

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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**31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A**

5 November 2023

Oh Lord, it's hard to be humble

Keeping Up Appearances' is a popular British sitcom that ran from 1990-1995. The plot centres on Hyacinth Bucket (pronounced "Bouquet"), a snobbish middle-aged Englishwoman on a lifelong quest to escape her working-class background, climb the social ladder and claim her rightful place in society.

Hyacinth hosts elegant soirees, including her famous 'candlelight suppers' complete with Royal Doulton tea set, in an effort to impose herself on high-society people, usually involving her long-suffering, but compliant husband, Richard; while striving to 'hide' her less-refined sisters, Daisy and Rose, and Daisy's slothful husband, Onslow. Yet somehow, Hyacinth's family always manages to spoil her grand designs to find fame, usually resulting in chaos and embarrassment. However, Hyacinth is a determined lady, who has one mission in life - to impress people of influence, status and wealth!

In today's gospel, we meet some scribes and Pharisees who are also intent on 'keeping up appearances'! For them, religion has more to do with personal gain and they set out to cultivate a greater public profile, attract attention and improve their social status. They shine the spotlight firmly on themselves by wearing "broader phylacteries and longer tassels"; taking "the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues" and having people call them "Rabbi."

But Jesus wants none of it.

True religion is never about external things, craving power and influence or putting on a show for others. Jesus confronts such superficial, shallow and self-indulgent understandings of holiness. He calls his followers to reject such an empty way of life and instead, build their lives on integrity, love and service, and to build relationships of solidarity, equality and mutual concern.

Jesus is also conscious of what the scribes and Pharisees say about the Law and how they act. They do not, as Jesus says, practice what they preach. Their teaching about the Law and its prescriptions places great burdens on people, which they do nothing to ease or remove. Their role, as they see it, puts them above others and they demand, and obviously get, plenty of attention and respect from those around them.

Ultimately, Jesus says: those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. Humility is realising that all we are and have is a gift; that we are dependent on God for everything. Humility is an awareness that we're not alone, but embraced by God who loves us unconditionally and in whom we can have complete trust. Therefore, we have no need to inflate our egos, be seduced by fame, dominate or put others down, consider ourselves superior or find our value in physical attributes, possessions or reputations. As humble disciples of the Good News, may we die to power, domination and ostentation; and rise to simplicity, authenticity, integrity and servant leadership.

David J Hore CSsR © Magellan Media 2023

This week in the Parish

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
Monday 6	9:00am - Rosary & Prayers
Tuesday 7	5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 8	5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 9	8:15 am - Mass
Friday 10	12:00 pm - Mass
Saturday 11	9:30 am - Rosary
	10:00 am - Mass of the Angels (see below)
	5:30 pm - Rosary
	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 12	32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A
	8:30 am - Rosary
	9:00 am - Mass

PRIVATE PRAYER
from 4:45 pm before Tuesday &
Wednesday 5:30 pm 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:

Rex Sutherland, Trevor Manders, Hugh McLeod

ANNIVERSARIES:

Michelle van den Broek, Richard Leape

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Violet Albury, Margaret Traves, John Lee,
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

11/12 Nov | 32nd Sunday in Ord Time | Yr A

6pm - Barbara Grant

9am - Bernard Nolan

READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A

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

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A

Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 11 Nov | Bailey & Jana Lofts

Sun 12 Nov | Bonnie Lindsay & Nate Linkins

ROSARY STATUE

5 Nov | Evelyn Cook

12 Nov | Faith Buchanan 19 Nov | Pauline Weber



PARISH CUPPA

Please join us for a Cuppa | Morning tea
after 9am Mass today Sunday 5 November
with College Houses—Lucan & Lisieux

EVERYONE WELCOME!

ROSARY & PRAYERS

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

Pregnancy Help Line: 1300 139 313

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.

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

3 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 now available - \$1,500 1st prize

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.

**In 2 Maccabees 12:43-46 we read
"It is therefore a holy and a wholesome
thought to pray for the Dead."**

CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

November morning tea

Wednesday 15 November | 10:00 am

Murwillumbah Services Club

Enquiries: Alex Lever 0458 817 021

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME



Retreat for Advent 'Waiting with Mary'

4 x Tuesdays

28 November,

5, 12 & 19 December

4pm College Library/
Catholic Hall

The Catenians extend an Invitation | Annual Race Night
Thursday 16 November | See notice board for all details

2023 Parish Christmas Raffle

Supporting the pastoral works of the Sacred Heart Parish and our Parish Schools Murwillumbah

Please support the pastoral works of our parish
by buying a book or two or more of raffle tickets

Tickets \$2 ea | book of 5 tickets \$10

Buy Tickets | [online](#) | QR | paper

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

To be drawn at Parish Christmas Carnival & Tableau | 7:30 pm Saturday 25 November 2023

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



31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (130)

R: In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

IF SUNG:

R: In you, O Lord, I have found my peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven;

you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

St Vincent de Paul Society

Mary MacKillop Conference

Murwillumbah

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

More people than ever are seeking assistance through Mary MacKillop Conference, including those who have never had to ask for help before. Once again our Conference will be helping those in need to make Christmas special.



*Instead of hampers we will be giving those on our Christmas list **GIFT CARDS or VOUCHERS** to enable them to purchase gifts, toys and festive food.*

Please will you consider donating any of the following:

Gift cards or vouchers – especially on outlets where gifts, toys or something special can be purchased

Money – can be left in a specially marked envelope at Parish or School offices or Vinnies shop, or on a collection plate at Mass

Donate online -

<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-appeal>

BUT WHEN YOU REACH THE OPTION ASKING FOR 'COMMENTS OR CONFERENCE NAME' please write "Murwillumbah Conference 43-427" so your gift stays in this area.

To give us time to get Christmas help to those who need it we hope most gifts will be received by early December. Thank you very much for anything you are able to do. Denise Banner, President, Mary MacKillop Conference | personal | 0409 243 147



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

- Psalm 19:6

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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