

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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**3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -
YEAR B**

21 January 2024

A call to conversion

The Greek word "metanoia" is often used by theologians as well as psychologists to describe a deep change of heart and mind, which results from having our previous beliefs and values challenged and consequently, turning towards a way of living which embraces a greater openness to growth and to God. It is this invitation which Jesus put to his disciples by the sea of Galilee in today's gospel.

Erik Varden, a Trappist monk whom Pope Francis appointed bishop of Trondheim, Norway, described his own experience of conversion in his book *Entering the Twofold Mystery: On Christian Conversion* (Bloomsbury, 2022) Returning home one night to the priory he was living at, while he was a research student in Paris, he was shocked to find a dishevelled, homeless man sleeping in the doorway.

Annoyed at first, he collected his thoughts and roused the man, who was irate at being wakened. Bishop Varden offered to help the man find accommodation. As they walked through the streets of Paris, the man said his name was Manu (short for Emmanuel) and in the darkness pointed out the vague outlines of homeless people known to him, who were sleeping. He saw to it that the man had warm, safe accommodation for the night. As they parted, the man took his hand, thanked him warmly and expressed the hope that perhaps one day, they would meet again.

Bishop Varden writes that "my heart previously dark, was charged with a joy so profound it was painful." Although he had previously intended to return to a secure job after his studies, this encounter made him feel a deep call to commit his life to praying for the world "in union with the sacrifice of Christ." To him, this would be a way to "breathe hope into our too often hopeless world." This experience set him on the life-changing path to becoming a monk.

For some, responding to a call may set us on a path to the consecrated life or priesthood. For all of us though, it is an invitation to turn away from a world view which is egocentric, narrow, exclusive, or judgmental; to both ourselves and others, towards a broad empowering vision. It is saying yes to a way of being which is intimately grounded in God.

Thomas Merton writes of his moment of insight "In Louisville, at the corner of Fourth and Walnut, in the centre of the shopping district, I was suddenly overwhelmed with the realisation that I loved all these people, that they were mine and I theirs."

A call to conversion helps us realise that it is the deep reality of beauty, mystery, awe and generosity to which we are ultimately called to commit ourselves. May this sacred commitment to be in intimate communion with God and with all creation, inspire us to live in a way which makes a radical difference to our communities and to the world.

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This week in the Parish

Saturday 20	9:30 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 21	3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass
Friday 26	Parish Office Closed
Saturday 27	9:30 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 28	4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - 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, with this weekend's readings, are available in the Church.

PLEASE NOTE: Weekday Mass will recommence Tuesday 6 February.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Richard Stalker, Paul Hookway, Frank McGrouther, Barbara Burton, Tony Simpson, Jim Larkin, Noel McDonald, John Irby, Irene Hall, Rita Daly, Kerry Alcock

ANNIVERSARIES:

Brian Flanagan, Malcolm Caden, Dorrie Turner

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

READINGS | ROSTERS

READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B

Deut 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

READING ROSTER

27/28 Jan | 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time | B

6pm - Grace Molloy

9am - Kay Ryder

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

To resume on 3/4 February

ROSARY STATUE

21 Jan | Philomena Zambelli

28 Jan | Anne Palmer

4 Feb | Susan Kean



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Margaret Flannery

who is celebrating
her 90th birthday
this week

WITH THANKS

We thank Fr Wilber Tobe for his pastoral care of our parish over the past 3 weekends, while Fr Peter has been on annual leave.

Fr Peter returns for next weekend's Masses.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to our Special Christmas Day Collection for Wedgetail Retreat, our local Palliative Care Hospice.

A total of \$1,342.50 will be forwarded to Wedgetail from our Parish.

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:

- Freeview TV - Channel 10 Sunday 6 am
- Bishop Greg's online-stream Sunday Mass will resume in February



FRIDAY 26 JANUARY | AUSTRALIA DAY

Mass times in nearby parishes

Kingscliff - 9 am | Tweed Heads - 9:10 am

There is NO Mass in Murwillumbah

BACK TO SCHOOL DATES

MT ST PATRICK COLLEGE

Wednesday 31 January: Yrs 7, 11 & 12 return and new students in Yrs 8, 9 & 10.

Thursday 1 February: Yrs. 8, 9 & 10 return

MT ST PATRICK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Monday 5 February: Yrs. 1 - 6

Wednesday 7 February: Kinder commences

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Monday 5 February: Yrs. 1 - 6

Wednesday 7 February: Kinder commences

AUSTRALIA DAY

God of Australia ...

We bring you our gratitude
for the diversity and wealth
of this land and its people;

for its weathered old mountains, fertile valleys,
and vast plains;

for its riches of mine and agriculture,
forest, and grazing lands;

for the first Australians, who know and love
this continent with an intimate, profound sensitivity;
for the courage, vision and sacrifice

of the early settlers;

for the diverse races who now call Australia home:

for these and all your gifts

we offer you, O Lord, our joyful, thankful hearts.

Amen.

*- Bruce Prewer,
Australian Prayers*

**Mary Help of Christians Patroness of Australia
Pray For Us**

**St Mary of the Cross MacKillop,
Pray For Us**

Francis' Focus ...

According to Pope Francis, 'Jesus did not mince words'. Any way you look at it, Christ's proclamation was a turning point in history with phenomenal ramifications. The moment has arrived! The Kingdom of God is close! There is Good News to be heard!

This was Jesus' message about himself. 'He was the salvation,' the Pope notes, who entered human history in a powerfully new way.

When we look at this Gospel, Jesus also had another component of his message: the way of discipleship. Its elements are straightforward: repent, believe, follow.

As the Pope elaborates, Jesus 'invites us to recognise ourselves as in need of God and his grace; to have a balanced attitude with regard to earthly goods; to be welcoming and humble toward everyone; to know and fulfil ourselves in the encounter with and service of others.' This is how we can change our lives to follow more closely the one in whom we believe.

And, as the Pope further suggests, each phase of our life 'has its own value, and can be a privileged moment of encounter with the Lord.' Therefore, we should be open to welcoming Jesus again and again in new places and situations. Whether in our parishes, homes or workplaces, our lives are full of encounters that can change us and those we meet. This is the way.

Reflection by Nick Brodie

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.

- John 8:12

JOSEPHITE CALENDARS

2024 Josephite Calendars are on sale
in the Church. Only a few left. \$10.00 each.



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**3RD SUNDAY IN ORD TIME - YEAR B
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (PS 24)**

R: Teach me your ways, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near: believe the good news.

Alleluia!

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.

PLANNED GIVING

Planned Giving contributions may be made by electronic funds transfer. If you would like to make contributions by EFT, bank A/C details are:

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A/C name: Catholic Church Murwillumbah

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Thank you to everyone who supports the Planned Giving Programme.

**PROFESSION OF FAITH
(NICENE CREED)**

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

(All bow during these two lines)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.
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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