

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

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Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

YEAR C

9 January 2022

Inspired by the baptism of fire

Today marks a turning point in the liturgical year when we move out of the Christmas festive season into Ordinary Time. We mark that turning point with the gospel account of a major turning point in Jesus' life and in salvation history. It comes with the Baptism of Our Lord. For Jesus, his baptism marks the beginning of his public ministry.

For salvation history, his baptism heralds the coming of a new age, a new era. Gone now is the era of the Old Testament, when the people of Israel, guided by the Law and the prophets, waited with great hope and expectation for the coming of the Messiah and the liberation that he would bring. He has come now.

Jesus, however, wasn't the saviour they were expecting. For a while, John the Baptist looked like the one. But John had no doubts. He recognised Jesus as the Lamb of God, and proclaimed that "He (Jesus) will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Jesus' baptism culminates with the appearance of the Holy Spirit, descending on Jesus "in bodily shape, like a dove" and a voice from heaven proclaiming: "You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you."

The references to the Holy Spirit remind us of two other significant moments in salvation history. Firstly, in the story of creation in Genesis 1, the Holy Spirit hovered over the earth when it was formless void and shrouded in darkness, and heaven and earth were then completed with all their vast array.

Secondly, in the story of Noah and the Flood (Genesis 6-9), it is a dove which brings the good news of the end of the Flood, a new start, a new creation. This then is to say that to be baptised with the Holy Spirit is to make a new start, to be renewed and re-created. It means a major turning point in our lives.

But John the Baptist proclaims that the baptism which Jesus brings is not only with the Holy Spirit but with fire. This reference to fire reminds us of the tongues of flame that descended on the apostles at Pentecost and that inspired them to go forth fearlessly and preach the gospel to the whole world.

So too does the fire of baptism inspire and urge us. Know too, however, that the fire will also divide us, exposing the division between those who accept and those who reject the offer of salvation and the demands of the Kingdom.

The gospel account of the baptism of Jesus reminds us of our own baptism when we were made into sons and daughters of God, filled with the Holy Spirit, and commissioned to spread the good news of Jesus' coming and the gift of God's grace in the world. Let us give thanks and take heed from Titus who urges us in today's first reading to give up everything that does not lead to God and have no ambition but to do good.

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This week in the Parish 8 – 16 January

Saturday 8 Jan 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 9 Jan The BAPTISM of the LORD - Year C
9:00 am - Mass

Please note: there are no weekday Masses during January

Saturday 15 Jan 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 16 Jan 2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year C
9:00 am - Mass

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5.30 pm - 5.50 pm
Sunday 8.30 am - 8.50 am

The Sacred Heart Prayer Chapel is open for private prayer each weekday from 9 am - 3 pm



When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him

WEDNESDAY WORD
Copies of Wednesday Word, with this weekend's readings, are available for you in the Church.

JANUARY SUNDAY MASS TIME CHANGES

Please Note: While Fr Peter is on holidays in January, we will only have one Sunday Mass at 9 am.
The 8 am & 10 am Masses will resume in February.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mark Bilstoft, Betty Byrnes, Fay Albury

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Fr Anthony Lemon, James Wallace

Readings for today and next Sunday:

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - Year C

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7;
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

2ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME—Year C

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

READING ROSTER | YEAR C

8/9 Jan | The BAPTISM of the LORD

6pm - Grace Molloy

9am - Maree Coley

15/16 Jan | 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time

6 pm - Lyndy Severs

9 am- Kay Ryder

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to 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.

During January there will be NO livestream Mass with Bishop Greg . Masses celebrated online with Bishop Greg will resume in late January 2022.

In the meantime, Bishop Greg will present his **Summer Homily Series** . To view Bishop Greg's homilies go to <https://www.youtube.com/c/LismoreDioceseAU/videos>



CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

January 2022 morning tea

Wednesday 19 January | 10:00 am

Murwillumbah Services Club

Enquiries: Alex Lever 0458 817 021

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

Wearing of face masks is mandatory

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU HAVE A GOOD LOOK AT THE "THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD" MURAL IN OUR CHURCH?

See pictured on front page of this bulletin
With the remodeling of the church after the Second Vatican Council, the beautiful mosaic was created behind the baptismal font, the work of two expert Czechoslovakian tradesmen. It contains about 30,000 pieces of imported coloured glass and took three months to carefully piece together | p 48 *The Catholic Parish of Murwillumbah Past & Present Centenary 1989*

ENTRANCE HYMN

A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS

Chris Robinson

*A voice in the wilderness calls to prepare,
for we are standing on the edge of changes.
Across the desert sand and the mountain
high, the Lord is coming, make your way.*

I will hear what the Lord will say,
A voice of peace for all his people.
His voice is never far for those who know
his glory dwelling in our land.

Faithfulness and mercy have met,
Peace and justice have embraced her.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
And justice looks down from the sky.

COMMUNION HYMN

COME TO THE WATER

Frank Andersen

*Come to the water! You who are thirsty!
Though you have nothing, I bid you come!
And be filled with the goodness I have to
offer! Come! Listen! Live!*

Why spend your money on what cannot fill
the emptiness deep in your heart?
Listen to my word and you will enjoy:
goodness and peace in your heart.

Just as the heavens are high above earth;
My ways and thoughts beyond you!
Call me your Father and know I am near!
I will be Father to you.

Just as the rain falls to water the earth;
just as a seed becomes bread,
my word upon you can never return
until my longing is filled!

REFLECTION HYMN

BAPTISMAL INVOCATION

James Jacka Coyle

Come Holy Spirit, over this water;
Breathe new life over those you have chosen.

Come Holy Spirit, over your people,
Breathe new life over those you have chosen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

SPRINGS OF SALVATION

Frank Andersen

**You will draw water joyfully from the
springs of salvation:
You will draw water joyfully from the
springs of salvation.**

You are the God of my salvation;
I trust in you and have no fear.
You are the God of all my singing,
the one foundation of my life.

I will proclaim to all your people
the wonders you have done for me.
You are indeed a God of Goodness,
You draw me gently to your heart.

Let all who live upon God's mountain
sing out in gladness and in joy.
The Lord of all is living with you,
The Holy one who calls to you.

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*And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my
Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'*

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LISMORE SAFEGUARDING OFFICE

If you or a person close to you has been
abused by someone working or ministering
within the Diocese of Lismore, we ask you
to contact us

We will listen to you respectfully; offer support
and discuss options you have available to you.
To contact the Safeguarding Office,
please phone (02) 6621 9444 or email
safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au



As part of our commitment to Safeguarding in our
Parish, we wish to advise that there is **NO ACCESS
to the Sacristy before and after each Mass.** This
area is used by our clergy, acolytes and workers
for Mass preparation and vesting and is not an
appropriate place for others to enter at these
times.

If you need to speak with Father, please let our
hospitality team know and we'll arrange for you to catch
up with Father after Mass if possible. Alternatively, an
appointment may be made through the Parish Office
phone 6672 1118 . Mass Intentions envelopes may be
left with hospitality team or at Parish Office.



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YR C RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PS 103)

R: Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

John said: He who is mightier than I;
he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit
and with fire.

Alleluia!

MASS ATTENDANCE

What you need to know ...

Please DO NOT ATTEND MASS if you are unwell or have any cold or flu-like symptoms.

QR check in on arrival is still required for places of worship.

Masks are mandatory again inside for everyone over 12 years of age, subject to exemptions. Please continue to use the hand sanitiser provided.

Density limits have changed to "unlimited" from 15 December; however, as a precautionary measure, due to positive cases in our local community, we will **not lift** our current density limit of 2 square metres for a few more weeks yet.

Singing as a congregation is discouraged at the moment; please enjoy our choir and music.

Distribution of communion remains strictly **BY HAND** only.

All Masses will continue to be celebrated in the Sacred Heart Church. Country churches remain closed.

We will still maintain a covid-19 safety plan for the foreseeable future.

Thank you all for your care and consideration of each other. Queries or concerns, please contact Mary-Ann in the Parish Office.

VIEW MASS AT HOME -

- Freeview TV - Channel 10 Sunday 6 am

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15 Prince Street, Murwillumbah.

(Office re-opens Monday 10 Jan 2022)



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.