

# 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

Broadway, Burringbar

### St. Columba's Church

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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

23 July 2023

## God's good crop

At first glance today's gospel seems to draw a clear distinction between the wheat as the good crop and the darnel as the bad crop. The darnel was sown by the enemy while everybody was asleep. It was regarded as a toxic crop to be weeded out.

Darnel has an intoxicating effect, if consumed. In fact, its official name, "Lolium temulentum", comes from a Latin word for "drunk." In contrast, wheat is described as the good seed which sprouted and ripened. Indeed, Jesus describes it as a metaphor for his own self-giving love: that "unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit" (John 12:24).

Yet, if the darnel is indeed the bad crop, we might well ask ourselves why the farmer has decided to let both crops grow till the harvest? The answer to that question is that this parable, like all parables, reveals surprising truths about aspects of God. In this instance, it describes the mercy and love of God. Here, God is not a ruthless farmer who is targeting the darnel. Rather, God allows both wheat and darnel to grow to the harvest. Each and everyone has the opportunity to return God.

The Dominican theologian Herbert McCabe explains that we should not be deluded into thinking that, if you are sorry for your sins, God will come and forgive you, that he will be touched by your appeal, change his mind about you and forgive you. McCabe would have us understand that the truth is, instead, that God never changes his mind about you. God is simply in love with you. What he does again and again is change your mind about him. You are not forgiven because you confess your sins. You come to celebrate that your sins are forgiven.

Today's psalm describes God's mercy and compassion. It speaks of a God who is "abounding in love and truth" (Psalm 85:15). John Duns Scotus, the 13th century Franciscan theologian, similarly believed that God did not enter human history because Adam and Eve had sinned; rather, God became man because he loved humanity so much, he desired to be one with us.

In the midst of our struggles, God takes the initiative and draws near to us. The second reading describes how "the Spirit comes to help us on our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words" (Romans 8:26).

We are called to an awareness that God loves us immensely and to respond to God's love and fulfil our destiny as flourishing beings, nourished in the rich soil of God's compassion and mercy.

Sophie Clements @ Magellan Media 2023

# This week in the Parish

Sunday 23	<b>16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A</b> <b>THIRD WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY</b> 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass
Tuesday 25	5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 26	<b>Sts Joachim &amp; Anne, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 27	8:15 am - Mass
Friday 28	12 noon - Mass
Saturday 29	9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 30	<b>17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A</b> 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptism

## 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:

Judy Mills, Patrick Guinea, Gordy Batten, Joan Davis,  
Donald Bartesko, Colleen McBurney, Morrie Nolan

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Kevin Gooley, Irene McDonald, Kevin O'Keefe,  
Lloyd Roberts

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Peter Hyde, Suzanne Brincat, Lorraine Green,  
Colin Brooks, Kathy Dawson, baby Oliver, David Burke,  
Malcolm Reid, Paul Calvino, Maureen McCabe,  
Fr Anthony Lemon, James Wallace

## ROSTERS | READINGS

### READING ROSTER

29/30 July | 17th Sunday in Ord Time | Yr A

6pm - Barbara Grant

9am - Bernard Nolan

### READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

**16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A**

Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-30

**17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A**

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

## 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.*

## WELCOME FR JIM...

This weekend we welcome Fr Jim Carty to our parish. Fr Jim is with us until the end of July. He will be celebrating Mass during the week and all weekend Masses.

We hope Fr Jim has an enjoyable time during his stay in Murwillumbah. Please make him welcome.

## Save the Date | Sunday 20 August 9 am Mass + breakfast/morning tea

Mt St Patrick College students and staff from Ignatius House and Assisi House will join us for Mass on Sunday 20 August. Parishioners are invited to join the students from Ignatius and Assisi for breakfast/morning tea after Mass.

Wear your **Orange (Ignatius)** and/or **Aqua (Assisi)** to support the College Houses.

## ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 29 | Isla Chapman & Oliver Barrett

Sun 30 | Eliza & Charlotte Dowling

## ROSARY STATUE

23 July: Susan & Vince Kean

30 July: Evelyn Cook 6 Aug: Jenny Wallace

## 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

**RECOGNITION OF 20 YEARS' SERVICE TO OUR PARISH AND THE DIOCESE OF LISMORE**



Recently Fr Peter presented Beth Gorton, Parish Secretary with a Papal Blessing in recognition of her contribution and dedication to our Parish community for the past 20+ years. The Papal Blessing *“invokes an abundance of divine graces”* for Beth. Beth’s gentleness and compassion are greatly appreciated by all of us who work with and interact with her. We pray happiness and health for Beth as she continues her work in our Parish. Thank you, Beth, for all you do each and every day.

Preach the Word of God wherever you go, even use words if necessary.  
- St Francis of Assisi

**Pope’s Mission Intention for July...**  
**For a Eucharistic life:** We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

**Today we celebrate THE THIRD WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY**

**“His mercy is from age to age”**

- Luke 1:50



Pope Francis chose the theme - which is a line from Mary’s Magnificat in the first chapter of Luke - to tie the celebration of the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly to World Youth Day,

which will be celebrated just over a week later, in Lisbon, Portugal.

This relationship is evident in Pope Francis’ message to elders, inviting them to pray for and bless the youth who will participate in WYD, and to young people, urging them to visit and listen to the grandparents and the elderly in their community.



The Pope stressed that between the two generations there is a communion of life and faith, a mutual giving and gratitude, a witness of hope and charity.

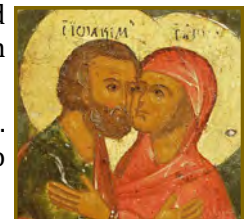
**SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE**

**Grandparents of Jesus | Feast Day 26th July**

According to Church tradition Sts Joachim and Anne were a deeply faithful Jewish couple from the line of King David. Strong devotion to them dates back to early Christianity.

While we know very little about Sts Joachim and Anne we can assume that Mary was raised in a faith-filled Jewish home, which led her to respond wholeheartedly to God’s request with faith, *“Let it be done to me as you will”*.

Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us. Pray for our grandchildren who are so dear to us.



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.

**Sunday 30th July, 3.00pm**  
**Sacred Heart Church**  
**MURWILLUMBAH**  
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Cuppa at interval



## 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (85)

**R:** Lord, you are good and forgiving.

### 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!**



**WORLD YOUTH DAY**  
**LISBON PORTUGAL**  
**23 JULY - 11 AUGUST 2023**

**“Mary arose and went with haste.”**

**Please keep all pilgrims in your prayers this week, as they embark on their journey to meet in Lisbon, Portugal for the 2023 World Youth Day celebration.**

**May it be a time of great spiritual blessing and the formation of many friendships.**

Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me, I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.

- Revelation 3:20

## COMMUNION

A reminder to those who are kneeling and/or receiving *Communion* on the tongue to please wait until the end of the Communion line.

If you are unable to walk to/or have difficulty walking up the aisle for communion at Sunday Mass, please: stand, or raise your hand and sit at end of the pew, or in the chairs, and an Extra-Ordinary Minister of Communion will come to you.

## 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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