

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

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Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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**22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -
YEAR C | 28 August 2022**

Extending our hospitality

In today's gospel, we see again how deeply Jesus understands our human condition. He had watched how people behave when they attend a dinner gathering and noticed how they presume to seat themselves in positions of honour.

His parable tells of the guest who is invited to a wedding and, having seated himself at the place of honour, is then asked by the host to give up that place and move to a lower position. We can all imagine the acute embarrassment and disgrace we would feel in such a situation. How we dread being embarrassed or disgraced, especially in front of others.

Jesus offers wise advice: choose the lesser place; then you can't be disgraced, and you may even be called higher and have people see you honoured.

But more than simply sensible and helpful advice, Jesus is teaching his disciples about the Kingdom of God and who will be honoured there. There, he tells them, "All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." Beware those who exalt themselves! The places of honour will be given not to the self-righteous but to the truly righteous.

In a second parable, Jesus turns attention to the behaviour of the host, the one who chooses the guests to be invited to the party. Here Jesus focuses on our tendency to invite those who are important to us, be it our friends, neighbours, colleagues, people who will reciprocate and return our hospitality and favour in some way.

Radically turning this fairly normal way of doing things upside down, Jesus challenges us instead to invite and share our resources and extend our hospitality to the poor, the marginalised, the needy, the very people who won't be able to repay us. If you do this, Jesus teaches, "you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Jesus doesn't berate us for wanting to be repaid. What he wants us to understand is the hospitality to which we, his disciples, are called. His parables today point us to the hospitality that is the mark of the Kingdom of God, whose concern and preference is always for the poor, the lonely, the little ones, the marginalised, the lost, the broken-hearted.

Jesus himself is the supreme exemplar of the truly righteous; he who humbled himself even to death on a cross; he whose hospitality knew no bounds. No one was ever turned away. Everyone was welcome in his presence and at his table, rich and poor, learned and unschooled, young and old, male and female.

So, once again, Jesus profoundly challenges us to genuine humility and a generous hospitality in all our dealings with others – individually, as a community, and as a church.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 28	22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY Reconciliation: 7:30am - 7:50am 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass
Tuesday 30	1:00 pm - Requiem Mass for Betty Pollack 5:30 pm - Mass celebrating Fr Paul McDonald's 40th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood
Wednesday 31	5:30 pm - Mass 6:00 pm - Christmas Carnival Meeting - Hall
SEPTEMBER	
Thursday 1	8:15 am - Mass 12 noon - Legion of Mary - Parish Meeting Centre
Friday 2	11:00 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12 noon - Mass
Saturday 3	Reconciliation: 5:30pm - 5:50pm 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 4	23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C Reconciliation: 7:30am - 7:50am 8:00 am - Mass 9:00 am - Cuppa after 8am Mass 10:00 am - Mass

HOURLY 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.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday of each month

11 am - 11:50 am

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

Harry Turner, Claire McLeod, Mary & Lloyd Roberts, Maria Procopio, Margaret & Dominic Guinea, Teresa Palmer

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

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

READING ROSTER | YEAR C

3/4 September | 23rd Sunday in Ord Time

6 pm - Tim Waugh

8 am - Jan Bruce

10 am - Mary-Ann Thackray

Readings for the next week:

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr C

Wis 9:13-18; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

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.



BAPTISM:

Please welcome
Liv Eleanor Oner
to our faith community.

ROSARY STATUE

Jenny Wallace



LEGION OF MARY NEWS...

OUR LADY'S BIRTHDAY

An invitation is extended to all auxiliary and parish community to join the Legion of Mary in celebrating Our Lady's Birthday | Thursday 8th September | Parish Meeting Centre | 12:30pm | Rosary and Legion Prayers | followed by Luncheon.

Note: Parish Mass 8:15am

RETREAT

An invitation is extended to all auxiliary and parish community to join the Legion of Mary for a Retreat Day | St. Anthony's Church, Kingscliff | Saturday 10th September | 9:00am Mass and half-day retreat followed by a shared lunch. Please bring a plate to share.
Spiritual Director Fr. Rego SM

ALL WELCOME!



LISMORE DIOCESE PARISH VITALITY SURVEY | HAVE YOUR SAY



We encourage everyone to complete this survey to assist with the future planning of our parish and our diocese. It's a short **anonymous survey** that takes about 10 minutes to complete and is open until Tuesday 30 August 2022. This is 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.

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. [Click here to access the Parish Vitality Survey](#). 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 member of your family who wishes to complete the survey) and return to the secure box at the hospitality table in Sacred Heart Church or to the Parish Office by Tuesday 30 August.

Embrace the Call to Global Mission



American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Palms Australia, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Zambia are requesting Australian Catholics to live in and share their skills with parish communities. Embrace one of these [Mission opportunities abroad](#) and mentor those with little other opportunity. You will be well prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961.

[Enquire online](#) or Ph: 0422 742 567 and [Register](#) for a Webinar on **Saturday September 24th at 11:30am** where you can talk directly with Veronica Lawson who is mentoring teachers in Pago Pago, American Samoa now. Or visit others already engaged in Mission with Palms on our [13-day Encounter Tour to Timor-Leste from October 16th to 28th](#).

SPECIAL PROJECT – BRING BACK THE SOUND!

Donations to date \$11,200!

Thank you to the generous parishioners who have donated to this special project already. 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, so we are well on our way to achieving this amount.

If you would like to donate to this special project, your donations will be gratefully accepted. Donations may be made by cash or cheque or 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.

A graphic for a Parish Picnic on the Playground. The background is a photo 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' and '11 am to 2 pm'. Below that, in large white letters, is 'Parish Picnic on the Playground'. At the bottom, it says 'BYO cold picnic food, blankets and chairs'. On the left side, there is a list of items: 'Please join us ...', 'Relax & meet new people', 'Games & activities', 'Easy access', 'Parking & toilets', and 'Tables provided'.



**22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Psalm 67)**

R: God in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!
Take my yoke upon you; learn from me,
for I am gentle and lowly in heart.
Alleluia!**

"Sincere thanks to the parish office staff, musicians and acolyte for their exceptional support and assistance following the recent death of Ray. We are so very grateful, Chris Wightley and family"



St Anthony's Parish, Kingscliff are celebrating Fr Paul's Anniversary this Sunday 28 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.

Fr Paul will celebrate Mass on Tuesday 30 August, the date of his Anniversary of Ordination, 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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