

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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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR B - 21 JULY 2024

The call to be good shepherds

Two common images presented to us in the Scriptures are those of shepherds and banquets. First and foremost, God shepherds his people Israel by caring for them like sheep, keeping them from danger, and preparing a banquet for them.

Many key biblical figures were originally shepherds such as the prophets Moses and Amos, patriarchs Abraham and Jacob, and it was the young shepherd, David, whom God called to be king of his people Israel. Moreover, it was this same King David who wrote today's wonderful psalm acclaiming "The Lord is my shepherd".

Unfortunately, the rulers of Israel ceased to act like shepherds turning to idolatry and resulting in all kinds of hostility among the different tribes. Eventually, this led to the annihilation of Israel by the Assyrians and the captivity of the people of Judah by the Babylonians. The prophet Micah laments that he saw "Israel scattered on the hills like sheep without a shepherd" (1 Kings 22:17). Today, we hear God speaking through the prophet Jeremiah pronouncing "doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered" (Jer. 23:1).

Two further promises are made: God will punish the misdeeds of the unfaithful leaders who do not act like shepherds; and God will bring back the scattered flock under the guidance of new shepherds who will feed and care for them (Jer. 23:3-4). God also goes a step further announcing He will shepherd Israel by "gathering the lambs in his arms and carrying them close to his heart" (Isaiah 40:11).

It is Jesus who most perfectly enacts this prophecy of the shepherd leader through his ministry of teaching and healing, his call to discipleship and communion, sharing bread with the hungry, dining with sinners and being the "Good Shepherd (who) lays down his life for his sheep" (Jn. 10:11). So, Jesus the Good Shepherd is also "the Lamb of God" giving his very life that we may live.

Much of Jesus' ministry is expressed through parables and events that emphasise table-fellowship: God's reign is likened to a great banquet where all are invited; Jesus feeds the five-thousand through the miracle of loaves and fish, and the Prodigal Son is greeted on his return with a mighty feast. We also know that Jesus provides his disciples at the Last Supper with a ritual of remembrance and thanksgiving that we re-enact when we celebrate the Eucharist.

Pope Francis consistently speaks of Christ the Good Shepherd as the model of Christian service and leadership. In particular, he calls on priests and pastors to be "shepherds living with the smell of the sheep". We need to heed St Paul who warned Christians to overcome division and hostility, repent of sinfulness, and receive the Good News of grace and peace.

All Christians are called to be shepherds of God's mercy.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 21	16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptisms
Tuesday 23	Parish Office Closed 5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 24	5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 25	8:15 am - Mass
Friday 26	Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary 9:30 am - Legion of Mary Parish Meeting Centre 11:00 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12 noon - Mass
Saturday 27	9:00 am - Rosary 4:30 PM - ROSARY 5:00 PM - VIGIL MASS - Please note: change of time
Sunday 28	17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B FOURTH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass

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

RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 4.30 pm - 4.50 pm
Sunday: 8.30 am - 8.50 am

ROSARY
The Rosary is prayed on
Saturday morning at 9:00 am.
As well as half an hour before
each weekend Mass.

WEDNESDAY WORD
Copies of Wednesday Word,
with this weekend's readings,
are available in the Church.

**EXPOSITION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**
Each Friday
11 am - 11:45 am

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Barry Charman, Nancy Stevenson (nee Banner),
Patricia Reeve

ANNIVERSARIES:

Kevin O'Keefe, Eva Sterling

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Cecilia Buchanan, Sr Francis-Clare, Ben Martin,
Baby Levi Courtney, Pam Willock, Patrick Fox,
George Flack, Joan Kean, Margaret Traves, John Lee,
Margaret Hyde, Lorraine Green, Colin Brooks,
Kathy Dawson-Malone, David Burke, Malcolm Reid,
Paul Calvino, Maureen McCabe, Fr Anthony Lemon



BAPTISMS:

Please welcome
Adelaide Jules Jones
& **Parker James Jones**
to our faith community.

CONSECRATION OF HOMES TO SACRED HEART



Would you like to request your home to be
Consecrated to the Most Sacred Heart of
Jesus? Please phone the Parish Office (6672
1118) to book in, and to arrange a time.

READINGS | ROSTERS

READINGS FOR TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY:

16TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME - Year B

Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

17TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME - Year B

2 Kg 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

READING ROSTER

27/28 July | 17th Sunday in Ord Time | B

5pm - Louis Staunton

9am - Christine O'Brien

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 27 July | Isla Chapman & Yasmin van Rossi

Sun 28 July | Bonnie Lindsay & Nate Linkins

ROSARY STATUE

21 July | Narelle Gear

28 July | Philomena Zambelli 4 Aug | Susan Kean



Parish Office closures...

The Parish Office will be closed
Tues 23 July, Tues 30 July & Wed 31 July

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 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)

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish Murwillumbah

VISION STATEMENT

We are a Eucharistic community of faith, love and respect,
living the message of Jesus.

MISSION STATEMENT

Guided by God's promise to be with us always,
we seek to be an evangelising, faith filled community
welcoming all through liturgy, prayer, faith formation and care for others.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Parent Meeting
Tuesday 6 August - 6.30pm

Sacred Heart Church

Baptised children in Year 3 or older are eligible to make their Confirmation. Parents who have children making their Confirmation this year will need to attend this meeting.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Tuesday 3 September - Sacred Heart Church

SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE

Grandparents of Jesus | Feast Day 26th July

According to Church tradition Sts Joachim and Anne were a deeply faithful Jewish couple from the line of King David. Strong devotion to them dates back to early Christianity.



While we know very little about Sts Joachim and Anne

we can assume that Mary was raised in a faith-filled Jewish home, which led her to respond wholeheartedly to God's request with faith, *"Let it be done to me as you will"*.

Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us. Pray for our grandchildren who are so dear to us.

FAULTY PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES



MT ST PATRICK PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS



OLYMPICS TRIVIA NIGHT

Join us for an evening of fun and friendly competition at our Mt St Patrick Primary 'Olympics' themed Trivia Night!

SATURDAY 27th JULY

from 5:30pm in the Gilbey Centre

\$30 per person

8 people per table

MSPP School Admin

Ph: (02) 6672 1821

Time to train for the big event!



Gather a team of 8 to book a table, or come along as a couple or with a few friends and be allocated a table. Bring cash for games and raffles on the night. Over \$2,000 in prizes!!

Presented by the legendary trivia host Aileen Clark & DJ Patience Hodgson: the evening promises to be challenging, energetic & hilarious!

Food trucks & an ETPOS-only licensed bar will be providing delicious food & drinks for the night.

No BYO, this is an over 18's event. Tickets are non-refundable but can be exchanged.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 22 July | St Mary Magdalene

Thursday 25 July | St James, apostle

Friday 26 July | Sts Joachim & Anne, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary

It has come to our attention that some of the new sets of planned giving envelopes are faulty and that when the envelopes are torn in half for placing on the separate collection plates that the perforation between the two envelopes is open.

To ensure that your donations stay in their respective portion of the envelope we suggest that you leave the whole envelope (first and second) intact and we will separate the two sides when we open the envelopes for counting.

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (22)

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

PRAYER CHAPEL...

A new digital lock has been installed on the Prayer Chapel.

If you would like a code to enable access to the Chapel, please contact the Parish Office during business hours and a code will be issued to you.

For security reasons and your own personal safety we ask that the Prayer Chapel is only accessed during daylight hours.

Entry to the Prayer Chapel is at your own risk.

As you leave the Prayer Chapel, please ensure that the door is locked & the lights are turned off.



SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH



Safeguarding in our parish is a community responsibility. If you believe someone is being harmed please speak to your priest or the Safeguarding Office (02) 6621 9444. There are procedures in place to guide how best to help victims - whether children or adults at risk.

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 (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.

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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