

# 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

Convent Lane, Uki

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## PARISH STAFF

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## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE | YEAR A 26 November 2023

### We all belong to one another

What sort of king is revealed to us in today's readings? It seems he's not like other kings. In the first reading God is spoken of as 'a true shepherd', one who doesn't abandon his flock, but cares for them.

Kings, who had once been thought of as shepherds, had long abandoned their people. Consequently, the reading focuses on the ways of this 'true shepherd', this true king. In the gospel there is awe and majesty and judgement and, if we wonder where this king is to be found, we hear he's to be found among the 'nobodies' and outcasts.

To which we might say, come again? We're surprised by this, as are the righteous and unrighteous in the gospel, because it's not quite what we expected. Of course, we might contribute to a couple of charities, or volunteer with St Vinnies; we might even say hello to the person sitting outside Coles, though as for her being Jesus, or bumping into Jesus on a visit, that might seem a bit of a stretch.

Still, almost unawares, we may have begun to make room in our lives for others, and in doing so, at moments, begin to see this king and recognise the ways in which he doesn't seem to resemble the popular images of Christ the King. He's more like the well-known sculpture of the Homeless Jesus lying on a bench, his body covered over, with only his wounded feet showing.

What this image suggests is that his life and death have been all about God's kingdom and Jesus is there, waiting for us in the 'nobodies' and outcasts, and we can enter this kingdom whenever we find ourselves able to be with them. Then we may realise, 'there's no more them and us, just us.'

It's a kingdom characterised by mercy and justice and this king dispenses justice mercifully, as he will at the last judgement when we're all to be judged. We shouldn't worry unnecessarily about it, however awesome and decisive it might seem, because it will come, and our lives will speak for us: they will be the answer we give to Christ. This judgment isn't meant to fill us with fear, rather, it's a cause for hope when all will be revealed to us; and this future is to be lived now, because his judgement is a call to be present to the person before me, who is my future.

Take to heart then what Mother Teresa once said about the world's problems: 'We've forgotten that we belong to one another.' Belonging to one another is the hope Christ offers us, as the second reading says, a life he wants to share with us all.

Who doesn't belong in our local churches and in our lives? Where is Jesus to be found? On our streets, in prisons, in boarding houses, wherever, still waiting to be seen, to be welcomed. Whenever this happens, God's kingdom is made real on earth, as in heaven.

# This week in the Parish

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
Tuesday 28	4:00 pm - Retreat 'Waiting with Mary' 5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 29	NO Mass today
Thursday 30	NO Mass today
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
Friday 1	NO Mass today
Saturday 2	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 3	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Parish Cuppa/Morning Tea

**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

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Carmel Hennessy, Angie Guinea

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Jim Larkin, Noel McDonald, 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

2/3 Dec | First Sunday of Advent | Yr B

6pm - Christine Wightley

9am - Ed Egan

### READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

#### CHRIST THE KING - Year A

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

Mt 25:31-46

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year B

Is 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

### ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 2 Dec | Rose Seamer & Lily Daly

Sun 3 Dec | Bonnie Lindsay & Nate Linkins

### ROSARY STATUE

26 Nov | Kay Ryder

3 Dec | Debbie Kaehler 10 Dec | Annette Lofts

## 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 St.

**ALL WELCOME**



## 'MASS OF ANOINTING'

9AM | SATURDAY | 16 DECEMBER

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is a prayer of healing which may be celebrated individually and communally, and may be received more than once.

**All Parishioners Are 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

# THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL & NATIVITY TABLEAU



The Tableau is a wonderful way to begin the season of Advent and to remind us that Christmas is about the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Sincere thanks to all who helped in any way to make the Christmas Carnival such a wonderful occasion. Its success always depends on the combined effort of many in our Parish community - the Parish schools, various groups and individuals all working together.

**It is very much appreciated.  
Well done!**

## *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

## *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

## **COUNCIL OF PRIESTS**

The Bishop has appointed the new Council of Priests.  
The members are:

- Fr Paul McDonald, (appointed) Vicar General
- Fr Roland Agrisola (elected)
- Fr Anthony Lemon (elected)
- Fr Michael Nilon (elected)
- Fr Anselm Okeke (elected)
- Fr Peter Slack (elected)
- Fr Joe Holloway (appointed)
- Fr James Foster (appointed)
- Fr Felix Ekeh (appointed)
- Fr Joe D’Souza (appointed)



## *Retreat for Advent ‘Waiting with Mary’*

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

## **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.**

## **‘THE SYMBOLIC GIFTS’ Christmas Oil \$25**

All profits to the Michaelite Fathers’ Mission  
in Papua New Guinea  
Orders: P Zambelli 0414 201 940



## **CHRIST THE KING - A**

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (22)**

**R: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

#### **IF SUNG:**

#### **THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD**

*Psalm 23 (Crimond)*

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.  
He makes me down to lie  
in pastures green, he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again;  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
ev'n for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear none ill:  
for thou art with me; and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished  
in presence of my foes;  
My head thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me:  
and in God's house for evermore  
my dwelling-place shall be.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!**

**Alleluia!**

### **CHRISTMAS MASS ROSTER**

Volunteers are needed for the Christmas Mass liturgy roster - please add your name & your ministry to the sheet on the Mass that you are available - located on table near the Church entrance or contact the Parish Office.

### **JOSEPHITE CALENDARS**

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

## **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.

## **INVEST WITH PEACE OF MIND**

[www.dif.org.au](http://www.dif.org.au) Phone 1800 802 516 Paying 4.15%

Agents: ALG/Egan Simpson Solicitors, 15 Prince Street, Murwillumbah.

