

# 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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**21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -  
YEAR C | 21 August 2022**

## *Instruments of God's work*

In "Walking in a Relaxed Manner", Sister Joyce Rupp described how despite months of training and preparation, she never anticipated how difficult her 825 km walk on the Camino would be. She was often at the mercy of the weather and challenged by the rugged terrain.

At many points of the journey, she felt tired, discouraged and frustrated. Nevertheless, she was supported and inspired by the goodwill, prayers and support of fellow pilgrims and other ordinary people she met on the Camino. Everyone from those who ran the "albergues" (pilgrim hostels) to the residents of the villages they passed through extended extraordinary kindness, care and concern towards herself and her fellow pilgrims. She learnt to meet every experience with a deep awareness of divine accompaniment, and in unity with her fellow pilgrims.

This spirit of courage and faith is reflected in today's gospel where Jesus asks his disciples to enter by the narrow gate. He advises his disciples to avoid taking an easy option. This was not misguided advice to seek out pain, for the clue about good discipleship lies in another phrase in today's gospel: that the last shall be first and the first last.

In Jesus's time, those who were preferred last by society were those of little consequence: people on the margins, those without power and status in society, women, children etc. Despite their station in life, Jesus regards them with love. There are many instances of him reaching out to touch, heal and bless those who society spurned. Indeed, Jesus does not reject or exclude them but regards them as being first in God's kingdom.

There is an additional dimension of God's love for the vulnerable. He also embraces the broken parts of each of us; parts which we might dismiss or be ashamed of. Instead of feeling diminished by our sometimes painful circumstances, we are invited to trust in his love for us. He is tender with our failings and frailties. We are invited to walk life's sometimes excruciating path in the awareness that he shares our burden intimately and is even able to transform us through it.

St Thomas Aquinas's teaching: "Gratia non tollit naturam, sed perficit" - grace does not destroy nature, but perfects it, holds tremendous insight. Grace builds on and fulfils nature; for God who is never outdone in generosity, takes the humble offering of our life and weaves it into the fabric of his plan for redemption.

Spanish cellist Pablo Casals, already a renowned musician in 1913, bought a 180-year-old cello made by luthier Matteo Goffriller who was not widely known at the time. He chose this instrument as it had been tempered by years of playing. It spoke in a warm, rich voice. He often said he used his cello to speak for the soul of his country.

In God's hands, all of us, no matter our station, can be his instruments: to proclaim the riches of his mercy, providence and unending love.

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# This week in the Parish

Sunday 21	<b>21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C</b> <b>Reconciliation:</b> 7:30am - 7:50am 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass
Monday 22	<b>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
Tuesday 23	10:30 am - Requiem Mass for Paul Larkin <i>No 5:30 pm Mass</i> 6:15 pm - RCIA Enquiry Evening - Sacred Heart Church
Wednesday 24	11:00 am - Requiem Mass for Arthur King <i>No 5:30 pm Mass</i> 6:15 pm - RCIA Enquiry Evening - Sacred Heart Church
Thursday 25	8:15 am - Mass 10:30 am - Funeral Prayers for Kelvin Heanes 12 noon - Legion of Mary - Parish Meeting Centre
Friday 26	12 noon - Mass
Saturday 27	5:00 pm - Baptism <b>Reconciliation:</b> 5:30pm - 5:50pm 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 28	<b>22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C</b> <b>SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY</b> <b>Reconciliation:</b> 7:30am - 7:50am 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass 11:15 am - Baptism

## HOUR FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Each Tuesday & Wednesday  
from 4:30 pm

## WEDNESDAY WORD

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

## RECONCILIATION

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

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** is held at the 8 am Mass each week.



All primary school age children welcome to come along and join in.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Betty Pollack, Arthur King, Kelvin Heanes, Paul Larkin, Marie Karam, Ray Wightley, Tom Eady, Irene McDonald, Stephen Foster, Kev Gooley, Ted Conlon

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Michael Border, Leah Ryder, Maureen McCabe, Mark Hanna, Deb Craig, Fr Anthony Lemon, James Wallace

## READING ROSTER | YEAR C

**27/28 Aug | 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

6 pm - Lisa Dusi-Fox  
8 am - Kay Ryder  
10 am - Ed Egan

### Readings for the next week:

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr C**

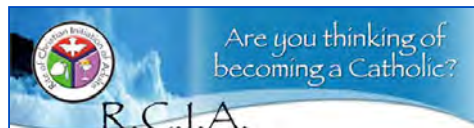
Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24;  
Lk 14:1, 7-14

## 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.*

## CONGRATULATIONS

*Bernard & Julie Schiller*  
who are celebrating their  
50th Wedding Anniversary this week.



## RCIA - A JOURNEY OF FAITH

We invite all those interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith to an enquiry night:

**Tuesday 23 or Wednesday 24 August**  
**6:15pm in the Sacred Heart Church**

You may be:

- ◆ Baptised in another Christian faith and are interested in becoming Catholic
- ◆ Unbaptised and would like to learn about the faith
- ◆ Interested in supporting candidates on the journey or being part of the RCIA team

For further information contact the Parish Office - 66721118 or shpmbah@norex.com.au

## LISMORE DIOCESE PARISH VITALITY SURVEY



The poster features a church icon at the top, followed by the text 'PARISH VITALITY SURVEY' in large, bold, dark blue letters. Below this, it says 'OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS' in a smaller, teal font. Underneath, it reads 'complete online: or scan the QR code below' in a small, dark font. A QR code is centered below the text. At the bottom, three speech bubbles contain the words 'HAVE', 'YOUR', and 'SAY' in white capital letters on a dark blue, olive green, and grey background respectively.

The Lismore Diocese Parish Vitality Survey is a short pulse survey that provides you with an opportunity to have your say about your church, what we do well, where we can do better and how we can sustain, support and strengthen our parish communities as we look ahead to the next five years. The survey is **anonymous online**, takes about 10 minutes to complete and is open from now until 30 August 2022. We are interested in hearing from anyone in the diocese who identifies as Catholic. Some of the questions, however, focus on those who attend mass and are already active in their parish.

There is also a place for you to write a message to Bishop Greg to let him know of our challenges and your ideas regarding the opportunities in your parish and the diocese.

Please find the link to the survey here [Click here to access the Parish Vitality Survey](#). From 18 August, the survey can also be accessed via the diocese website <https://www.lismorediocese.org/>

Printed copies of the survey are also available at the back of the church. Please take a copy home to complete (one survey for each members of your family who wishes to complete the survey) and return it to the secure box at the hospitality table in Sacred Heart Church by Sunday 28 August. Alternatively your completed forms may be left at the Parish Office any time between now and 3 pm on Tuesday 30 August. We encourage everyone to complete this survey to assist with the future planning of our parish and our diocese.

## SPECIAL PROJECT – BRING BACK THE SOUND!

As most of you will have noticed when attending Mass over the past few months we are having significant issues with our sound system in the Sacred Heart Church. A decision was made on Thursday night by the Parish Finance Council that we need to upgrade our sound/audio system as without good sound we cannot provide good liturgy for everyone who attends Mass and other activities in the Church.

We estimate that the cost of replacing a series of microphones for the altar/sanctuary; the main audio mixing board and the ageing amplifiers will be in the vicinity of \$15,000 to \$20,000. We will find the funds for this as we all understand how important the sound is.

If you would like to donate to this special project, your donations will be gratefully accepted. Donations may be made via direct deposit to Account Name: Catholic Church Murwillumbah | BSB 062 580 | Account No: 0090 4506 | Reference: Special Project Sound.

## 2022 CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL - SOME DECISIONS TO MAKE

Parish & Schools Community Meeting –  
Wednesday 31 August 6:00 pm  
(immediately after 5:30 Mass in the  
College Library/Learning Hub aka  
Parish Hall) | A discussion about the  
format of the Carnival this year – with  
limited volunteers and very few willing  
stallholders; do we make some changes  
to how the carnival is run?

Come along to have your say on the  
future of the Christmas Carnival. Contact  
Mary-Ann in the Parish Office if you have  
ideas you'd like added to the agenda.



The poster features a background image of a picnic on a grassy area with trees. The text is overlaid on the image. At the top, it says 'Sunday 18 September 2022' in white. Below that, '11 am to 2 pm' is written in a larger white font. The main title 'Parish Picnic on the Playground' is in a very large, bold, white font. Below the title, there is a list of activities and amenities: 'Please join us ... Relax & meet new people Games & activities Easy access Parking & toilets Tables provided'. At the bottom, it says 'BYO cold picnic food, blankets and chairs' in a bold, white font.





## 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Psalm 116)

**R: God out to all the world and tell the  
Good News.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the  
Lord; no one comes to the Father, except  
through me.**

**Alleluia!**



St Anthony's Parish, Kingscliff are marking Fr Paul's Anniversary on Sunday 28th August at the 9.00am Mass followed by a BBQ at the Cudgen Surf Club.

Hamburgers/sausage sizzle will be offered at a discounted price. From 11:00am drinks will be available downstairs for purchase: canned beer, red/white wine (in cups), soft drinks. Zinc Café will also be open for coffees etc.

All are welcome to come celebrate with Fr Paul and the parish community.

The date of Fr. Paul's Ordination is Tuesday 30th August and he will be saying Mass at Sts. Mary & Ambrose Church Pottsville at 9:15am.

**Fr Paul will also celebrate Mass here at Sacred Heart Church at 5:30pm.**

**All Welcome!**

**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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