

# 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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**25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**YEAR A**

**24 September 2023**

## God will never let us go

Many of the grim-faced youths waiting to have their feet washed that Holy Thursday were heavily tattooed. They were familiar with the harsh realities of crime and violence. Nevertheless, the elderly figure knelt before them, gently washed then dried their feet, and kissed their feet lovingly.

Touched by his gesture of love and mercy, they kissed his hand, thanked him warmly and appeared deeply moved by his actions. The figure before them was Pope Francis and the young people were inmates at a juvenile prison in Rome.

Today's gospel illustrates a quality which Greg Boyle SJ has described as the "limitless magnanimity of God." The generous landowner in the parable invites any worker needing employment into his vineyard. It is a metaphor for a God whose generosity knows no bounds. He longs to include everyone in his plan for redemption.

The wage of one denarius is not an indication that the landowner is a mean-spirited businessman. In contrast, it is meant to show that everyone is equally valued no matter their circumstances. God's love sets no limits and, indeed, is entirely undeserved. It is a gift he offers to everyone regardless of how they come to him.

Fr Boyle has embodied this lavish generosity in his ministry. Touched by the plight of disadvantaged youth who have fallen into crime, he founded Homeboy Ministries, a gang intervention and rehabilitation program in Los Angeles. He has, for the past few decades, provided training, employment and opportunities for gang members—some of whom even belong to rival gangs—to rebuild their lives. He describes God's heart as "immeasurably larger than our imaginations can conjure." He says that God longs to give all of us, regardless of our circumstances "peace, assurance and a sense of well-being" (Gregory Boyle, *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion*).

In his encyclical "Fratelli Tutti," Pope Francis draws on the example of St Francis of Assisi to encourage us to live in a manner marked radically by the gospel. St Francis regarded his primary goal as spreading the love of God to everyone. Pope Francis explains that St Francis understood that "God is love and those who abide in love abide in God" (1 John 4:16). Pope Francis also cites the parable of the Good Samaritan as well as Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman as examples of how God's love transcends boundaries such as race and culture.

Our deep encounter with an immensely generous and loving God can prove life-changing and indeed world-changing. God's love transforms each of us and, in turn, ripples out to the broad network of everyone with whom we interact. Pope Francis explains that "our relationships, if healthy and authentic, open us to others who expand and enrich us." Empowered by this divine impetus, we can bring about significant social, economic and political change in our world.

Sophie Clements @Magellan Media 2023

# This week in the Parish

Sunday 24	<b>25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A</b> 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass
Tuesday 26	No Mass today
Wednesday 27	<b>St Vincent de Paul</b> <b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b> No Mass today
Thursday 28	No Mass today
Friday 29	12:00 pm - Mass
Saturday 30	9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
<b>OCTOBER - Month of the Holy Rosary</b>	
Sunday 1	Daylight Saving commences <b>26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A</b> 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Cuppa   Morning Tea after 9am Mass

Daylight Savings  
commences  
Sunday 1 October

## 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.

## ROSARY IN BUDD PARK

**Saturday 7th October  
at 10am**

Refreshments to follow.  
All welcome to come and pray for our country.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Geof Nolan (Brother-in-law of Harry Pearson),  
Peter Worden, Del Gillespie

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Salvatore Procopio, Ted Leape

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

William Paterson, 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

**30 Sept/1 Oct | 26th Sunday in Ord Time | A**

6pm - Margaret Mumford

9am - Mary-Ann Thackray

### READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

**25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A**

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

**26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A**

Ezek 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

## PARISH CUPPA

Please join us for a Cuppa | Morning tea  
after 9am Mass next Sunday 1 October

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**



## CHURCH OPENING HOURS -

**Monday 25 to Friday 29 September** (subject to  
change without notice)

**Tuesday 26 - 9 am to 4 pm**

**Wednesday 27 - 9 am to 4 pm**

**Thursday 28 - 12 pm to 4pm**

**Friday 29 - 9 am to 1 pm including Mass at 12  
noon**

Please be aware of your personal safety when you are  
in the church during these times.

Please report any unsafe conditions or accidents  
immediately to the parish office on 0413 277 700.

## ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 30 Sept | Bailey & Jana Lofts

Sun 1 Oct | Bonnie Lindsay & Nate Linkins

## ROSARY STATUE

24 Sept | Trish & Michael Jandura

1 Oct | Lisa Dusi-Fox 8 Oct | 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

## 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.*



Today is

## MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY

### FREE TO CHOOSE WHETHER TO MIGRATE OR TO STAY

In this year's 109<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees message, Pope Francis focuses on the theme, **FREE TO CHOOSE WHETHER TO MIGRATE OR TO STAY**. He points out that for a healthy society there should always be "the freedom that should always mark the decision to leave one's native land."

Migration movements throughout the world continue unabated. The Pope insists that we should always be "ensuring that freedom is a widely shared pastoral concern."

For migration to be truly a choice that is free, "efforts must be made to ensure to everyone an equal share in the common good, respect for his or her fundamental rights, and access to an integral human development."

The Pope concludes his reflection by reminding us again that "the migrant is not simply a brother or sister in difficulty, but Christ himself, who knocks at our door." We are to construct "bridges and not walls, expanding channels for a safe and regular migration."

Archbishop Christopher Prowse  
Chairman| Bishops Commission for Evangelisation,  
Laity and Ministry

### VINNIES

This Sunday we welcome Vinnies members from the Tweed Byron region to the 9 am Mass. At the close of Mass there will be a short recommitment of service to the Society followed by a reflection day for Members in the Learning Hub/Parish Hall prior to the feast day for St Vincent de Paul on 27 September.



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**2023 CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL**  
**& NATIVITY TABLEAU**  
**Saturday 25 November**



**OCTOBER IS**

## WORLD MISSION MONTH

Tuberculosis, malnutrition and maternal mortality are conditions all too familiar for the people of Timor-Leste. During October, we will learn about the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters as they continue to provide an essential community project that addresses the gaps in care and well-being in rural communities like Venilale.

**This work simply will not be possible without your support. We hope you will accept this invitation to make a real and lasting impact for those in need.**

**This weekend we welcome Lew Wallace from Catholic Mission Australia to talk about World Mission Month and the Mission Sunday Appeal on 21/22 October.**

Freecall: 1800 257 296

or visit: [catholicmission.org.au/timor](http://catholicmission.org.au/timor)

**Thank you for your prayerful support and generosity.**



**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. Not only for the loss of a loved one, but also the loss of a home, a divorce, a job etc. No need to RSVP, just come along.

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**





## 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (144)

**R: The Lord is near to all who call him.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the  
words of your Son.**

**Alleluia!**

### WITH THANKS

We thank Fr Michael Nilon for his pastoral care of  
our parish over the past 2 months,  
while Fr Peter has been on long service leave.

Fr Peter returns for next weekend's Masses.

### CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL | Plant Stall...

We have assorted sizes of black plastic pots that can  
be used for cuttings & seedlings for the Plant Stall at  
the Christmas Carnival - pick up from the Parish  
Office.



### 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](http://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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