

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

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St. Columba's Church

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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A

17 September 2023

Love is a greater power

A wandering preacher's violent execution by a long-gone empire a couple thousand years ago is the salvation of the world? *That* eccentric rabbi is the king of heaven and earth? Are you joking? He said what? It is more blessed to give than to receive? He taught *who* will inherit the earth? Everybody knows what happens to the meek: they lose. Every time. If I strike you, and you turn the other cheek, I won. Right?

If they remind you of anything, today's readings from Sirach and from the gospel recall the equally startling line in the Our Father: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." The petition makes our forgiveness by God contingent on our forgiving others. It's terribly sobering. It's also deeply rooted in the hopes and aspirations of the historical people of God in their (our) covenant with the Creator.

Let us reflect on the Christian account of true power: Anger slams a door, gentleness waits patiently; arrogance thrusts itself to the front, humility withdraws to the back; strife loudly divides into pieces, peace quietly smooths out; revenge grasps and squeezes, forgiveness lets go; hatred pushes, love embraces. Which is more powerful? "Love is stronger than death," says the author of the Song of Songs. If death is most evidently the greatest power in the world, then what is love? Love is stronger, greater, more powerful in what it effects than death.

Of course, love's greatness of power—even over death—is not evident. If you have suffered the death of a loved one, for example, you are certainly confronted with this fact. No matter how much you love him or her, death has caused a definitive breach between you. Love seems impotent, weak, *non-effective* in the face of death.

Death makes an aggressive claim to be the greatest and most universal power there is. Faith, however, says death is not definitive, not absolute. Faith says love is greater, definitive, absolute, universal.

If Jesus rose from the dead on the third day, if he overcame death, then his suffering on the Cross meant something. It meant, in the first place, that love is stronger than death. Faith seems faint, yet, in reality, it is the epitome of force. Forgiveness seems weak, yet, in reality, it enacts a profound degree of strength. Love appears impotent, but, in reality, it is the greatest power there is.

So, how does this reflection help us understand the line from the Our Father? If forgiveness is the greater social power—disarming antagonism, healing hostility, transforming enemies into partners and foes into friends—then in the prayer we are seeking to be the kind of people that belong to and live from his ultimate Kingdom—that Kingdom where love rules, where forgiveness is the condition of entry.

W Chris Hackett @Magellan Media 2023

This week in the Parish

Sunday 17	24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptism
Tuesday 19	No Mass today
Wednesday 20	10:00 am - Catholic Men's Group (see note below) No Mass today
Thursday 21	No Mass today
Friday 22	12:00 pm - Mass
Saturday 23	9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 24	25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A MIGRANT & REFUGEE SUNDAY 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass

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

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Eufronio Galaura Jr, Nicasia Galaura, Peter Worden, Del Gillespie, Peter Hyde, John Quan, John Gooley

ANNIVERSARIES:

Reg Norris, Bonnie Egan, Annabelle Jones, Michael Dusi, Joe Mills, Mary Mills

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Wendy Bolden, Margaret Hyde, David McLeod, Lorraine Green, Colin Brooks, Kathy Dawson-Malone, David Burke, Malcolm Reid, Paul Calvino, Maureen McCabe, Fr Anthony Lemon, James Wallace

ROSTERS | READINGS

READING ROSTER

23/24 Sept | 25th Sunday in Ord Time | Yr A

6pm - Mike Brennan

9am - Philomena Zambelli

READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A

Sirach 27:30 - 28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A

Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27; Mt 20:1-16

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.



BAPTISMS:

Please welcome
Oakland Otto Lee
to our faith community.

CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

September morning tea

Wednesday 20 September | 10:00 am

Murwillumbah Services Club

Enquiries: Alex Lever 0458 817 021

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME



CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Mt St Patrick College Year 12 students as they graduate from High School this week.

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 23 Sept | Grace Severs & Yasmin van Rossi

Sun 24 Sept | Eliza & Charlotte Dowling

ROSARY STATUE

17 Sept | Paula Thornton

24 Sept | T & M Jandura 1 Oct | Lisa Dusi-Fox

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



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MEMO TO: Staff, Students, Parents, of Mount St Patrick College School Community[Ref:9/23/6574]
and members of Sacred Heart Parish, Murwillumbah

FROM: Adam Spencer
Director of Catholic Schools

SUBJECT: Appointment: Mr Gavin Dykes, Principal – Mount St Patrick College, Murwillumbah

DATE: 12 September 2023

On behalf of Father Peter Wood, Administrator, Sacred Heart Parish Murwillumbah and the Diocese of Lismore Catholic Schools Limited, I am pleased to announce the appointment of **Mr Gavin Dykes** to the position of Principal of Mount St Patrick College, Murwillumbah commencing 27 January 2024.

Mr Dykes is an experienced educationalist with 28 years' leadership experience, including:

Principal, Xavier High School Albury (2013 to present)
Acting Education Consultant, Catholic Education Diocese of Wagga Wagga (2018, secondment)
Deputy Principal, Notre Dame College, Shepparton (2011-2012)
Deputy Principal, FCJ College Benalla (2006-2010)
Coordinator Positions (1995-2005)

Mr Dykes qualifications include; Master of Leadership and Theology, BBI, 2018- present, Master of Arts Educational Management, University of London, 2002, Bachelor of Theology, Melbourne College of Divinity, 1990, Graduate Diploma Education, ACU, Mercy campus, 1992.

Mr Dykes' is widely recognised as an outstanding faith leader, with a clear pastoral focus, who sees his ministry in education as one of service. Through leading Learning and Teaching Mr Dykes has fostered the development of high performing school cultures which focus on improved outcomes for all students, while involving and reimagining the entire school community.

As Chair (representing the Catholic Schools Office) of the selection panel, I would like to thank the other panel members for their commitment to the process. The interview panel consisted of Fr Paul McDonald (Parish Priest, St Anthony's Parish Kingscliff), Mr Aaron Beach, (Principal, St John's College Woodlawn), Mr Mark McDonald (Regional Service Leader, Catholic Schools Office), Ms Mary-Ann Thackray (Business Manager Sacred Heart Parish, Murwillumbah), Mrs Hayley Youngberry (Assistant Director People and Safety, Catholic Schools Office).

Please join me in congratulating Mr Dykes on his appointment as Principal, Mount St Patrick College, Murwillumbah. I ask that you keep him and his family in your prayers as he commences in this important leadership role in Catholic education.

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (102)

R: The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Christmas Carnival Planning Meetings:

Saturday 16 September | after 6pm Mass

Sunday 17 September | after 9am Mass

Stay after Mass for a short meeting (15-20 mins) to discuss the 2023 Christmas Carnival.



Sacred Heart Parish

presents

Fr Ray Sanchez

speaking on

GRIEF AND LOSS

Fr Ray will explore the process of the grief we go through and how to make sense of it through our faith, as well as what can help us work our way through it to a place of greater peace.

Two sessions available

- ◆ **Friday 13 October at 6:30 pm** - followed by wine and cheese
- ◆ **Saturday 14 October at 10:30 am** - followed by refreshments

in

Parish Hall | College Library

EVERYONE IS MOST WELCOME

CHURCH OPENING HOURS -

Monday 18 to Friday 22 September - the church will be closed this week, until Friday.

Friday 22 September - 11 am to 1 pm including Mass at 12 noon.

Caritas Australia's Emergency Appeals Morocco Earthquake | Libya Floods

Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water and medical assistance. Please support **Caritas Australia's emergency appeals.**

Donate at www.caritas.org.au

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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