

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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14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

9 July 2023

Jesus provides a helping hand

Jesus was not easily shocked, but Matthew's gospel captures the shock of Jesus at the failure of his ministry even in his own small town of Capernaum. In the extraordinary passage preceding today's gospel, he says with hyperbole that Capernaum will share the fate of other ancient wicked cities like Sodom.

Matthew has Jesus reflecting on people's experience of coming to faith in him. The context is important. Matthew is writing for his Jewish Christian community expelled from the synagogue. These Christians were steeped in Jewish tradition and the Hebrew Scriptures and would have recognised that Matthew was writing in terms of their wisdom literature, implying Jesus is the Wisdom of God who knows the Father intimately and reveals the Father to believers.

But God has hidden Jesus' message from the 'wise and learned', the experts in Jewish Law and tradition, the scribes and Pharisees. Instead the people who embraced the person of Jesus were the ordinary people who through God's good pleasure, his mysterious grace, experienced faith in Jesus as liberating them from the heavy burden, the 'yoke' of trying to observe the minutiae of Jewish religious custom and ritual.

Jesus uses the words 'little children', meaning not children but the unpretentious people who knew their need of God and whose hearts were open to God's Holy Spirit, but because of their poverty or life circumstances were not numbered among the ritually clean or devout. The words and actions of Jesus resonated in their hearts, and like children, they were willing to learn from Jesus about the way to God.

The invitation of Jesus is not to those who felt self-satisfied or perfect in their religious observance, but to those who did not 'measure up', who struggled with failure like Jesus himself at Capernaum, who were 'weary and burdened'. Jesus's invitation is deeply personal, but his promise of 'rest' is not for an easy life. It is the promise of eternal life in God.

Jesus says we can learn from him, since 'I am gentle and humble in heart'. He understands the yearnings of our hearts and is not full of self-importance. Jesus offers us friendship, leading us into astonishing intimacy with the Father.

This Gospel passage is important for us today since it stresses that the invitation of Jesus is not for the perfect or those who scrupulously observe religious practices. It is for all of us who do not fully 'measure up'.

As Pope Francis constantly reminds us, Jesus walks with all of us as we journey through life, especially in times of failure or distress. Francis says it is not how much we stumble that finally matters, but that we can sense Jesus helping us up again and continuing to stay with us on our unique and precious journey.

Bruce Duncan CSsR @ Majellan Media 2023

This week in the Parish

Sunday 9	14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A
	8:30 am - Rosary
	9:00 am - Mass
	10:15 am - Baptisms
Tuesday 11	11:00 am - Funeral prayers for Colleen McBurney
	5:30 pm - Mass
	7:00 pm - Baptism Preparation Meeting
Wednesday 12	5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 13	8:15 am - Mass
	12 noon - Parish Office Closed
Friday 14	12 noon - Mass
Saturday 15	9:00 am - Rosary
	5:30 pm - Rosary
	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 16	15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A
	8:30 am - Rosary
	9:00 am - Mass

Parish Office will be Closed Thursday 13 July from 12 noon

RECONCILIATION

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

PRIVATE PRAYER

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

ROSARY

5:00 pm before Tuesday & Wednesday 5:30 pm Mass.
Tuesday Rosary will be offered for the Recently Deceased.

The Rosary is also 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.

WEDNESDAY WORD

Copies of Wednesday Word, are available for you in the Church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Colleen McBurney, Morrie Nolan, Fr Gabriel Taylor, Kathleen Allam

ANNIVERSARIES:

Nathan Bewes

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Lorraine Green, Donald Bartesko, Colin Brooks, Katherine Dawson-Malone, baby Oliver, David Burke, Malcolm Reid, Paul Calvino, Maureen McCabe, Fr Anthony Lemon, James Wallace

ROSTERS | READINGS

READING ROSTER

15/16 July | 15th Sunday in Ord Time | Yr A

6pm - Mike Brennan

9am - Christine O'Brien

READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A

Zech 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A

Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

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

Maisy Grace Thornton,
Lachlan Christopher Gallagher
& William Michael Gallagher
to our faith community.

CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

July morning tea

Wed 19 July | 10:00 am | Mbah Services Club

Enquiries: Alex Lever 0458 817 021

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 15 | Bailey & Jana Lofts

Sun 16 | Eliza & Charlotte Dowling

ROSARY STATUE

9 July: Philomena Zambelli

16 July: Anne Palmer 23 July: Susan & Vince Kean

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

ALTAR SERVERS ...

As you may have noticed we have a number of new young people serving on the altar at weekend Masses. We congratulate them and thank them for this important role in our church life. Please make them welcome.

AN UPDATE ON FAMILY GROUPS RENEWAL

Thank you to everyone who has completed and returned a Family Group form. We are still in the review process prior to finalising the updating and/or formation of groups.

We received 15 forms from potential new family group members/families. 17 forms were received from current family group members. There are 80+ families/members who are on our database as being in a family group but have not completed renewal forms, so we are reaching out to current group leaders and asking them to contact their group members to check on their continuing interest in staying in a family group. Once we have confirmed who wishes to remain in groups we will be able to review and finalise our Family Groups.

Thank you for your patience. Watch this space for more information soon.

**Come to me all who labour and are burdened,
and I will refresh you, says the Lord.**

- Mt: 11-28

GOSPEL REFLECTION... by Fr Michael Tate

Not an Outsider but an Insider

In the Jewish story of the creation of Adam, the author has God fashion a figure of a human being out of damp earth, and then breathes into the nostrils of this clay figure. It becomes 'Adam'. In Hebrew, the word for breath, wind or Spirit is the same, so this story tells us that we become human when the Holy Spirit is breathed into our very being.

St Paul tells the early converts in Rome, those recently baptised, and therefore tells us who are baptised: 'The Spirit of God has made his home in you.' Since your baptism, the Holy Spirit, the Breath of God, dwells in you in a special way. Baptism re-creates us, sharing in the life of the true Adam.

We could pause for a moment to pray:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.

WORLD YOUTH DAY
LISBON PORTUGAL
23 JULY - 11 AUGUST 2023



WYD is a week-long gathering and was established by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1985 and gathers millions of young people and their bishops from all across the world with the Pope. It is at the same time a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal church and an intense moment of evangelisation for our world. Everyone is invited, no matter how distant from or close to the Church they are.

The theme of this WYD is; ***"Mary arose and went with haste."*** (Luke 1: 39) Let us arise with haste and go to encounter our fellow young people, the Pope and Jesus Christ.

"Arise!", Pope Francis reminds us is also an invitation to "dream", to "take a risk", to be "committed to changing the world, to rekindle your hopes and aspirations, and to contemplate the heavens, the stars and the world around you." He invites us to "give our passions and dreams free rein," and, "through them, offer the world, the Church and other young people something beautiful, whether in the realm of the spirit, the arts or society... Make your voices heard."

Local World Youth Day representatives, Tameka Harris (MSPPS) and Eliza Blunn (MSPC) ask for our prayers, as they embark for World Youth Day (WYD) in Lisbon, Portugal.



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.



Peter Kearney Concert-Reflection
SIGNS of HOPE – PEOPLE of FAITH

SONGS & STORIES

Songs linked by stories and reflections about people whose faithful lives have brought compassion, hope and justice into our world.

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14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (144)

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and
earth; you have revealed to little ones the
mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!



ORGAN RECITAL

Warren Whitney

2:30 pm | Sunday 23 July 2023

All Saints Anglican Church

\$18/\$12 entry

Tickets at door or

book online: www.trybooking.com/CIXOB



WOMEN'S REFLECTION DAY

WITH MISSIONARY OF GOD'S LOVE SISTERS

'Finding God in the Chaos of Life

10 am | Sunday 23 July

St Francis Xavier Parish, Ballina

at St Francis Xavier Primary School Hall

Lunch & morning provided. Register for catering.

Phone SFX Parish Office 6681 1048 to register
by Wednesday 19 July

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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