

# Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



## PARISH CHURCHES

### Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

### Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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**29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**YEAR A**

**22 October 2023**

## Avoiding a tricky question

The gospels are full of great stories; and this Sunday's extract is no exception. It all hinges on a "trick question". The Pharisees and Herodians attempt to tempt Jesus into committing a political *faux pas*.

The question they put to him – "is it lawful to pay the Census tax to Caesar or not?" – permits no "safe" answer. If Jesus answers "Yes, you should pay the tax," he could be condemned as a collaborator with the hated Roman occupation. If, however, he advocated that people avoid the tax, he could be denounced as anti-Roman.

Tax revolts against Rome were common. A large-scale one had taken place during Jesus' boyhood and had been crushed with typical Roman brutality.

Ironically, the Pharisees were not normally known for their cooperation with either the imperial authorities or their aristocratic collaborators. Yet they joined forces with the supporters of Herod against Jesus.

Jesus evades the question by posing his own riddle. He asks to see the coin that was used to pay the tax; most likely, the silver denarius of Tiberius. The denarius bears an idolatrous image of the Emperor Tiberius with the confronting inscription "Tiberius Caesar, son of the Divine Augustus."

The coin related to the pagan imperial cult in the East Empire and represented an affront to Jewish religious and political sensibilities. The ancient Jewish historian, Josephus proudly proclaimed that the Jewish citizens of Jerusalem preferred death to allowing Caesar's image to enter Jerusalem on standards (Antiquities of the Jews, 18.59). Yet Jesus finds some of Jerusalem's most respected citizens had the idolatrous images of Caesar.

Jesus asks, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" When his opponents reply, "Caesar's," Jesus tells them to "repay to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what belongs to God."

By asking his interlocutors to produce the coin, Jesus forces them to admit that they kept such idolatrous objects on their person. Jesus is not advocating what today we would call "the separation of Church and State." Rather, Jesus is suggesting that Caesar's regime was a blasphemous nonsense, which God would one day overthrow and replace with a new kingdom.

Jesus' words remind us of those of an earlier Jewish revolutionary, Mattathias, who told his sons "Pay back to the Gentiles what is due to them and keep the law's commands" (1 Mc 2:68). Neither Jesus nor Mattathias were talking about money, but about personal integrity and fidelity.

The lesson in here is that we shouldn't allow ourselves to be tricked into thinking that any political party or regime can bring about justice and peace. A truly just society is one aligned to God which we have yet to achieve. So, until the kingdom comes, we are called to engage in the social and political realms as critics and agents for change, champions of justice and seekers for peace.

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# This week in the Parish

## Sunday 22 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A

8:30 am - Rosary

9:00 am - Mass

Tuesday 24 5:30 pm - Mass

Wednesday 25 5:30 pm - Mass

Thursday 26 8:15 am - Mass

Friday 27 12:00 pm - Mass

Saturday 28 9:00 am - Rosary

5:30 pm - Rosary

6:00 pm - Vigil Mass

## Sunday 29 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A

8:30 am - Rosary

9:00 am - Mass

10:00 am - Cuppa after Mass with Rosie

## 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:

Hugh McLeod, Milan (Mick) Mesic, Barry Sweetnam, Norma Newland, Deodat Zenda

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Salvatore Procopio

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

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

## ROSTERS | READINGS

### READING ROSTER

28/29 Oct | 30th Sunday in Ord Time | Yr A

6pm - Ray Daley

9am - Jan Bruce

### READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A

Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thess 1:1-5; Mt 22:15-21

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A

Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thess 1:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

### ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 28 Oct | Rafe & Brock McAndrew

Sun 29 Oct | Annabel Casey & Sienna Alexander

### ROSARY STATUE

22 Oct | Anne Palmer

29 Oct | Susan Kean 5 Nov | Evelyn Cook

## 2023 HSC EXAMS

Please remember in your prayers all Year 12 students as they continue their **Higher School Certificate examinations**.

Thank you to Tony & Philomena Zambelli and Pauline Sharp for the beautiful flowers that have graced our church over the past few weeks. Fresh flowers from your garden are always welcome additions for our vases in the Sanctuary, the Baptistry and Mary's Altar.



## 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 -

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 channel](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU) - 9:00 am - [youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU)
- Freeview TV - Channel 10 Sunday 6 am

## WORLD MISSION MONTH



**2023  
Catholic Mission  
Church Appeal**

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



During October Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to address gaps in medical care, and provide families with essential health care and knowledge, equipping them with the confidence to act and autonomy over their health and well-being.

The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in need, like Petrolina's, whose daughter Vitoria was found to have tuberculosis. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at [catholicmission.org.au/timor](http://catholicmission.org.au/timor). Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

Envelopes are available for your donation | Freecall: 1800 257 296 | or visit: [catholicmission.org.au/timor](http://catholicmission.org.au/timor)

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



**THANK YOU to our Parish  
Pastoral Council for hosting the  
Grief & Loss talks  
with Fr Ray Sanchez  
last Friday and Saturday.**

Both sessions were very well attended by our own parishioners as well as visitors from Kingscliff, Tweed Heads, Mullumbimby and Byron-Ballina Parishes. We also welcomed visitors from the local Anglican and Uniting churches.

**Let go and let God!**

### The Legion of Mary

would like to offer parishioners some good quality Marian literature at the back of the church this Saturday, so we can all explore and discover more about Mary.

This is our free gift to you.

Please feel free to accept.

We pray together for an end to the hostilities in the Holy Land and in other hotspots around the world.

We pray today that the peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ fills the hearts of all people all over the world.



5 weeks to go ...



Saturday 25 November 2023

Christmas Carnival & Nativity Tableau

Thank you to those who have  
volunteered; pledged or donated items.

How can you help? Ask at the Parish Office!

Parish Raffle Tickets will be available next week - \$1,000 1st prize



## 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (95)

**R: Give the Lord glory and honour.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.**

**Alleluia!**

## Date Savers!

1 November All Saints Day 5:30 pm Mass

2 November All Souls Day 8:15 am Mass

5 November Morning Tea | Lucan & Lisieux 10:00 am

11 November Mass of the Angels 10:00 am

25 November Christmas Carnival and Nativity Tableau

9 December Legion of Mary Reunion Mass 10:00 am

16 December Anointing Mass 10:00 am

### Sunday 5 November

#### 9 am Mass + breakfast/morning tea

Mt St Patrick College students and staff from **Lucan** House and **Lisieux** House will join us for Mass on Sunday 5 November. Parishioners are invited to join the students from **Lucan** and **Lisieux** for breakfast/morning tea after Mass. Wear your **Green (Lucan)** and/or **Red (Lisieux)** to support the College Houses.

## NOVEMBER - HOLY SOULS

November is a special time for praying for the dead.

During November people traditionally request "November Masses" for deceased relatives & friends. Envelopes for these Masses are in the Planned Giving pack of envelopes or on the table at the Church.

***Please ensure all names are clearly printed.***

Prayers during November may also be requested for deceased relatives and friends by writing their names on the yellow cards (at the Church entrance) and placing the card on the Church noticeboard.

***In 2 Maccabees 12:43-46 we read***

***"It is therefore a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the Dead."***

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

- Psalm 32:18-19

## 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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