

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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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A

19 November 2023

Trust in our God given talents

Different people have different abilities. A person gifted with imagination or creativity may not be good at administration or finance. Someone with a flair for 'do it yourself' around the house may not be musical. A cook who is 'at home' in the kitchen may be completely lost when it comes to anything mechanical. Someone with sporting prowess may find computers and electronics out of their league.

The rich man in today's parable was aware of his servants' abilities. Before departing on his journey, he entrusted his property to each servant *in proportion to their ability*. He only gave as much responsibility as each one could shoulder. The first two servants worked according to their ability, increasing what had been entrusted to them. But the third did not. He simply returned the one talent he had been given. Fear held him back from using his ability to work for the extra he was capable of gaining. *"I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground."*

Fear can paralyse us. It causes us to withdraw, concentrating our attention on ourselves and our security. It freezes our capacity to take risks and to face the unknown. It tempts us to conserve and to obsess about certainties. Fear can strip us of confidence and prevent us from reaching our potential.

Jesus was aware of the power that fear wielded in people's lives. When he was at the end of his public life and soon to be executed, Jesus wanted his followers to continue what he'd begun and to embrace his great commission, *"Go into the whole world and preach the Gospel to every creature."* But Jesus knew that those who would come after him would encounter many problems. Their biggest problem would be their own fear. Yet Jesus was insistent, *"Do not be afraid."*

When Peter fell on his knees saying, *"Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man,"* Jesus responded with compassion and understanding. *"Do not be afraid, from now on you will fish for people."* When fear threatened to hold Peter back, Jesus called him to let go and walk on with faith and trust. Talents are given to bear fruit, not to lie in the bank or be buried in the ground, safe and unused. It may seem prudent not to risk, but in the end God expects otherwise. *"Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten".* In other words, *'use it or lose it'.*

All of us have been gifted by God, each in our own way. If fear causes us to hide our God-given talents, then those around us are deprived. Jesus wants us to live our lives to the full, free from fear and always ready to share our abilities and talents for the good of all.

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This week in the Parish

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
Tuesday 21	The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary 5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 22	No Mass today
Thursday 23	8:15 am - Mass
Friday 24	12 noon - Mass
Saturday 25	4:00 pm - CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL 7:00 pm - NATIVITY TABLEAU NO VIGIL MASS
Sunday 26	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - A 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass

PLEASE NOTE:

There is NO VIGIL MASS on Saturday 25 November

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Rex Sutherland, Trevor Manders

ANNIVERSARIES:

Fr John Fitz-Walter, Anthony Ephraums,
Daphne McLennan

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

25/26 Nov | Christ The King | Yr A

NO 6pm Vigil Mass

9am - Maree Coley

READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

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

Mt 25:14-30

CHRIST THE KING - Year A

Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28;

Mt 25:31-46

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

NO Saturday Vigil Mass

Sun 26 Nov | Eliza & Charlotte Dowling

ROSARY STATUE

19 Nov | Pauline Weber

26 Nov | Kay Ryder 13 Dec | Debbie Kaehler

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.

BAPTISMS:

Please welcome

Emmison Rose Walker

Nash Jack Walker

Zia Grace Weppner

Ameera Margot Sue Burgoyne

Scarlette Rose Hasrouny

& Kaleb Gabriel Flanagan

to our faith community.



LEGION OF MARY ANNUAL REUNION DAY

Saturday 9 December

Sacred Heart Church

9:30 am Rosary & Prayers.

10 am Mass

followed by fellowship & a light lunch
in the Parish Meeting Centre, Ewing Street.

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

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).

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



Retreat for Advent 'Waiting with Mary'

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL RESPONSES TO ANONYMOUS SUGGESTIONS

A number of questions, comments, suggestions, ideas are received by the Parish Pastoral Council through the Suggestion Box located at the back of the church.

At the recent Pastoral Council Meeting held on 9 November, the Pastoral Council with Fr Peter reviewed a number of the questions and we would like to share the responses to these questions/suggestions.

Catholic Bible Study Groups. Are we able to start a Catholic Bible Study Group? It could be on a certain theme or topic of interest? And run in blocks of a few weeks - then choose another theme or topic.

This, or something similar, is under consideration for 2024.

ALPHA. When will we put the ALPHA course on again? Could we join with another Christian denomination locally to put it on together?

There is no plan to run Alpha again. On previous occasions when it has been held in this Parish there has been very poor attendance. However, please also see response to RCIA question below.

RCIA. Could you please print/advertise in Church Bulletins the day and time for RCIA Meetings? And/or as an extra now and again as part of evangelising our Catholic Faith a little leaflet or booklet to hand out to lapsed Catholics or people who are thinking or have questions about Catholicism? And/or the RCIA? (all part of the RCIA course). Times for RCIA are advertised at the commencement of the course. Those who attend enquiry nights and wish to proceed make a commitment to regular attendance for the entirety of the RCIA course – it is not for people to attend sessions on a random, occasional basis. In 2024 when a new RCIA Course will be advertised to commence, it is intended that all interested parishioners be encouraged to attend the information sessions to discern whether they wish to make a commitment to attend the full RCIA course to learn more about their Catholic faith – that is, it will be for 'long standing' Catholics as Adult Faith Formation in addition to being for those who wish to consider becoming Catholics. Once the RCIA Course has commenced times are not advertised.

Weekday Masses – Saturday? Have you considered to put back on the Saturday weekday Mass? I have been told that we used to have it many years ago.

Murwillumbah is a One Priest Parish. For those who wish to attend a Saturday morning Mass there is one available at Tweed Heads at 9.10am weekly.

Reconciliation. Could you please ask Fr Peter Wood to please consider to make the timing of Reconciliation before the Saturday Vigil 6pm Mass and the Sunday 9am Mass a bit earlier? Especially when both Reconciliation and the Rosary clash as it starts at the same time! Parishioners who go to Reconciliation at 5.30pm Saturday or 8.30am Sunday and also wish to pray the Rosary may not get the opportunity to pray the full rosary or only some of the rosary.

Again, Murwillumbah is a One Priest Parish. Extending Reconciliation times earlier is not feasible due to the many other commitments a priest has in addition to saying Mass.

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord - Psalm 72

Murwillumbah Philharmonic Choir

presents '100 Years On'

a concert to celebrate the Choir's Centenary
featuring a Ceremony of Carols
by Benjamin Britten

Sunday | 3 December | 2:30 pm (DST)

All Saints Anglican Church

Tickets \$20 Concession/Student \$15
Light Refreshments served after concert

JOSEPHITE CALENDARS

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

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.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (127)

R: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

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
personal | 0409 243 147



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Prayer Cards for Peace in the Holy Land

Aid To The Church In Need is the Pope's own foundation, and in a recent Angelus address he said "Prayer is the meek and holy force to oppose the diabolical force of hatred, terrorism and war."

Please take a prayer card home with you, available on the front table of the Church or the Parish Office.

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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CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL & NATIVITY TABLEAU

SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER

CARNIVAL | 4:00 PM MSPC GILBEY CENTRE BASEMENT
& SCHOOL GROUNDS

NATIVITY TABLEAU | APPROX. 7:00 PM GILBEY CENTRE



PARISH RAFFLE - please return tickets butts and money, or unsold tickets, to the Parish before 3pm Friday 24 November. Tickets can still be purchased online | QR Code | paper tickets

WHAT YOU CAN BRING IN THIS WEEK BEFORE THE CARNIVAL:

Filled bottles for the **Bottle Stall**, and new handmade items to sell on a stall, can be delivered to the Parish Office this week.

WHAT YOU CAN BRING IN ON CARNIVAL DAY:

Plants, herbs, cuttings, etc. for the **Plant Stall**; Cakes, slices, biscuits, home baked items, sweets, lollies, jams or preserves for the **Cake & Sweet Stall**.

VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED TO HELP ON STALLS & BAR REQUIRES A VOLUNTEER WITH RSA.

ONLY ONE (1) WEEK TO GO!

SACRED HEART PARISH MURWILLUMBAH

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL & NATIVITY TABLEAU

SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2023

ON SCHOOL GROUNDS AND IN GILBEY CENTRE

SANTA JUMPING CASTLE | XRUN SLIDE | ROCK CLIMBING

RIDES & ACTIVITIES 4 PM - 7 PM
TABLEAU PERFORMANCE 7 PM - 8 PM

FACE PAINTING | HOOPLA |
LUCKY DIPS

FETE STALLS & FOOD
CHOCOLATE WHEELS

PARISH RAFFLE - GREAT CASH PRIZES
BUY TICKETS ONLINE OR USE QR CODE
[HTTPS://RAFFLELINK.COM.AU/CHRISTMAS2023](https://rafflelink.com.au/christmas2023)

