - Ray Daley

9am - Philomena Zambelli

READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A

Ex 19:2-6; Rom 5:6-11; Mt 9:36 - 10:8

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A

Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

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.



BAPTISM:

Please welcome

Frederick Charles Hann,
Odette India Havnegjerde
& **Henrik Kingsley Havnegjerde**
to our faith community.

CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

June morning tea

Wednesday 21 June | 10:00 am

Murwillumbah Services Club

Enquiries: Alex Lever 0458 817 021

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 24 | Rose Seamer & Liljana Daly

Sun 25 | Bonnie Lindsay & Annabel Casey

ROSARY STATUE

18 June: Trish & Michael Jandura

25 June: Lisa Dusi-Fox 2 July: Narelle Gear

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](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU) channel - 9:00 am - [youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU)
- Freeview TV - Channel 10 Sunday 6 am

PLANNED GIVING RENEWAL 2023-2024

Give and it shall be given unto you, a full measure...overflowing." Luke 6:38

Thank you to everyone who donates financially to the Parish and Clergy Fund. Your continued support is much appreciated and helps us not just to keep the lights on but your donation enables us to strengthen our Parish mission to love God; to love others and to grow disciples in our local community.

If you would like to participate in our planned giving program, please contact the Parish Office. We welcome your support of the parish.

Planned Giving envelopes for 2023-2024 are ready for collection this weekend.

We encourage you to pop your cash or planned giving envelope donations into the collection plates as you arrive at Mass or as you are leaving Mass as the plates are no longer "passed around".

Thank you again for your generous support of our parish and our priests.

Gospel Reflection...

The portrait of Jesus that is painted by the gospel of Matthew is as the one who has come to fulfil the Jewish tradition. This is sometimes incorrectly interpreted as being anti-Jewish but that is not the case at all. The community for whom Matthew was writing were Jewish Christians and they saw the pathway taught by Jesus as the best way to live out the Jewish tradition. It is in this context that today's gospel passage must be considered.

The way the commissioning of the Twelve begins is very significant: 'When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd.' This is the gospel writer describing the people of Israel as a whole – harassed and dejected and without a shepherd. For the Matthew community, Jesus was that shepherd the Jews needed. But Jesus also knew that one person alone could not bring about the change within Judaism that was required. He chose the Twelve and named them as apostles (those who are sent) to continue the work that he had begun.

The gospel writer describes Jesus as giving the apostles 'authority' over unclean spirits. For the Matthew community, authority was a defining question. They had recently been expelled from the Jewish synagogues and the authority of Jesus had been called into doubt. Yet, for this community, real authority lay with Jesus and those whom he sent out to do his work. Throughout this gospel, Jesus is described as exhibiting 'authority' so as to reaffirm to the original community that they were right in choosing to follow the way of Jesus and not bend to the authority of the Jewish leaders who were oppressing them.

- Greg Sunter

PARKING REMINDER...

Please **DO NOT PARK in front of the Uniting Church for the 9am Mass** on Sunday mornings. Their service commences at 9:30 am, therefore parking for them is a problem.

Out of courtesy, please **DO NOT PARK** in front of the Uniting Church for Sunday morning Mass. Thank you!

SOLOMON ISLAND VISIT...

A group of students and teachers from Mt St Patrick College are currently on an immersion experience in the Solomon Islands with Bishop Epalle High School and St Mary's Parish Tanagai.

We send our prayers and best wishes with them for a wonderful trip as they visit our friends at the schools and Parish.

As you know our friendship with St Mary's Parish Tanagai, Honiara began with our parish at World Youth Day in Sydney 2008 and these friendships have developed over the years through many visits, by both teachers, students and parishioners.



Composer of 'Fill My House', 'The Beatitudes, Where is your Song, my Lord?

PETER KEARNEY
Concert-Reflection

**SIGNS OF HOPE
PEOPLE OF FAITH**

- Songs & Stories

Sunday 30th July, 3.00pm
Sacred Heart Church
MURWILLUMBAH
Donations welcome
Cuppa at interval.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT

It's not too late...

If you have not yet filled in an enrolment form it is not too late. They are available in the Church foyer. Please complete a form and either hand it to the Parish Office or place it on the Collection Plates.



11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (99)

R: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near;

repent and believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION



Next weekend 24/25 June, there will be a collection for Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world.

The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters.

Envelopes will be available in the Church next weekend.

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.

 **MT ST PATRICK PRIMARY SCHOOL**
presents

BACK 2 SCHOOL

Trivia Night

Gather a team of 8 to book a table, or come along as a couple or with a few friends and be allocated a table.

This will be a licensed event! (no BYO) A bar with locally produced drinks will be available for purchase, cheese platters and nibbles will also be on sale.

See you when we go 'Back 2 School'!

8 PEOPLE PER TABLE
\$25 PER PERSON
MSPP School Admin 02 6672 1821

SATURDAY 29TH JULY
FROM 6PM IN THE GILBEY CENTRE

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.
- Ps 26:4

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