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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32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B - 10 NOVEMBER 2024

A gift of the heart

Carmel has been a widow for five years. Christmas and New Year are anxious and depressing times for her, especially now that she's on her own. In need of help and a listening ear, Carmel reached out to Sr Joan, who's been a great support to Carmel since her husband's death.

Sr Joan gave Carmel the name and address of a poor and frail elderly couple. "This old couple are in a very difficult situation, Carmel. See what you can do for them," Sr Joan urged.

Carmel was taken aback! It wasn't the response she expected and nor did it seem the answer to her own plight.

Reluctantly, Carmel went to see the elderly couple the next day. She found them in a small unit, barely able to manage basic tasks, including cooking for themselves. They were struggling and frightened. Carmel promised to help them. Over the next couple of weeks, Carmel cooked delicious and healthy meals as well as baking a few sweet treats!

After New Year, Carmel went to see Sr Joan, this time with a more positive outlook on life. She had a 'spring in her step' and a beaming smile on her face. "I haven't cooked or baked very much since my husband died," Carmel explained. "But shopping and cooking for my new friends has helped me to 'live' again, find happiness and rediscover what's really important about Christmas and New Year."

In today's readings we meet two more widows. The first, the widow of Zarephath encounters the prophet Elijah, who's on his way to confront 400 false prophets of Baal. Elijah finds himself in a foreign land during a deadly famine. Despite her personal fears, the destitute but incredibly generous widow gives Elijah all she has. Little did she know that her extraordinary gesture of generosity and kindness would change her life forever: "For the Lord, the God of Israel, says: "The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry..."

The second widow, featured in the gospel, gives 'everything' (two small coins) from her limited resources to the Temple, while others, from their abundance, splash their wealth around for all to see. Jesus praises the widow for her generosity and vulnerable trust in God's providential care, because she gave quietly and lovingly from her heart.

These stories teach us not to measure our gifts by their appearance. The value of a gift is in the heart and when the heart gives, no matter what the gift is, how great or small, if the heart gives it, then it's blessed in God's eyes.

When we act with vulnerable trust in the face of evidence to the contrary, it can bring about transformation beyond our limited capacity. Through our small but generous acts of love, compassion and solidarity, God's grace and goodness abound.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 10 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

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

Tuesday 12 1:00 pm - Funeral prayers - Barry Grennan

NO Mass today

Wednesday 13 NO Mass today Thursday 14 NO Mass today

Friday 15 9:30 am - Legion of Mary | Parish Meeting Centre

11:00 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12 noon - Mass

Saturday 16 9:00 am - Rosary

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

Sunday 17 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

8:30 am - Rosary

9:00 am - Mass Catholic Mission Appeal 16/17 November

PRIVATE PRAYER

from 4:30 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 on Saturday morning at 9:00 am. As well as half an hour before each weekend Mass.

WEDNESDAY WORD

Copies of Wednesday Word, are available in the Church.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

this Friday 11 am - 11:45 am

Enquiries: Alex Lever 0458 817 021

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Patricia Rickard nee Larkin (sister of Colleen Irvine), Bernard Simpson, Barry Grennan, Christopher Burke.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Richard Leape, Danny Armour, Carmel Hennessy.

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.

Annual General Reunion

OF LEGION OF MARY Saturday 7 December

CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

November morning tea

Wed 20 Nov | 10:00 am | Mbah Services Club

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

9:30 am Legion Prayers. 10 am Mass

A light luncheon in Parish Hall/Library to follow.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Clergy Conference; Fr Peter will be away this week at the Clergy Conference therefore there will be no Masses until Friday. Mass will be celebrated each day at Tweed Heads at 9:10am.

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

READINGS | ROSTERS

READINGS FOR TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY:

32ND SUNDAY IN ORD TIME - Year B

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

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Dan 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32:

READING ROSTER

16/17 Nov | 33rd Sunday in Ord Time | B

6pm - Margaret Mumford

9am - Bernard Nolan

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 16 November | Jana Lofts Sun 17 November | Nate Linkins

ROSARY STATUE

10 November | Philomena Zambelli 107November | Susan Kean





Hope Reigns - 2024 Advent & Reflection Resource



'As we embark on the journey of Advent, *Hope Reigns* will help us clarify our vision, so that we can welcome anew the wonder of the Christ child who brings heaven to earth and opens the door to the extraordinary gift of life everlasting, the fullness of life for which we long.

Advent is a call to take time with the Gospel, to pay attention, to listen to a word which announces a world which is a place of "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control" (Gal 5;22), a place where justice reigns and "the glory of the Lord shall be revealed" (Isa 40:5)."

An excerpt from Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane

\$8.00 each | available from the Church and Parish Office



St Vincent de Paul Society Mary MacKillop Conference Murwillumbah CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Last Christmas our Mary MacKillop Murwillumbah Conference provided significant assistance to 72 families so they could have an enjoyable Christmas. Once again we will be helping those in need to make Christmas special.

Instead of hampers we give to those on our Christmas list **GIFT CARDS or VOUCHERS** to enable them to purchase gifts, toys and festive food – it is they who know what special foods they like, and the gifts their children dream of.

Please will you consider donating any of the following:

- Gift cards or vouchers especially on outlets where gifts, toys or something special can be purchased;
- ◆ Money can be left in a specially marked envelope for the Conference at Parish or School offices or Vinnies shop, or on a collection plate at Mass;
- ♦ Donate online to https://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-appeal BUT WHEN YOU REACH THE OPTION ASKING FOR 'COMMENTS OR CONFERENCE NAME' please write "Murwillumbah 43-427" so your gift stays in this area.
- ◆ A QR code is on the church noticeboard using this QR code will take you straight to donations for Mary MacKillop Conference Murwillumbah

To give us time to get Christmas help to those who need it, we hope most gifts will be received by the end of November. Monetary donations over \$2 are tax deductible (but not giftcards). Thank you very much for anything you are able to do.

Denise Banner, President, Mary MacKillop Conference



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (145)

R: Praise the Lord, my soul.

IF SUNG:

R: Praise the Lord, my soul; O praise his holy name.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Happy the poor in Spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Alleluia!

NOVEMBER - HOLY SOULS

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.

CATHOLIC MISSION



In Mongolia, Chuluunbaatar suffered a life-altering injury, leaving him unable to work and reliant on scarce support services for basic needs.

Resources are limited, but the Church in Mongolia is working hard to provide essential services to people in need.

Next weekend we welcome Lew Wallace from Catholic Mission Australia to talk about the Mission Sunday Appeal on 16/17 November.

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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