Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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St. Brigid's Church

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31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B - 3 NOVEMBER 2024

God's love is written in our hearts

From the moment in Chapter 12 of the Book of Genesis when God promises salvation to Abraham, the story of the Old Testament people is one of them repeatedly being called to faithfulness. In the Book of Deuteronomy, we listen to Moses, who having just received the Ten Commandments, now tells the people not to regard these Commandments as a list of instructions to be obeyed, but words to be written on their hearts.

When Jesus is questioned by the scribe about which is the first of the commandments, without hesitation, Jesus sums it all up by reminding him that everything begins and ends with the love of God and our neighbour. Happily, and for once with one of the scribes, the conversation ends in agreement and Jesus is able to assure him that he is "not far from the Kingdom of God." Notably the scribe has recognised that love is more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.

I suggest that here we have a fruitful focus for our meditation. The Law of God is not there to make life difficult for us or to catch us out, but when it is written on our hearts, it enables us to live a life of love: to live life to the full. When Jesus came into our world he presented us with a wholly new vision of God. He reveals that God is a Father who has created us for love and in sending his Son has shown us the ultimate meaning of sacrifice, for we now know that we have a God who *literally* loves us to death.

Accordingly, in the letter to the Hebrews the nature of priesthood and sacrifice is explored. Christ has made the ultimate sacrifice "once and for all." Now it is up to us to imitate his sacrificial form of loving by recognising that love is the emptying of ourselves so that we can give ourselves completely to God and our neighbour. That is precisely why we gather each Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist: the memorial of Christ's sacrifice and the means whereby he fulfils his promise to be with us always; the means whereby he unites us with himself and one another by feeding us with himself.

Jesus assured us the Holy Spirit would lead us to all truth: the truth about God, about ourselves and about the world around us. At each Eucharist we invoke the Holy Spirit to make Christ present so that we can indeed be transformed into his Body and be able to proclaim a message of love, hope, compassion and reconciliation to a world which so desperately needs more people to have God's word written on their hearts.

When we are sent forth from the Eucharist this weekend, may it be with renewed confidence that God's word is written large on our hearts.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 3 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

8:30 am - Rosary

9:00 am - Fr Anthony's Thanksgiving Mass

10:00 am - Parish Morning Tea

Monday 4 9:30 am - Rosary & Prayers - see note below

Tuesday 5 5:30 pm - Mass Wednesday 6 5:30 pm - Mass Thursday 7 8:15 am - Mass

Friday 8 9:30 am - Legion of Mary | Parish Meeting Centre

11:00 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12 noon - Mass

Saturday 9 9:00 am - Rosary

10:00 am - Mass of the Angels (see note below)

5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass

Sunday 10 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass

Vinnies Christmas Appeal 9/10 November

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

this Friday 11 am - 11:45 am

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Bernie Simpson, Barry Grennan, Christopher Burke, June Dwyer.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Rita Anderson, Narelle Martin, 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.

WEDDING:

Please pray for God's blessing on

David Macartney & Chloe Green

who were married in the

Sacred Heart Church this weekend.

ROSARY & PRAYERS for God's Precious Infants and the Unborn Child - Monday 4 November - 9:30 am - Sacred Heart Church.

Pregnancy Help Line: 1300 139 313

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord. - Psalm 15:11

READINGS | ROSTERS

READINGS FOR TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY:

31ST SUNDAY IN ORD TIME - Year B Deut 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28-34:

32ND SUNDAY IN ORD TIME - Year B

1Kg 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44:

READING ROSTER

9/10 Nov | 32nd Sunday in Ord Time | B

6pm - Grace Molloy

9am - Philomena Zambelli

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 9 November | Mia Cook & Amelia Bennett Sun 10 November | tba

ROSARY STATUE

3 November | Narelle Gear 10 November | Philomena Zambelli



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



OFFER MASSES FOR THE HOLY SOULS & SUPPORT PRIESTS IN NEED

The Church dedicates the month of November to praying for our deceased loved ones. Both Scripture and Tradition remind us to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins and enter the joy of Heaven. Offering Masses therefore is the greatest gift we can give to them.

Because of our close relationship with the Solomon Islands, our November Masses are generally sent to Archbishop Chris Cardone in Honiara, and from there Mass Intentions are distributed to priests in the various parishes who have limited sources of income. Masses can be offered for those we knew and loved.

NOVEMBER - HOLY SOULS

or for the souls that have nobody to pray for them.

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.

MASS OF THE ANGELS 10.00am Saturday 9 November Sacred Heart Church

A special Mass for families to remember their children who have died at, or before birth, or as young children.

All are invited to share in this very special Mass.



Our Murwillumbah St Vincent de Paul Mary MacKillop Conference will launch its 2024 Christmas Appeal next weekend - there will be information on how you can help to make Christmas brighter for many local families. Thanks to all those who support the Society's work in our community.

ThatCatholicShop Christmas Catalogue

Copies of the **Christmas Catalogue** of **That Catholic Shop** are available in the Church this weekend. All proceeds assist the *work and mission of Aid to the Church in Need.*

You can visit **www.thatcatholicshop.com** to see the entire range and order online.

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (17)

R: I love you, Lord, my strength.

IF SUNG:

R: I love you, Lord, my strength; I love you, Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

2024 HSC EXAMS

Please remember in your prayers all Year 12 students as they enter their final week of their **Higher School**Certificate examinations.



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 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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