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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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B - 13 OCTOBER 2024

To live happily ever after

The fairytales and fables we heard as kids have taught us to hope that in the end, the good will be rewarded and the evil will get their comeuppance. The humble and persecuted Cinderella won the prince, while her cruel stepsisters failed to impress. Jack got his golden egg-laying goose, while the greedy giant met a sticky end. The Little Red Hen enjoyed her bread with her chicks, while the unhelpful pig, cat, and frog went hungry.

These stories instil an expectation: virtue leads to reward, and wrongdoing brings punishment. However, today's gospel challenges this notion, showing us that eternal life cannot be won solely by our best efforts.

In the gospel, both the wealthy man and Jesus' disciples believe that their strict observance of the Law or their sacrifices for the mission will guarantee them salvation. Jesus, however, disrupts their expectations. The wealthy man is told to let go of his "many possessions" (Mk 10:22), and the disciples are reminded that their rewards come with "persecutions" (Mk 10:30).

This narrative exemplifies Jesus' radical reinterpretation of God's commandments. In the Matthean "Sermon on the Mount" (Mt 5:1-7:29), Jesus redefined righteousness. It is not enough to stay one's hand from murder; one must also avoid anger (Mt 5:21-26). It is not enough to be devoted to one's friends; one must love those who persecute us as well (Mt 5:43-44). Similarly, the wealthy man of today's gospel might live by the "letter of the law" (Mk 10:20), yet still fall short. He "went away sad" (Mk 10:22), blinded by his riches; he was unable to fully commit to Jesus.

Like a fairy tale character, this man sought a formula to earn his place in heaven (Mk 10:17). He viewed salvation as a commodity achievable by being "good." But Jesus isn't a Fairy Godmother, and eternal life isn't a magical golden egg. Salvation is a gift from God to all, whether blameless or blameworthy (Mk 10:27); it cannot be earned.

The point of this story is that the gospel is no fairytale, even though it promises a happy ending. The spectre of the Cross haunts every page of Jesus' story. The path to eternal life winds through dark days of persecution and disappointment. The happy ending can only be achieved through genuine self-sacrifice. On his final journey to Jerusalem, Jesus warns his disciples three times that he will suffer death at the hands of his enemies (Mk 8:31; 9:30; 10:32).

So, there is no secret recipe for salvation. Eternal life comes from accepting God's gift wholeheartedly, committing everything we are and own to the vocation to which God calls us. This acceptance is not a simplistic equation: be good, win salvation! To paraphrase Mark's Jesus as he set out on his final journey to Jerusalem, "if you want to live happily ever-after, you must deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me" (Mk 8:34).

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 13	28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptism
Monday 14	Parish Office Closed
Tuesday 15	HSC commences 10:00 am - Requiem Mass for June Dwyer
Wednesday 16	10:00 am - Parish Men's Group (see note page 3) 5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 17	8:15 am - Mass
Friday 18	9:30 am - Legion of Mary Parish Meeting Centre 11:00 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12 noon - Mass
Saturday 19	9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 20	29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B 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

Not available this Friday

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

June Dwyer, Laurie Pratt Snr, Fr Arthur Stidwell MSC, Louise van den Broek, Colin Brooks, Ben Goodall.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Giovanni Zambelli, Tom Bugden, Phil & Brian Lazenby

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Rita Anderson, Narelle Martin, Baby Levi Courtney, Pam Willock, Patrick Fox, George Flack, Margaret Traves, Lorraine Green, David Burke, Malcolm Reid, Paul Calvino, Maureen McCabe, Fr Anthony Lemon

Names removed after a considerable time. Please assist the Parish Office by advising if you wish names to remain.

BAPTISMS:

Please welcome

Daisy Elizabeth McLean
to our faith community.

PRAYER SPONSORS FOR MSPC HSC STUDENTS

Mt St Patrick College is asking for Prayer Sponsors for Year 12 students during their Higher School Certificate exams. The HSC exams commence Tuesday 15 October.

Prayer cards with student names are available at all Masses this weekend.

Thank you for your prayers.

READINGS | ROSTERS

READINGS FOR TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY:

28TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME - Year B Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-27: **29TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME - Year B**

Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45:

READING ROSTER

19/20 Oct | 28th Sunday in Ord Time | B

6pm - Lisa Dusi-Fox 9am - Kay Ryder

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 19 October | Grace Severs Sun 20 October | Bonnie Lindsay

ROSARY STATUE

13 October | Paula Thornton 20 October | Trish Jandura



PLEASE NOTE | The Parish Office will be CLOSED Monday's during the month of October.

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 <u>Diocesan YouTube</u> channel - 9:00 am youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU

Volunteers needed for rosters - (i) Welcomers and (ii) Offertory Procession

We would like to reintroduce rosters for welcomers and for offertory processions at weekend Masses.

We acknowledge and thank Barbara Grant, Beth Gorton and Deirdre Hulton who, together with myself, have been undertaking the welcomer duties and organising people for the Offertory at each weekend Mass for some considerable time now.

What's involved?

Welcomers / Mass Hospitality Team

Before Mass

Welcomers are asked to arrive at the Church 20-30 minutes before Mass start time to welcome parishioners and visitors in to the church and to offer a Parish Bulletin and hymn sheet/book to each person. Ideally at least one person remains at the welcome table until the Liturgy of the Word commences.

Placing the money from the collection plates into money bags and putting the bags into a special location as Mass commences (the rostered Acolyte or Parish Manager collects the money after Mass).

We recommend two people per Mass to welcome everyone into the Church – one of whom must be an adult.

After Mass

Tidying up the hospitality table after Mass as people return bulletins and hymn sheets.

Offertory Procession

Ideally two or more people; often from the same family or friendship group.

Taking the gifts of bread and wine from the Credence Table located in the middle of the church up to meet Father at the sanctuary steps at the appropriate time in Mass and then returning to your seat.

We invite you to add your name to one or both lists if you and partner/family/friends would like to be involved. The list is available at the back of the church. Alternatively contact the Parish office to advise which roster you'd like to be added to.

If you are interested in other ministries e.g. reading or music/choir; or in joining the roster for our monthly Sunday Cuppa team – please speak to one of our Parish team and we can talk to you more about what's involved as some training/practice may be involved.

If you are new to the parish and interested in joining a Family Group, please speak to me about how to join a Family Group.

The rosters will be prepared in the Parish Office and be circulated on a quarterly basis.

Thank you for your continued support of the Parish through these activities.

Mary-Ann | Parish Manager

2024 CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL & NATIVITY TABLEAU

Saturday 30 November Only 7 weeks to go!



Your help is needed for the Christmas Carnival.

How can you help?

- ♦ Volunteer to run, or help on a stall or with children's activities
- Donate items for various stalls | mini cent auction | craft (handmade new items or crocheted tea towels - always a great seller)
- Planting seedlings, cuttings, bulbs or tubers now giving them time to strike and grow
- Make pickles, jams, relishes or chutneys
- Buy raffle tickets | online or paper tickets will be available shortly

Please phone the Parish Office 6672 1118 if you can help. Thank you all for your continued support of this special Parish event.

CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

October morning tea

Wed 16 October | 10:00 am | Mbah Services Club Enquiries: Alex Lever 0458 817 021

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP

October morning tea Wednesday 23 Oct |9:30 am | Parish Office **Enquiries Barbara Cook:**

Ph: 026672 3377 Mobile: 0459 955 394

ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME



THE CATENIANS **GOLD COAST TWEED CIRCLE**

Join the Catenian Association, enjoy the benefits of membership and form long lasting friendships. We meet on 3rd Thursday of each month. Why not come along and share a meal with us - it might be just what you need! Your first dinner is on us.

South Tweed Sports Club | Thurs 17 Oct | 6:20 pm

Contact: Bernard Nolan 0419 023 108 | 02 6672 3733 Chris Gallagher 0428 416 288

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (89)

R: Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of

heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

MASS OF THANKSGIVING

for Fr Anthony Lemon to be celebrated at the 9:00 am Mass Sunday 3 November followed by Morning Tea

(Please bring a plate to share)

LEGION OF MARY

Eucharistic Adoration – 1st Friday of the month In honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, there is a 12-hour Eucharistic Adoration on the 1st Friday of each month.

At the back of the Church is a roster to print your name and phone number and the time you prefer. Starts from 6am to 6pm. Chose the time slot that suits you. There must be 2 or more people present for each hour of the day. Contact Trish Jandura for more information.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless vou. 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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Sunday, 20 October 2024 4.30pm Refreshments | 5.00pm Service Mahers Lane Chapel | All Welcome





Laudate Dominum -Praise the Lord

An early music recital featuring Fortepiano, Harpsichord, Claviorganum and Organ.

Saturday November 9th, 2024, 2pm

St Andrews Presbyterian Church
16 Wollumbin Street Murwillumbah NSW

Ross Windsor will bring us another afternoon of keyboard music, joined again by Yvonne Napper to sing the Mozart "Laudate Dominum".

Ross will be bringing a Roland Claviorganum to complement our Organ and offer us a broader range of early keyboard sounds.

Cost \$10

Afternoon tea will be served at the conclusion of the concert.