

# 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

Convent Lane, Uki

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## PARISH STAFF

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Fr. Peter Wood

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## PARISH SCHOOLS

### Mt. St. Patrick College

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[mshpcmbah@lism.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mshpcmbah@lism.catholic.edu.au)

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[murp@lism.catholic.edu.au](mailto:murp@lism.catholic.edu.au)

Principal: Mr. Brendan Ryan

### St. Joseph's Primary School

Greville Street, South Murwillumbah

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Principal: Mr. Jason Clarke

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- YEAR C

15 May 2022

### A vision of a Church across time

This Sunday's readings give us an understanding of the life of the Church. The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we see the Church's very beginnings. Paul and Barnabas travel between cities sharing the Good News of the gospel.

In their travels, they shared the gospel, encouraged the fledgling churches, and helped them put together a stable leadership. It is fascinating to see how the Holy Spirit moved within the early Church. We see the earliest Christians entrusting themselves and each other to God's grace. This reliance on God enflames their spiritual life and helps them make practical, everyday decisions, deal with hardships and love each other. In Acts, we see the prototype for how the Church should move in this world, as a body dedicated to spreading the gospel and loving service in practical matters.

In the second reading, we see a more mystical vision of the Church as it will look in the life to come. The Book of Revelation describes the people of God as a 'New Jerusalem', who have been prepared like a couple on their wedding day.

The Book of Revelation reveals how we will come out of the hardships of this world made new and holy. In this vision, we see a glimpse of the Church's future, where our God will "wipe every tear" from our eyes. This has been the destiny that God has designed for his people from the very beginning. When God created all of us, he envisioned the perfecting of the human race to live eternally with him. This is the goal that the Church strives for in this life with the hope of reaching it in the next.

And in today's gospel, we hear about the lynchpin of the Church. The Son of Man proclaims how he will be glorified by overcoming death and reconciling the human race with the Father. Because of the love that he has poured out for his people, he now tells his Church to love one another in the same way.

His glorification has made everything else in today's readings possible. Everything from the historical details of Paul and Barnabas' leadership of the Church to the hope that awaits the glorified Church in Heaven, to our simple acts of love for each other today, all come as a direct result of the grace of Jesus Christ. Because he loved us first, we can love one another and know this love for all eternity.

We have a vision of the Church across time. Although we labour through hardships and sufferings of our present time, the Church is a kingdom of "glorious splendour" that 'endures through all generations.' And it is all because we have been loved by the Son of God who gives the Church the grace to love one another.

Joseph Doyle @Magellan Media 2022



# This week in the Parish

Friday 13	No Mass today 2:00 pm - Wedding - Ashleigh Alexander & Michael Carr
Saturday 14	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 15	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass 12.00 pm - Baptism
Tuesday 17	No Mass today 6:30 pm - First Holy Communion Parent Meeting
Wednesday 18	10:00 am - Catholic Men's Group (see note) No Mass today
Thursday 19	No Mass today 5:30 pm - Finance Council Meeting
Friday 20	No Mass today 12:30 pm - Catholic Ladies Luncheon (see note)
Saturday 21	10:00 am - Rosary in the Park (see note page 3) 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 22	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass 11:15 am - Baptism 12.00 pm - Baptism

**HOUR FOR PRIVATE PRAYER**  
Each Tuesday & Wednesday  
from 4:30 pm

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
First Friday of each month  
11 am - 11:50 am

**RECONCILIATION**  
Saturday: 5.30 pm - 5.50 pm  
Sunday: 8.30 am - 8.50 am

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

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Craig Bryant, Giuseppina Zambelli, Aileen McConnell, Bev Everson, Alan Wilson, Mark Stewart

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

John Flanagan, Mark Hanna, Michael Twohill, Michael Egan, Deb Craig, Fr Anthony Lemon, James Wallace

## READING ROSTER | YEAR C

### 21/22 May | Sixth Sunday of Easter

6 pm - Lyndy Severs  
8 am - Kay Ryder  
10 am - Lorraine Green

### Readings for the next week:

#### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Yr C

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23;  
Jn 14:23-29

## 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.*



## WEDDING:

Please pray for God's blessing on *Ashleigh Alexander & Michael Carr* who were married this week.

## BAPTISM:

Please welcome *Lilly Jean Hodges* to our faith community.



## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP

May luncheon  
Friday 20 May | 12:30pm | Murwillumbah Services Club

Enquiries: Frances Wright 6672 1512  
Barbara Cook 6672 3377 | 0459 955 394

## CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

The next morning tea  
Wednesday 18 May | 10:00 am  
Murwillumbah Services Club  
Enquiries: Alex Lever 0458 817 021

**ALL MEN ARE WELCOME**

## 2022 SACRAMENTAL DATES

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

#### First Holy Communion Parent Meeting:

Tuesday 17 May 6.30pm  
in Sacred Heart Church

Welcome & Instruction 1 - Sat 21 & Sun 22 May

Instruction 2 - Sat 28 & Sun 29 May

Instruction 3 - Sat 4 & Sun 5 June

Instruction 4 - Sat 11 & Sun 12 June

Retreat Day including First Reconciliation  
- Thursday 16 June in Parish Church

**First Holy Communion**  
**Sunday 19 June at 9am**

### CONFIRMATION

#### Confirmation Parent Meeting:

Tuesday 9 August 6.30pm  
in Sacred Heart Church

**Sacrament of Confirmation -**  
**Thursday 8 September**

## THE MONTH OF MAY

In celebrating the annual cycle of Christ's mysteries, the Church honours with special love Mary, the Mother of God, who is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son.

The month of May includes several Marian Feasts and is a special time of honour and devotion to Mary.



## PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS ...

**THANK YOU** to everyone who responded to the recent request from the Parish Pastoral Council for **comment on current Mass times**. Opinions were many and varied! The input from these responses will be very helpful to the Parish in considering and consulting about the future.

Further comments are welcome - please place in the Parish Pastoral Council box in the church.



## ROSARY IN THE PARK

Saturday 21 May  
10am in Budd Park  
led by Legion of Mary  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

*I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.*  
- John 13:34

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

Parish **BIG** Morning Tea  
Sunday 5 June after 9am Mass

(no 8am or 10am Mass)

Please bring a plate to share.

All welcome!



## FR JOHN WORTHINGTON S M - MEMORIAL MASS

Fr John Worthington died peacefully in Royal North Shore Hospital, Sydney on 1 April 2022. His Requiem Mass was celebrated at Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church, Hunters Hill, Sydney on Thursday, 21 April.

Born in Murwillumbah in December 1948, he was the eldest son of Tony & Beryl Worthington. He was educated at Mt St Patrick Primary School and Marist Brothers Darlinghurst for his secondary education.



He was Ordained to the Priesthood in Sacred Heart Church Murwillumbah by Bishop John Satterthwaite on 25 May 1974. Following his Ordination, Fr John taught at Burnie, Tasmania; Bellambi, NSW and in 1980 became Rector of Woodlawn College for 7 years.

He studied in New Zealand, Rome and Chicago, and worked with African Seminarian education in Cameroon.

On his return to Australia he worked at St Patrick's in Sydney, Annerley, The Gap and Herston parishes in the Brisbane Archdiocese, before retiring to Hunters Hill, Sydney.

*"We have lost a dedicated Marist, who has served the mission of the Society generously in secondary education, in formation in Africa, and in pastoral ministry particularly in Brisbane,"* Australian Marist Provincial Father Anthony Corcoran said.

**A Memorial Mass will be held for Fr John in the Sacred Heart Church on Friday 27 May at 11am.**

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 144)

**R: I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**I give you a new commandment:**

**love one another as I have loved you.**

**Alleluia!**

## CONGRATULATIONS

*Ray & Christine Wightley*

who celebrated their

50th Wedding Anniversary this week.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Registrations for Cycle 4 Courses with the *Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation* (VLCFF) are now open. Close on May 25. (Courses begin May 30.) Contact Tony Worner at: [VLCFF.LismoreDiocese@stagneparish.org.au](mailto:VLCFF.LismoreDiocese@stagneparish.org.au) for course offerings for Cycle 4, for further information or for help with registering.

## PROJECT COMPASSION

**PROJECT COMPASSION RECEIPTS** are available in the church today - please take yours home with you.

## ANNUAL CLERGY RETREAT

Most priests from the Lismore Diocese, including Fr. Peter, will be attending the annual Clergy Retreat in Lismore from this coming week.

There will be no weekday Masses in the parish Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. St Joseph's Tweed Heads have Masses Monday to Friday at 9:10am.

In case of an emergency during office hours, please phone Parish Office 66721118.

After hours emergencies, please phone Fr. Wilber Tobe, who is on duty for the Tweed area, 07 5536 7522.

**VIEW MASS AT HOME** - *There are several options to tune into Mass at home when you can't join us:*

- Bishop Greg continues to online-stream Sunday Mass on the [Diocesan YouTube](#) channel - 9:00 am.
- Freeview TV - Channel 10 Sunday 6 am

## 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.



## INVEST WITH PEACE OF MIND

[www.dif.org.au](http://www.dif.org.au) Ph: 1800 802 516 Paying .45%

Agents: ALG/Egan Simpson Solicitors, 15 Prince Street, Murwillumbah.