

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

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St. Columba's Church

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YEAR B 16 May 2021

A shared mission with Jesus

Leaving the family home is one of life's biggest transitions for children. There are many reasons why they 'leave the nest'. It may be to go to university, to start a job, to assert independence from parental control, to live with friends, to travel the world, to get married or to break free from difficult family situations.

Leaving can be exciting and adventurous, as well as frightening and overwhelming; not only for children, but also for their parents and siblings. Yet, it seems almost a law of nature that we have to leave home at some point in order to embrace adulthood and take responsibility for our life and its direction.

The Feast of the Ascension recognises and celebrates the truth that the Risen Jesus *leaves behind* the human realm to take his place in glory, "*higher than all the heavens to fill all things.*" (Ephesians 4:10) With his departure, Jesus and the apostles enter into a different kind of relationship. It will no longer be dependent on time or a place, but on faith. Just as children and parents have a real, yet very different relationship once children leave home, so also for the apostles in the way they relate to the Ascended Christ.

The Gospel of Mark says that after Jesus was taken from their sight, the apostles went out, preaching and performing signs and wonders. It's now *their* responsibility to continue Jesus' mission of proclaiming the Kingdom of God. The time has come for them to embrace their new found "adulthood" and accept their personal commission to go out and bring the love, healing and compassion of Jesus to individuals and communities. Their mission, which is ultimately the mission of Jesus, is to "*equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.*" (Ephesians 4:12)

Jesus leaves the apostles to prepare them to receive the gifts of the Spirit at Pentecost. It's the grace of the Spirit's gifts that will inspire the apostles' preaching and teaching and that will give life to new generations of followers, even in times of persecution and division.

As Pope St John Paul II remarked, "*The Holy Spirit makes them witnesses and prophets. It fills them with a serene courage which impels them to pass on to others their experience of Jesus and the hope which motivates them.*" (*Redemptoris Missio*, 24).

The same Spirit is gifted to us in baptism and confirmation; calling us to follow the lead of the apostles and to embrace our responsibility for the mission of Christ in our time. The Ascension reminds us that we are called to greater things: nothing less than sharing with others our own experience of the Risen Christ. This is what the apostles did and what we too are also called to do.

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This week in the Parish 16-23 May

Sunday 16	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - Year B 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass 12 noon - Baptisms
Tuesday 18	No Mass today
Wednesday 19	10:00am - Catholic Men's Group morning tea No Mass today
Thursday 20	No Mass today 9:00 am - Legion of Mary - South Meeting Room 5:30 pm - Finance Council Meeting
Friday 21	10:00 am - Catholic Women's Group morning tea 12:30 pm - Mass
Saturday 22	2:00 pm - Wedding - Daniel Smith & Kesia Capulot 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 23	PENTECOST SUNDAY - Year B 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass 12 noon - Baptisms



SEATING IN THE CHURCH

Please remember to turn over the small 'Please Sit Here' card where you sit in the church during Mass. This tells the volunteer cleaners where someone has been sitting during Mass.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday : 5.30pm - 5.50pm
Sunday: 7.30am - 7.50am

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 6 June 10:00am Mass

SAVE THE DATE:



**PARISH PICNIC
SUNDAY 20 JUNE**



BAPTISMS:

Please welcome
Emily Grace Knight,
Lincoln Ross Reading
& Robert Jolivan Armstrong
to our faith community.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Pattie McDonald (nee Reynolds), Abramo Zambelli,
Theresa Clothier, Eric Lever, Joyce Cook,
Raymond Dodds, Marlene Walters, Nora Biltoft.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Joe Johnson.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Greg Culnane, Margaret Flannery, Marg Ellem,
James Wallace, Donna Lee Pearson.

Readings for today and next Sunday:

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - Yr B

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 4:1-13; Mk 16:15-20

PENTECOST SUNDAY- Yr B

Acts 2:1-11; Gal 5:16-25;

Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15

READING ROSTER:

READING ROSTER - Pentecost Sunday

6pm Vigil: Denise Banner

Sunday 8am: Peter Callaghan

Sunday 10am: Mary-Ann Thackray

WEDDING:

Please pray for God's blessing on
Reannon Spiteri & Ashley Handy
who were married this weekend
in St Brigid's Church, Burringbar.



CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

Next morning tea/cuppa

Wednesday 19 May at 10:00 am

Murwillumbah Services Club

Enquiries to Alex Lever 0458 817 021

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP

'Cuppa and Chat'

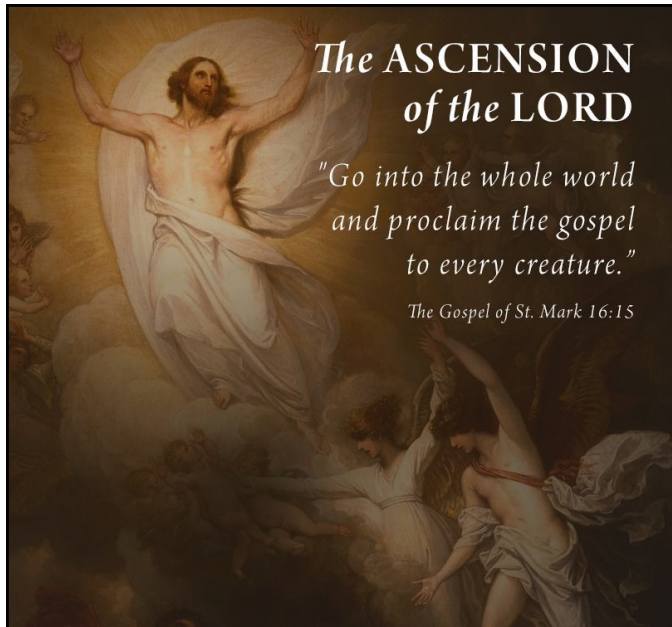
10:00 am - Friday 21 May

Mary Smith's home,
3 Park Avenue, Bray Park

Transport can be arranged.

Phone Barbara 6672 3377

ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME



Entrance Hymn:

ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS

W C Dix

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus,
his the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone;
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood:
'Jesus out of every nation
has redeemed us by his blood.'
2. Alleluia! not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia! He is near us,
"I am with you evermore"
Though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore.'
3. Alleluia! bread of angels,
and on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia! here the sinful
come to you from day to day:
intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, plead for me
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Communion Hymn:

TRANSFIGURATION

*We behold the splendour of God
shining on the face of Jesus
We behold the splendour of God
shining on the face of the Son.*
And oh, how His beauty transforms us,
the wonder of presence abiding
transparent hearts give reflection
of Tabors light within, of Tabors light within.

Recessional Hymn:

HAIL REDEEMER, KING DIVINE

Patrick Brennan

1. Hail Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb the throne is thine,
King, whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.

*Refrain: Angels, saints and nations sing,
'Praised be Jesus Christ, our King:
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary.'*

2. King, whose name creation thrills,
rule our minds, our hearts, our wills,
till in peace each nation rings
with your praises, King of kings. R.
3. King most holy, King of truth,
raise the lowly, guide the youth;
Christ our King of glory bright,
be to us eternal light. R.

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AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE – NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE DURING MAY

The National Count is being conducted over the first four weeks of May. It is conducted in the same year as the Australian Census (10 August 2021) so that the information collected can most effectively be used in association with results from the Census. The count is being conducted in all parishes throughout Australia. The count will be as comprehensive as possible and includes people of all ages at Mass (including babies). The first two weeks has been a simple head count and we've used our covid attendance records for the collection of this data.

This weekend 15-16 May we have been asked to collect data on the total of males and females attending Mass.

For next weekend 22-23 May we will be asking all attendees (parishioners and visitors) to indicate an age group.

Age groups to be recorded are 0-17 | 18-29 | 30-49 | 50-69 | 70+. Our hospitality team will record this information on our attendance sheets for everyone attending.

Thank you for your assistance throughout the count.

VIEW MASS AT HOME -

There are several options to tune into Mass at home when you can't join us:

- Bishop Greg will continue to online-stream Sunday Mass on the Diocesan YouTube channel - 9:00 am.
- Freeview TV—Channel 10 Sunday 6 am

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - Yr B RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (46)

**R: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a
blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

**I am with you always, until the end of the
world.**

Alleluia!

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL SOUTH MURWILLUMBAH 51ST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS:



In 2021 St Joseph's School will celebrate 51 years of catholic education in Murwillumbah. Planning has begun for our celebrations which will take place later this year.

WE NEED YOUR PHOTOS AND MEMORIES PLEASE!

Due to the loss of some of the school history, particularly photos, in the 2017 flood, we are hoping to get the news out to our ex-students and their families, past staff and parishioners to ask if the school could borrow your photos for scanning and saving as we rebuild our history book.

Photos and newspaper articles may be taken to the St Joseph's School Office or to the Sacred Heart Parish Office for scanning or may be emailed to smurp@lism.catholic.edu.au.

Other memorabilia or stories that you would like to share are also welcome.

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.

MASS - What you need to know

- ♦ all Masses will continue to be celebrated in Sacred Heart Church (*entry via main entrance only*) – country churches remain closed
 - ♦ sign in on arrival using our QR code or by giving your name and contact details to one of our hospitality team
 - ♦ please remember to use the hand sanitiser provided
 - ♦ seats are marked where you can sit
 - ♦ please observe social distancing when coming forward for communion, and communion BY HAND only
 - ♦ We are now able to have congregational singing
 - ♦ church cleaned after each Mass
 - ♦ covid-19 safety plan of action in place
- Queries or concerns, please contact Mary-Ann in the Parish Office.



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