

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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**27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A**

8 October 2023

**This week we welcome
The Most Reverend Gregory Homeming,
Bishop of Lismore,
to our Parish as he celebrates the
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

Staying faithful to Jesus' teaching

In today's gospel, Jesus chastises the Chosen People's religious leaders of his day, putting a very sobering message before them.

In the parable, he tells of a landowner who leases his vineyard into the care of tenants. When the harvest had come, he sent his servants to the tenants to claim his due as the landowner. To the landowner's dismay, the murderous tenants kill the servants. The landlord then sends more servants only to have the tenants kill them too.

Finally, the landowner sends his son and heir, thinking that the tenants would surely respect his son, respond appropriately to him, and pay what is due to the son to bring back to the landowner. But the tenants kill the landlord's son, thinking that they would then claim for themselves the inheritance that would have gone to the son.

Jesus, the master teacher, then asks the leaders who are listening to him what they think the landowner will then do. They reply that, of course, the landowner would severely punish the tenants, take the vineyard from them and lease it to new tenants.

We may well be shocked that the father, knowing that many of his servants had already been killed by the tenants, would send his son. But, in spite of that violent history, he trusts that his son would be safe, and so the son goes without arms, defences or protection, only to be killed.

In Matthew's hand, the parable becomes a story of salvation history. It speaks to us about God's dealings with his Chosen People, Israel. The vineyard is Israel (a familiar image in the Old Testament) and the tenants are the religious leaders of Israel. The servants sent by the landowner are the prophets God sent to Israel, many of whom suffered greatly, some even death. Eventually God did send his only Son and Jesus is rejected and killed. God then extends the Kingdom to the whole world; Gentiles and Jews.

So, what does this parable, focussed as it is on the failures of Israel's religious leaders, mean for us today? It tells us that, no matter the failings or abuses of the leaders of God's people, God's Kingdom will prevail and will be fruitful. Also, that it embraces all humankind, not just a select few, but in fact all creation. It tells us that God's love will not be thwarted, no matter the misuse of privilege, authority and power.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 8	27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A
	8:30 am - Rosary
	9:00 am - Mass
	10:15 am - Baptisms
Tuesday 10	6:00 pm - CONFIRMATION
Wednesday 11	HSC commences
	Parish Office Closed today
	5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 12	8:15 am - Mass
Friday 13	12:00 pm - Requiem Mass—Milan (Mick) Mesic
	6:30 pm - Grief and Loss Seminar (note page 3)
Saturday 14	9:00 am - Rosary
	10:30 am - Grief and Loss Seminar (note page 3)
	5:30 pm - Rosary
	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 15	28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A
	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:

Milan (Mick) Mesic, Barry Sweetnam, Norma Newland, Deodat Zenda, Geof Nolan, Peter Worden

ANNIVERSARIES:

Narelle Holstein, Gordon Bakes

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Margarete Traves, Fr Paul Gooley, Wendy Bolden, Margaret Hyde, Lorraine Green, Colin Brooks, Kathy Dawson-Malone, David Burke, Malcolm Reid, Paul Calvino, Maureen McCabe, Fr Anthony Lemon, James Wallace



BAPTISM:

Please welcome

Isabella Oliva Higgins & Clara Anne Higgins
to our faith community.

Mary's alcove has recently been repaired and painted – thank you to the Legion of Mary for their \$200 donation towards the restoration work.

ROSTERS | READINGS

READING ROSTER

14/15 Oct | 28th Sunday in Ord Time | Yr A

6pm - Tim Waugh

9am - Ed Egan

READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A

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

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A

Is 25:6-10; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 14 Oct | Rose Seamer & Lily Daly

Sun 15 Oct | Eliza & Charlotte Dowling

ROSARY STATUE

8 Oct | Narelle Gear

15 Oct | Philomena Zambelli

22 Oct | Anne Palmer

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

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 join us:

- Bishop Greg | Sunday Mass 9 am on the [Diocesan YouTube channel youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjmoreDioceseAU)
- Freeview TV - Channel 10 Sunday 6 am



This Tuesday evening 10 September, Bishop Gregory Homeming will administer the **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** to thirty-six children in our Parish.

Thank you to parents, teachers and catechists who helped prepare the children for this sacrament, and to our parish community, for the prayers and support that you offered the children and their families.

7 weeks to go ...



Saturday 25 November 2023

Christmas Carnival & Nativity Tableau

There are many ways you can help! Not sure how?
Check out the carnival flyer or ask at Parish Office

PRAYER SPONSORS FOR MSPC HSC STUDENTS

Mt St Patrick College is 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.*

The Legion of Mary

would like to offer parishioners some good quality Marian literature at the back of the church this Sunday, so we can all explore and discover more about Mary. This is our free gift to you. Please feel free to accept.

Australia's Catholic Bishops have asked people to participate in respectful dialogue about the Indigenous Voice to Parliament referendum.

In the recent Social Justice Statement "Listen Learn Love", the Catholic bishops of Australia asked all people of good will to "weigh up all the arguments and information carefully and make a choice which you think respects the hopes and aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. Choose the option which you believe offers the best chance of healing and justice for the First Peoples of our land."

May the Holy Spirit who opens locked doors give us light and strength to keep working for a better and more equitable Australia. Let us walk together.

Copies of "Listen Learn Love" and "Towards the Referendum | A Statement from Australia's Catholic Bishops" are available at the back of the church this weekend.

Related links:

[Towards the Referendum | A statement from Australia's Catholic Bishops](#)

[ACBC Social Justice Statement 2023-204 Listen, Learn, Love](#)

[NATSICC First Nations Voices](#)

[Uluru Statement from the Heart](#)



**2023
Catholic Mission
Church Appeal**

Hearts on Fire
FEET ON THE MOVE



WORLD MISSION MONTH

Tuberculosis, malnutrition and maternal mortality are conditions all too familiar for the people of Timor-Leste.

During October you will learn about the work of the Salesian Sisters, including nurse, Sister Carolina, who desires to see better outcomes for her community. We will also share the story of Petrolina and her daughter's desperate need for medical attention.

You have the opportunity to partner with this life-giving work, and your prayers and generosity are crucial in ensuring this program can continue.

This opportunity is a great way to commit to the missionary movement, as He reminds us in Luke 24:13-35, the fire of Christ burns within us and encourages us to take action for those in most need.

Freecall: 1800 257 296 | or visit: catholicmission.org.au/timor

Thank you for your prayerful support and generosity.

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (79)

R: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**I call you my friends, says the Lord;
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!**



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

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And the cornerstone of the Kingdom is Jesus, the Son, the one who was rejected. Our task, our mission, is to be faithful to Jesus' teaching and fruitful in bringing about the Kingdom in our world, through works of justice, peace, and reconciliation, in love of neighbour, and in care and compassion for the poor, the lonely, and the marginalised. The letter to the Philippians assures us: Do not worry about anything. Keep on doing the things of the Kingdom ... and the God of peace will be with us.

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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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