

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

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**32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A**

12 November 2023

Be awake and prepared

In biblical times, people wed at a young age with marriages arranged by the fathers of the couple. The betrothal took place in early youth and was a legal marriage, although the woman remained in her father's house.

The wedding took place at a later stage when the bridegroom would come at a pre-arranged time to the parental home of the bride, and the betrothed woman, accompanied by a colourful procession went to the house of the groom where a feast would be held for all.

Jesus uses this scenario in a parable about the kingdom which he both proclaimed and inaugurated in word and deed. The ten bridesmaids awaiting the coming of Christ in glory at the end of time. The kingdom is among us but what is our approach to the second coming of Christ? Are we enthusiastically living a life of faith and bearing witness to our belief by incarnating the values of Jesus.

Do we, like some in the Thessalonian community, passively await the coming of the fullness of God's kingdom. Mindful of the brokenness evident in our world do we merely cling to the hope that things can change for the better?

All the bridesmaids in the parable fall asleep, but wake at the coming of the bridal party. However, there is a degree of consternation as only half have thought to provide themselves with extra oil. The oil symbolises our willingness to invest daily in deepening our relationship with the Lord and serving the community.

We cannot expect to drift gently into eternal salvation. We must realise the necessity and urgency of witnessing and living the gospel, and of being spiritually and morally awake all the days of our lives.

Like the bridesmaids, it is time for each of us to take stock of our personal situation as well as the situation of our community and our society. Perhaps there is a need to undertake a renewal of our lives. How do we do this? Perhaps it is through a renewed commitment to prayer. Perhaps it is by taking steps to enhance our biblical and theological literacy. Perhaps it is through a commitment to become more engaged in the life of our parish community. Perhaps it is by an undertaking to grow our relational skills in the service of our family. Perhaps it is by choosing to join a group who work with those on the margins of our society providing them with food, shelter, and the necessities of life.

There are many ways of growing our commitment to make a difference in the lives of those we love, to contribute more to our community and to renew our spiritual life. This commitment requires us to take stock of our lives, to reflect on the vision of the 'kingdom of God', and to actively and strategically plan how we will change so that the door to the heavenly banquet will be open for us.

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This week in the Parish

Saturday 11	9:30 am - Rosary 10:00 am - MASS OF THE ANGELS 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
Tuesday 14	No Mass today
Wednesday 15	10:00 am - Catholic Men's Group (see note below) No Mass today
Thursday 16	No Mass today
Friday 17	No Mass today
Saturday 18	9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 19	33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptisms 11:00 am - Baptisms

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

Danny Armour

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

18/19 Nov | 33rd Sunday in Ord Time | Yr A

6pm - Lisa Dusi-Fox

9am - Philomena Zambelli

READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A

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

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A

Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thess 5:1-6;
Mt 25:14-30

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 18 Nov | Rafe & Danny McAndrew

Sun 19 Nov | Annabel Casey & Sienna Alexander

ROSARY STATUE

12 Nov | Faith Buchanan

19 Nov | Pauline Weber 26 Nov | Kay Ryder

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

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.

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

This weekend we farewell Barbara Brodbeck from our Parish.

Barbara has made the decision to move closer to her family in Wollongong Diocese. She will be missed by many here in Murwillumbah.

Barbara has been an active member of our Parish for over 57 years as a teacher in our schools and in retirement as a scripture teacher in our public schools; a valued member of RCIA teams over many years, and as an extraordinary minister of holy communion to the sick and ageing. Barbara's quiet and gentle nature has meant that much of what she has done has perhaps been unnoticed by many in our community. Thank you Barbara for your commitment to our Parish. We pray a safe and gentle transition to your new life down south.



Retreat for Advent 'Waiting with Mary'

*4 x Tuesdays
28 November,
5, 12 & 19 December
4pm College Library/
Catholic Hall*

JOSEPHITE CALENDARS

2024 Josephite Calendars are on sale
at the Parish Office. \$10.00 each.

YOUNG ADULT advent retreat

with Fr Amselm Okeke
Saturday 2 December | 9 am - 4:30 pm
St Francis Xavier Parish



Register here

With Expectant Hearts - 2023 Advent & Reflection Resource



"With Expectant Hearts" - a well presented resource containing 22 short daily reflections from the First Sunday of Advent (3 December) to the Fourth Sunday of Advent (24 December).

As we move through the season of Advent, we prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus Christ.

To assist in preparing our hearts, minds and spirits for God's arrival among us as one of us, *With Expectant Hearts* provides a daily scripture reading, reflection, prayer and reflection questions.

We go on a journey where God takes us deeper and deeper into the meaning of the season.

*An excerpt from Shane Dwyer, Associate Director,
Adult Formation, Evangelisation Brisbane*

\$7.00 each | available from the Church and Parish Office

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](https://rafflelink.com.au/christmas2023) | 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

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (62)

R: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

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 outlet 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



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

There is **NO VIGIL MASS** on Saturday 25 November (Christmas Carnival Day).

CANCELLED | The Catenians Annual Race Night Thursday 16 November has been cancelled, due to unforeseen circumstances.

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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