

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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- YEAR C

8 May 2022

Blessed to be part of the flock

The image of God as shepherd of his people is strong in both the Old and the New Testament. Indeed, one of the earliest and most loved images of Jesus in the early Church was of him as the Good Shepherd who so loves his sheep that he lays down his life for them.

In the Roman catacombs, the ancient cemeteries outside the city of Rome where the early Christian martyrs were buried, we find very early images of the Good Shepherd. He is shown carrying a lamb on his shoulders. Holiness, goodness and grace radiate from his youthful figure. His sheep gaze trustingly at him and graze peacefully in his care. They know him, they recognise his voice, and they know that he will protect them from danger. He knows each of them by name and will never desert them.

The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd must have been a great source of consolation for Christians in the face of persecution. Indeed, a common prayer in the early Church for those who had died was that they should be taken to heaven "borne on the shoulders of the Good Shepherd".

Two thousand years later, Christians continue to find the image of the Good Shepherd deeply consoling and comforting, especially in times of trouble and distress. Psalm 23 is one of the most loved and prayed of all the psalms, often used at funerals. It speaks to us so powerfully of the unfailing tenderness and steadfast love with which God cares for us, individually and as a community. Psalm 100 proclaims his kindness and faithfulness and in it we rejoice that we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

But let us reflect for a moment about us as the sheep of his flock! Now, those of us who have grown up in the country and watched sheep dog trials, or waited on a country road while a flock of sheep is moved by a farmer and his sheep dogs from one side of the road to the other, know how stupid and wayward sheep can be and how much patience and skill it takes to manage them! Though we human beings are blessed with capacity for intelligence and insight, we too, like sheep, often behave in scatterbrained and foolish ways.

But no matter how foolish or scatterbrained or uncooperative we might be, our Good Shepherd shepherds us, looks out for us, comes to find us when we are lost, and carries us when we need to be carried. He loves us and cares for us with an everlasting love. How very blessed are we to be the sheep of his flock! May the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd remind us to keep our eyes on him, to listen to him, and to hold firm to our faith and our trust in him.



This week in the Parish

Saturday 7	3:00 pm - Wedding - Sacred Heart Church Glenn Wornes & Sian Woodward 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 8	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass 11:00 am - Baptism 12:00 pm - Baptism
Tuesday 10	5:30 pm - Mass 5:00 pm - Baptism Preparation Meeting
Wednesday 11	5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 12	8:15 am - Mass
Friday 13	No Mass today 2:00 pm - Wedding - Ashleigh Alexander & Michael Carr
Saturday 14	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 15	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass 12:00 pm - Baptism

HOURLY 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:

Giuseppina Zambelli, Aileen McConnell (nee
Thorley), Bev Everson, Alan Wilson, Mark Stewart

ANNIVERSARIES:

Bishop John Carroll (Second Bishop of Lismore),
Abramo Zambelli, Joy Armour

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

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



WEDDING:

Please pray for God's blessing on
Glenn Wornes & Sian Woodward
who were married in the
Sacred Heart Church this weekend.

BAPTISM:

Please welcome
**Benedict David Staff
& Stella Jane Hanrahan**
to our faith community.



READING ROSTER | YEAR C

14/15 May | Fifth Sunday of Easter

6 pm - Christine Wightley

8 am - Bernard Nolan

10 am - Mary-Ann Thackray

Readings for the next week:

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Yr C

Acts 14:21-27; Rev 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-35

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.*



ROSARY IN THE PARK

Saturday 21 May

10am in Budd Park
led by Legion of Mary

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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



Happy Mother's Day

A Prayer for Mothers

Loving God, we pray:
 for new mothers,
 coming to terms with new responsibility;
 for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;
 for those who are tired, stressed or depressed;
 for those who struggle
 to balance the tasks of work and family;
 for those who are unable to feed their children
 due to poverty;
 for those whose children have physical,
 mental or emotional disabilities;
 for those who raise children on their own;
 for those who have lost a child;
 for those who care for the children of others;
 for those whose children have left home;
 and for those whose desire to be a mother
 has not been fulfilled.

Bless all mothers,
 that their love may be deep and tender,
 and that they may lead their children
 to know and do what is good,
 living not for themselves alone,
 but for God and for others.

Amen.

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.



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

TODAY IS GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

"I will give you shepherds after my own heart" (Jer.3:15)

Occurring on the fourth Sunday in the Easter Season, Good Shepherd Sunday derives its name from the gospel reading (John 10:1-10) where Christ is described as the "Good Shepherd" who lays down his life for his sheep.

"Dear friends, on this day in particular, but also in the ordinary pastoral life of our communities, I ask the Church to continue to promote vocations. May she touch the hearts of the faithful and enable each of them to discover with gratitude God's call in their lives, to find courage to say 'yes' to God." ~Pope Francis

Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal is being held this weekend to assist in the education and formation of our future priests. The Church asks each of us to pray for, or to consider a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Each person in the community has a role to play in encouraging vocations - whether by prayer, encouragement or personal suggestion.

Envelopes are available for your contribution.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 99)

R: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

PSALM TO BE SUNG (*page 3 Bulletin*):

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

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!

BAPTISM PREPARATION

If you are considering having your child baptised please phone the Parish Office for enquiries and to book in for the Baptism Preparation Meeting.

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on Tuesday 10 May at 5pm.

*The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.*

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

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.



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