

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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**30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A**

29 October 2023

Love your neighbour

The rabbis in Jesus' time identified 613 commands (248 positive [you shall] and 365 negative [you shall not]) that were prescribed in the Torah, the first five books of the Old Testament. Given the impossible burden this posed, this prompted much argument as to which were the most important.

When, in the gospel today, the Pharisees, through a lawyer, ask Jesus which is the greatest commandment, they do it to trick him, knowing that he is unschooled in the intricacies of Jewish Law.

Jesus' reply is disarmingly simple and straightforward. Jesus is in no doubt about the first and greatest commandment. It is to love God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. But Jesus immediately goes on to state that the second commandment is to love your neighbour. Notice that he distinguishes these two commands, but he does not separate them.

Indeed, he indicates that, in a sense, they constitute a single command. His point is very clear: love of God and love of neighbour go hand in hand and, together, encapsulate what God requires of us.

But Jesus then adds a punch line that is a real challenge to his interlocutors: "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." In other words, these two commandments are not simply the greatest or the most important. But all other laws (those 613 or any others that might be promulgated) fall under these two. Those two commandments are the core. They are like the pillars from which all else hangs and to which all others must adhere.

Here then we come to the very heart of Jesus' teaching about how we are to live our lives and express our discipleship. It is love that is commanded of us as his followers. This love is to be expressed in mercy, compassion and forgiveness, in generosity of heart and magnanimity of spirit, in our individual lives and in our life together as a community.

The reading from the Book of Exodus puts before us some very concrete demands of love of neighbour: we are not to wrong or oppress a resident alien. This surely prompts us to reflect in particular on our response, individually and collectively, to refugees and asylum seekers.

We are also urged not to abuse any widow or orphan, nor the defenceless or the vulnerable, the poor or oppressed. To meet these very practical and concrete demands of love of neighbour is an essential aspect of our Christian lives.

Jesus' teaching is so very simple and yet so profoundly challenging. Just as he challenged his listeners then, he challenges us today to reflect on our behavior in terms of our love of neighbour, and how we might do better, and on our love of God and how we might grow in loving God with all our heart, soul and mind.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 29	30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Morning Tea (see note below)
Tuesday 31	5:30 pm - Mass
NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS	
Wednesday 1	Parish Office closed today ALL SAINTS DAY 5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 2	The COMMEMORATION of ALL the FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Soul's Day) 8:15 am - Mass 12:00 pm - Mass 5:30 pm - Mass
Friday 3	9:15 am - Grandparents Day Mass with MSPPS 12:00 pm - Mass
Saturday 4	9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 5	31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Morning tea with Lucan & Lisieux

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT THIS WEEK
Wednesday | 4:30 - 5:15 pm
Thursday | 4:30 - 5:15 pm
Friday | 11:00 am - 11:50 am

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:

Trevor Manders, Hugh McLeod, Milan (Mick) Mesic

ANNIVERSARIES: Maureen Cusack, Mary Lever

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Violet Albury, Margaret Traves, John Lee, Rex Sutherland, 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

4/5 Nov | 31st Sunday in Ord Time | Yr A

6pm - Grace Molloy

9am - Kay Ryder

READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A

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

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A

Mal 1:14 - 2:2, 8-10; 1 Thess 2:7-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 4 Nov | Grace Severs & Yasmin van Rossi

Sun 5 Nov | Eliza & Charlotte Dowling

ROSARY STATUE

29 Oct | Susan Kean

5 Nov | Evelyn Cook 12 Nov | Faith Buchanan

PARISH CUPPA | MORNING TEA

This Sunday 29 October, please join us for a Cuppa | Morning tea after 9am Mass.

Thank you to Rosie who has organised this morning tea.

EVERYONE WELCOME!



PARISH CUPPA | MORNING TEA

Next Sunday 5 November, please join us for a Cuppa | Morning tea after 9am Mass with College Houses - Lucan & Lisieux

EVERYONE 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 -

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

Sacred Heart Parish Christmas Raffle

supporting the pastoral works of the Parish

Cash Prizes

1st prize \$1,500 | 2nd prize \$500 | 3rd prize \$250

We ask that all families and staff in our parish schools support the parish by buying a book or two of raffle tickets
Tickets \$2 ea | book of 5 tickets \$10

buy tickets online now:

<https://rafflelink.com.au/christmas2023>

Don't want to buy online?

Contact the Parish Office for details on how to purchase cash tickets | T 6672 1118

WELCOME

This Tuesday 31 October we welcome **Malcolm Reid** to our faith community. Malcolm will be Baptised, Confirmed and receive First Holy Communion. Congratulations Malcolm and Welcome!



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 next Sunday 5 Nov. 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.

OFFER MASSES FOR THE HOLY SOULS & SUPPORT PRIESTS IN NEED

The Church dedicates the month of November to praying for our deceased loved ones. Both Scripture and Tradition remind us to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins and enter the joy of Heaven. Offering Masses therefore is the greatest gift we can give to them.

Because of our close relationship with the Solomon Islands, our November Masses are generally sent to Archbishop Chris Cardone in Honiara, and from there Mass Intentions are distributed to priests in the various parishes who have limited sources of income.

Masses can be offered for those we knew and loved, or for the souls that have nobody to pray for them.

MASS OF THE ANGELS

10.00am Saturday 11 November
Sacred Heart Church

A special Mass for families to remember their children who have died at, or before birth, or as young children.

NOVEMBER - HOLY SOULS

November is a special time for praying for the dead. During this month 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.

MASS TIMES

ALL SAINTS DAY

WEDNESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER

5:30 PM MASS

ALL SOULS DAY

THURSDAY, 2 NOVEMBER

8:15 AM, 12:00 PM & 5:30 PM Mass

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (17)

R: I love you, Lord, my strength.

IF SUNG:

R. I love you, Lord, my strength,
with all my heart.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!



2023 HSC STUDENTS

Please remember in your prayers all Year 12 students as they enter their final week of Higher School Certificate examinations.

WORLD YOUTH DAY HIGHLIGHTS

The stories of transformation continue to be told as the pilgrims of the Diocese of Lismore settle back into their communities following an unforgettable World Youth Day experience. Share in the spiritual odyssey of this vibrant community of pilgrims as they journeyed through Spain and on to World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon. Experience the fervour, unity, and profound moments of faith as our dedicated pilgrims share their encounters, reflections, and blessings throughout this transformative portrayal of devotion and inspiration. Daniel Pereira, Mission Assistant at Trinity Catholic College, Lismore filmed and edited a special video as a gift to his fellow pilgrims and us, the wider community of the Diocese of Lismore.

Watch this video Pilgrimage to WYD Lisbon 2023 on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S76EnYl-GLY>

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

Thank you for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs in Venilale, Timor-Leste. Your gift is helping Sr Carolina continue to provide life-saving treatment and access to resources on health and well-being. Your gift also supports mission programs around the world that reach out and give life to those in most need.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do soatcatholicmission.org.au/timor. Your action will make a real lasting impact

Thank you for your prayerful support and generosity.

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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