

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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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YR C | 19 JANUARY 2025

A new wine for our age

Of all Jesus' miracles, we might think his turning water into wine is the least significant. However, for John, this miracle at the wedding feast of Cana takes pride of place as the first of the 'signs' given by Jesus.

Other 'signs' in John's gospel include healing miracles, feeding the 5,000, Jesus walking on water and raising Lazarus from the dead. While John acknowledges there were "many other signs," he chooses these seven 'signs' so "you may believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name" (Jn. 20:30).

Each of these miracle-signs is a foretaste of the single, great miracle of Jesus' resurrection. So, what lessons can we draw from the wedding feast of Cana? First, this is the only recorded miracle that Jesus performed for friends and family. Elsewhere, he seems to dismiss any special significance for family: "Whoever does the will of my Father in Heaven is my brother and sister and mother" (Mtt. 12:50). On another occasion, when returning to Nazareth, we are told Jesus was so "amazed by their lack of faith ... he could work no miracles there" (Mk 6:5f.).

Second, there is the extraordinary interchange between Jesus and his mother, Mary. It is Mary who confronts her son with the problem: "They have no wine!" We need to note, at this point, Jesus had not given any indication of special powers. Next, we cannot help but notice Jesus' annoyance in stating his time had not yet come. But Mary, unperturbed, tells the waiter: "Do whatever he tells you." We know the rest of the story: Jesus not only turns water into wine, but it is the best possible wine.

The human dimension of this story is compelling. Jesus and his disciples know how to celebrate life. No doubt they told yarns, sang songs and danced well into the night. But the time would come when they would face a crisis and be asked to lay down their lives. Interestingly, the next time we hear of Mary in John's gospel is at Jesus' crucifixion. Just as Mary is present to witness the beginning of Jesus' public life at Cana, she is also there to witness what is, for John, the birth of the Church at Calvary.

We are similarly living in a time of transition – what Pope Francis calls a "change of era" – when the old wine is running out. Like Mary, we are asked to place our vulnerable trust in Jesus who, with the gift of the Spirit, is the new wine for our age.

Like the first disciples and early Christians, we know we live in a time of human and political crisis that also embroils society and church. We can only but trust in God who alone is able to turn the water of our fears into the new wine of God's creative presence and enduring love.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 19	2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - YR C 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass
Monday 20	Parish Office closed
Tuesday 21	9:30 am - Mass
Wednesday 22	9:30 am - Mass
Thursday 23	9:30 am - Mass
Friday 24	9:30 am - Mass
Saturday 25	The Conversion of St Paul, apostle 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 26	AUSTRALIA DAY 3rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - YR C 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 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Carmel Donnelly

ANNIVERSARIES:

Dorrie Turner

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Libby Varela, Marie (George Flack's sister), 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.

We have come to know and to believe
in the love that God has for us.
- 1 John 4:16

READINGS | ROSTERS

READINGS FOR TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY:

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

AUSTRALIA DAY - Year C

Is 32:15-18; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Mt 5:1-12:

READING ROSTER

25| 26 Jan | Australia Day | Yr C

6pm - Barbara Grant

9am - Christine O'Brien

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Roster will resume 1/2 February 2025

ROSARY STATUE

19/1 Kay Ryder 26/1 Debbie Kaehler



ORDINATION TO THE DEACONATE

Please keep Jeff Hood in your prayers over the coming months, as he prepares for his Ordination to the Deaconate in the Parramatta Diocese.

PARISH OFFICE:

The Parish Office will be closed -

- ◆ Monday 20 January
- ◆ Monday 27 January

Pope's Intentions for 2025

January

For the right to an education.

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

JOSEPHITE CALENDARS

2025 Josephite Calendars | on sale
in the Church | \$10.00 each | only a few left.

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 is an option to tune into Mass at home when you can't join us:

- Freeview TV - Channel 10 Sunday 6 am



JUBILEE YEAR 2025 | Pilgrims of Hope

The Meaning of Jubilee

The history of the Jubilee can be traced back to the Old Testament. It is derived from the Hebrew word 'yobel' meaning 'ram's horn' and is used to announce the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) and herald the Jubilee Year. Within the Bible, the Jubilee was observed every 50 years as a time to restore relationships with God, one another, and creation. It involved forgiving debts, returning misappropriated land, and allowing the earth to rest, embodying liberation and renewal (cf. Leviticus 25:8-13).

Reflecting this spirit, the Gospel of Luke recounts Jesus' proclamation:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives... and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord" (Luke 4:18-19).

The Jubilee Year provides an opportunity for spiritual growth and community building. Bishop Greg Homeming emphasises the significance of this sacred time. "The Jubilee Year offers us an opportunity to refocus our lives on Christ, mend divisions, and renew our trust in God's promises," Bishop Greg said. "It is a time to celebrate the joy of our faith and to shine Christ's hope into the lives of others."

LEGION OF MARY MARIAN VALLEY BUS TRIP Saturday 15 February 2025

The cost is \$30 per couple (bring a friend / plus one) or \$25 per person. (Murwillumbah Auxiliary Legion Members \$15 with Murwillumbah Members - FREE) Book tickets now with Legion Of Mary President | Philomena Zambelli | 0414 201 940

A light sandwich lunch will be included - you are also welcome to bring your own food/drinks/snacks.

DETAILS:

Pick Up Location: Mt St Patrick College...143 Murwillumbah St

Pick-Up Time: 0830 (for 0900 departure) NSW time

Arrival Time at Marian Valley (est): 0930 QLD time

Return Departure Time: 1330 (for 1400 departure) QLD time
(We would be at Marian Valley for approx. 4hrs)

Estimated Time to Arrive back in Murwillumbah: 1630 NSW time

Wheelchair Access: NO

PRAYER...

NOURISHING OUR HEARTS WITHOUT NOISE

'Worst of all is the endless chatter inside our heads. We long for silence yet how often, when we are alone, in a quiet place, do we not reach out to turn on the television or the transistor? Because it is only when we have some measure of quiet that we become conscious of this inner monologue. We use noise to cancel out noise.

'As we become calmer, more focused, a sense of wonder grows and ordinary, everyday happenings take on a special glow. With a new awareness I now really see the tree at the end of my road. The apple I am eating is tasted for the first time, The scents of lilac, the shape of clouds, the soft falling rain are miracles I never fully appreciated before. We come to know God in knowing and receiving and loving his creation.'

- The Far East 2008



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR C

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (95)

R: Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

INVITATION TO FINAL MASSES

UKI and BURRENBAR

Please join our Catholic community for the final Masses at St Columba's Catholic Church Uki on Sunday 9 February 2025 at 10 am and St Brigid's Catholic Church Burringbar on Sunday 23 February 2025 at 10 am. Both our Masses will be celebrated by Fr Paul McDonald Vicar General and Fr Peter Wood Parish Administrator.

All are welcome to attend - current and past parishioners, students of both St Joseph's schools and local community members - all are invited to be part of these special moments in history.

Both St Columba's (1911) and St Brigid's (1904) have served their local communities for over 100 years and have witnessed countless Masses, Baptisms, Weddings and community gatherings throughout their history.

Please bring a plate to share for the morning tea after each Mass. If anyone has any special memorabilia they'd like to display at each church for the final masses, please contact the Parish Office.

Please note that there will be NO 9 am Sunday Mass in Sacred Heart Church Murwillumbah on either of these Sundays. The 6 pm Saturday Vigil Mass will be the only Mass in town on these two weekends.

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
almighty;
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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