

# 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

Convent Lane, Uki

## PARISH STAFF

### Administrator

Fr. Peter Wood

### Parish Manager

Mary-Ann Thackray

### Parish Secretary

Beth Gorton

### Pastoral Associate

Barbara Grant

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Principal: Mr. Brendan Ryan

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**26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR A**

**1 October 2023**

## Pray that God walks with us

Many parents today could empathise with the father asking each of his two sons to work in their vineyard. It is not an unreasonable request. Presumably their livelihood relies on the income from the vineyard, and the father speaks not harshly but with affection, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today."

Jesus does not explain the motivation of the two sons, but the defiance of the first son in initially refusing to work in the vineyard would have hurt his father. Jesus does not say why the son then 'thought better of it' and went to work. Perhaps it was seeing the pain on his father's face. The point for Jesus is that he changed his mind. The second son instantly agreed to his father's request but then reneged.

As St Matthew recounts, Jesus is telling this story in a contest with the chief priests and elders of the people who have challenged his authority to be teaching and acting as he does. So, he tells this story and asks them to decide who did the father's will. Of course, they answered: the one who went to work in the vineyard.

In words that must have shocked and outraged his opponents, Jesus declares: 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you'. At that time, tax collectors collaborated with the oppressive Roman authorities and made money for themselves as well. They were socially despised and outside the Jewish law, like the prostitutes.

Yet these despised people were among those who heard and believed the message of John the Baptist, 'a pattern of true righteousness', while the chief priests and elders, the very ones who should have been most alert to the message of John, refused to accept him. They were like the second son who said he would go to the vineyard, but then refused. Jesus is declaring that God's loving embrace is available to everyone, especially those who feel most excluded, or who are 'seekers' drawn by some deep inner longing.

This incident of Jesus arguing with these religious leaders also carries a warning for us today. We too can be deaf to the unexpected call of God. Moreover, Jesus insists that responding to the father's will is not just a matter of words, but of action. Actions speak louder than words.

So, we pray that God will truly walk with us, and help us live with insightful concern for others, especially in this traumatic year that has included extensive bushfires, COVID-19 and economic distress for many.

Let us also embrace the call of Pope Francis in his encyclical *Laudato Si'* to play our part in protecting our planet and environment, while striving for a more just world with social and economic systems that serve everyone well.

Bruce Duncan CSsR @Magellan Media 2023

# This week in the Parish

Sunday 1	<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	<b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b> <u>First Friday of each month</u> 11 am - 11:50 am  <b>RECONCILIATION</b> Saturday: 5.30 pm - 5.50 pm Sunday: 8.30 am - 8.50 pm  <b>ROSARY</b> 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.  <b>WEDNESDAY WORD</b> Copies of Wednesday Word, are available for you in the Church.
Monday 2	<b>Holy Guardian Angels</b> <b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY - Parish Office Closed</b> 9:00 am - Rosary & Prayers   see note below	
Tuesday 3	<b>No Mass today</b>	
Wednesday 4	<b>St Francis of Assisi   No Mass today</b>	
Thursday 5	<b>No Mass today</b>	
Friday 6	11:00 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12:00 pm - Mass	
Saturday 7	<b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b> 10:00 am - Rosary in the Park   see note page 3 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass	
Sunday 8	<b>27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A</b> 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptisms	

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Barry Sweetnam, Norma Newland, Deodat Zenda, Peter Worden, Del Gillespie

## ANNIVERSARIES:

Maria Zambelli, Madonna Marshall

## THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Fr Paul Gooley, 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



## PARISH CUPPA

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

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

## ROSARY & PRAYERS

for God's Precious Infants and the Unborn Child - Monday 2 October - 9am - Sacred Heart Church.

Pregnancy Help Line: 1300 139 313

## ROSTERS | READINGS

### READING ROSTER

**7/8 Oct | 27th Sunday in Ord Time | Yr A**

6pm - Barbara Brodbeck

9am - Maree Coley

### READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

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

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

**27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A**

Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

### ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 7 Oct | Rafe & Danny McAndrew

Sun 8 Oct | Annabel Casey & Sienna Alexander

### ROSARY STATUE

1 Oct | Lisa Dusi-Fox

8 Oct | Narelle Gear 15 Oct | Philomena Zambelli

October

Month of the  
Holy Rosary



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

*We 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.*

## VIEW MASS AT HOME -

Options to tune into Mass at home when you can't be with us:

- Bishop Greg | Sunday Mass on [Diocesan YouTube](#)
- Freeview TV - Channel 10 Sunday 6 am



## 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.

Not only for the loss of a loved one, but also the loss of a home, a divorce, a job etc.

No need to book, 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**



## EMERGENCY APPEALS

Morocco Earthquake and Libya Floods

[www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au)

By this we come to know the love of God:  
that Christ laid down his life for us;  
so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.  
- 1 John 3:16



**2023  
Catholic Mission  
Church Appeal**

*Hearts on Fire*  
**FEET ON THE MOVE**



During the month of October, Catholic Mission will share an opportunity for you to partner with Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Timor-Leste 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 this in need.**

Freecall: 1800 257 296

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

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

## WELCOME HOME

This weekend we welcome back

**Fr Peter Wood.**

**We hope Fr Peter had a wonderful holiday and is returning refreshed and renewed to tackle the busy months ahead!**

## PRAYER SPONSORS FOR MSPC HSC STUDENTS

Mt St Patrick College is once again asking for Prayer Sponsors for Year 12 students during their Higher School Certificate exams. The HSC exams commence Wednesday 11 October and continue until Friday 3 November.

**Prayer cards with student names are available at all Masses this weekend.**

**Thank you for your prayers.**

## CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

**October morning tea**

**Wednesday 18 October | 10:00 am**

**Murwillumbah Services Club**

Enquiries:

Alex Lever 0458 817 021

**ALL MEN ARE WELCOME**

## ROSARY IN THE PARK

**Saturday 7 October 2023**

**10:00 am | Budd Park South Murwillumbah**

The Legion of Mary invites parishioners and friends to Rosary in the Park next Saturday.

Join us as we pray for our beautiful country and our leaders.

Refreshments to follow.

*Enquiries :*

*please contact Philomena Zambelli*





## 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (24)

R: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

### IF SUNG:

R. Remember your mercies Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

8 weeks to go ...



Save the Date!!

Saturday 25 November 2023

Christmas Carnival & Nativity Tableau

## 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.



## 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.

## INVEST WITH PEACE OF MIND

[www.dif.org.au](http://www.dif.org.au) Phone 1800 802 516 Paying 3.70%

Agents: ALG/Egan Simpson Solicitors, 15 Prince Street, Murwillumbah.





# CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL & NATIVITY TABLEAU

## Saturday 25th November 2023 from 4:00 pm

### How can I help?

Your support is greatly appreciated by carnival organisers and all stall holders.

**Now:** Donate goods to sell or donate cash, materials or ingredients to stall holders or offer to help in preparation

**At Saturday Working Bee:** Help with set-up on Saturday morning from 7:00 am

**On Carnival Night:** Offer to help on a stall, even for a short time as this allows others to take a break

**At Sunday Working Bee:** Help with dismantle & clean up on Sunday morning up from 7:00 am

### What can I do?

#### Parish Raffle

Buy a book of tickets online or collect a book of tickets to sell the old fashioned way!  
Collect books to sell from church, parish office or schools—tickets will be available in the coming weeks

#### Chocolate Wheel

Call organisers to offer help—helpers must be over 17 years of age

#### Raffles

Donate a prize for raffles. Please drop items into the Parish Office by 3 pm Thursday 23 November  
Ideas include gift vouchers, gift packs, hamper items, Christmas decorations

#### Cent Auction

Donate items for inclusion in the mini cent auction prizes (*new items only*) - drop items to Parish Office by Monday 20 November

#### Bottles

Filled bottles or parcels to \$2-\$3 value; donate clean empty bottles; and/or goodies to fill bottles.  
Plastic recyclable bottles if possible. Drop items at Parish Office or schools by Thursday 23 November

#### Cakes & Sweets

Donate home-cooked cakes, slices, biscuits, muffins, Christmas cakes and puddings; home made sweets—  
deliver to MSPP or Parish Office by 3 pm Friday 24 November or to the stall on carnival day by 4 pm.  
Cake/bakery boxes are available

#### Plants

Potted plants, cuttings, herbs & shrubs | Deliver to Parish Office by 3 pm Friday 24 November or to stall on  
Carnival day by 3 pm | Drive up access available until 3 pm only

#### Craft +

Donate Craft & Sewing items (*new items only*).  
Drop items to Parish Office by Thursday 23 November or deliver to stall on Carnival day by 3 pm

#### Produce

Donate fresh fruit & vegetables, pickles and jams.  
Deliver to stall on Carnival day by 3 pm or to Parish Office by 3 pm Friday 24 November.

#### Food Tickets

Help sell food tickets. *Food tickets are required to purchase BBQ, & hot dogs*

#### BBQ & Hot Dogs

Help with cooking BBQ & serving food

#### Bar

RSA bar staff needed. Must have a current NSW Competency Card—18 & over

#### Drinks—Hot & Cold

Helpers needed for setting up at 3 pm and selling drinks from 4 pm

#### Children's Activities

Donations of small prizes for Hoopla. Donations may be left at Parish office by Thursday 23 November  
Helpers for various children's activities needed | New ideas welcome!

Need more  
information?  
Contact your  
CARNIVAL  
COMMITTEE  
via  
Parish Office:  
6672 1118  
Carnival Night:  
0413 277 700



### Who do I contact?

Parish Office 6672 1118

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Barbara Grant & Dorothy Macartney

Belinda Glazebrook & Sheree Loughman | MSP  
College P&F

MSP Primary Parent Forum 6672 1821

Marie Luxford

*Helpers needed*

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Parish Office 6672 1118

St Josephs Parent Forum 6672 1867

Parish Office 6672 1118 / Bryanne Jardine

*Helpers needed*

MSP College 6672 2340 | Parish Office 6672 1118

# CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL & NATIVITY TABLEAU

## SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2023

*Please complete and return this form to the Parish Office or to your School Office  
by Friday 10 November 2023*



☐ Yes, I/we can help at the 2023 Christmas Carnival & Nativity Tableau

Name:

Home Phone:

Mobile Phone:

Email:

I can help with:

### Stalls & activities

- ☐ Help on a stall / activity with setting up before 4:00 pm
- ☐ Help on a stall / activity on the night
- ☐ Help on a stall / activity as "relief"
- ☐ Sell raffle tickets for a stall
- ☐ Donate items for a stall

Preferred stall /activity (see list below):

### Working Bees

- ☐ Working Bee on Saturday morning – 7:00 am start
- ☐ Working Bee on Sunday morning – 7:00 am start

### Stalls

Bottle  
Cakes & Sweets (coordinators MSP Primary Parent Forum)  
Craft & Produce  
Plants

### Games of Chance & Raffles

Chocolate Wheels (17 & over)  
Parish Raffle  
Other Raffles

### Working Bee – Saturday

Task will include:

- Set up stall areas
- Set up marquees
- Set up parking area
- Set up BBQ servery

### Food & Drinks

Bar (18 & over + current RSA required)  
BBQ & Hots Dogs (coordinators SJP Primary Parent Forum)  
Hot & Cold Drinks  
Food Ticket Sales

### Children's Activities

Children's Rides & Activities supervisors  
Face Painting  
Glow Candles  
Hoopla  
Snow Cones

### Working Bee – Sunday

Task will include:

- Dismantle stall areas
- Dismantle marquees
- Clean up playground litter