

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



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Church of the Sacred Heart

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Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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**23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -
YEAR C | 4 September 2022**

**This week we welcome
The Most Reverend Gregory Homeming,
Bishop of Lismore,
to our Parish as he celebrates the
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION.**

The cost of following Jesus

We often speak of learning from our mistakes, even though we sometimes fail to do so. Likewise, if you are interested in sport, you will often hear sportsmen or women speak of "taking the positives" from a contest they have lost, especially if it's a narrow loss.

As human beings we are naturally inquisitive and our search for meaning goes on from our earliest years until our dying day. We learn by trial and error, like so many great discoveries, by experimentation and reflection.

Much of our knowledge comes through learning in "the school of life itself" and frequently "the school of hard knocks." It is not surprising then that throughout the scriptures, we find many of the authors almost pleading with us to stop and reflect on what is going on both in our own lives and in the world around us.

The wisdom books are particularly adept at challenging us in this way. So too does Jesus who is constantly asking us to look around and take note of the wonder of nature, and more importantly to look into ourselves and note our reactions in a variety of circumstances. The book of Wisdom itself invites us to accept the fact that we struggle to make sense of much of what is going on, but it also paves the way for what Jesus will teach us, namely that it is the spirit of God who will lead us to the truth.

St Paul realised that Christ was the Wisdom of God made manifest and all his teaching reflects this understanding, including the wonderful practical advice he gives to his friend Philemon about making peace with his former slave, Onesimus, who for some reason had run away.

Jesus invites us to follow him, but he is well aware of the demands that will be made if we accept his invitation. It is in that context that we can better understand his almost unpalatable teaching that our families might prove an obstacle to us in following him. Sometimes we need to be shocked before we get the message and undoubtedly this has something to do with Jesus' message about taking up the cross.

Clearly, he cannot be changing his fundamental teaching that we must "love our enemies and do good to those who hate us", in warning us that even the members of our families may not understand and might want to prevent us from giving up everything else for his sake. To reinforce his point, he offers us two very mundane examples - a builder preparing to build, a king preparing for battle - of calculating the pros and cons before making a decision.

Jesus invites us to be his disciples and we are continually learning more and more about the cost of that discipleship. As we weigh the pros and cons in our present situations, is he asking us to make a deeper commitment to him today?

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This week in the Parish

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
Monday 5	9:00 am - Rosary & Prayers (see note below)
Tuesday 6	5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 7	5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 8	THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 8:15 am - Mass 9:00 am - Legion of Mary Meeting (9 Edward St) 9:30 am - 2:30 pm Confirmation Retreat 12:30 pm - Legion of Mary Rosary, Prayers & Luncheon (see note below) 6:00 pm - CONFIRMATION
Friday 9	12 noon - Mass
Saturday 10	Reconciliation: 5:30pm - 5:50pm 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 11	24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C Reconciliation: 7:30am - 7:50am 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass

HOOR 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

ROSARY & PRAYERS for God's Precious Infants and the Unborn Child - Monday 5 September - 9am - Sacred Heart Church.

Pregnancy Help Line:
1300 139 313

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Marie Callaghan, Reg Norris, Betty Pollack, Arthur King, Kelvin Heanes, Paul Larkin, Marie Karam, Ray Wightley

ANNIVERSARIES:

Fr D'Arcy McCarthy, Patricia Butturini, Eileen Lutton, Ken Kerr, Jason Cook

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

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

READING ROSTER | YEAR C

10/11 September | 24th Sunday in Ord Time

6 pm - Denise Banner
8 am - Maree Coley
10 am - Lorraine Green

Readings for the next week:

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr C

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tim 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32

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.



PARISH CUPPA

Please join us for a Cuppa | Morning tea after 8am Mass this Sunday 4 September.

ROSARY STATUE

Faith Buchanan



LEGION OF MARY NEWS...

OUR LADY'S BIRTHDAY

All auxiliary and parish community are invited 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

All auxiliary and parish community are invited 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!





This Thursday evening 8 September, Bishop Gregory Homeming will administer the **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** to twenty-five children in our Parish.

Thank you to parents, teachers and catechists who helped prepare the children for this sacrament, and to our parish community, for the prayers and support that you offered the children and their families.

SEASON OF CREATION

From Pope Francis' message for the celebration of The World Day of Prayer for Creation: "**Listen to the voice of creation**" is the theme and invitation of this year's Season of Creation. The ecumenical phase began last Thursday 1 September with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and concludes on 4 October with the feast of Saint Francis.

It is a special time for all Christians to pray and work together to care for our common home. This Season is an opportunity to cultivate our "ecological conversion", a conversion encouraged by Saint John Paul II as a response to the "ecological catastrophe" predicted by Saint Paul VI in 1970.

Read Pope Francis' full message: <https://bit.ly/3pNCmJe>

Read St Pope John Paul II's 2001 general audience titled God Made Man the Steward of Creation: <https://bit.ly/3pED3EW>

National Child Protection Week 4 – 10 September 2022

National Child Protection Week will continue to embrace the overarching message that '**Every child, in every community, needs a fair go**'. In particular, we will be shining a light on children growing up **safe and supported**.

National Child Protection Week will be looking at what works to keep children safe and supported... *what children are telling us... what families are telling us... what the evidence is telling us... and how to translate this knowledge into action.*

We can stop child abuse and neglect – and reduce its impact – by working together to make sure **every child in every community has a fair go**.

SPECIAL PROJECT – BRING BACK THE SOUND!

Donations to date **\$13,000!**

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.

FATHER'S DAY COLLECTION FOR SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS

This weekend there will be a special collection for the support of Sick and Retired Priests in the Diocese. Envelopes are provided and can be placed on the



A BLESSING PRAYER FOR FATHER'S DAY

by Greg Sunter

God of Kindness and Compassion,
we are your children and you are Father to us all.

We give honour and thanks to those who reflect your fatherly example:

those who are dads and granddads;
step-dads, foster dads, godfathers and fathers-in-law;
those who are coaches, leaders and mentors;
and those who are elders and wisdom-men of our communities.

We look to these men for strength of body and strength of character.

We look to them to pass on skills and pass on stories.

We look to them to protect and provide.

We look to them for care and compassion.

We look to them to be co-creators and stewards of the world.

For all those who embrace their role as father,
we give thanks.

For those who struggle with being fathers,
give them strength.

For those who are distanced from their children,
give them comfort.

For those who have passed from this world,
give them peace.

Bless these men that we call father.

Bless them in their strength and in their weakness.

Bless them in their joy and in their sorrow.

Bless them in their work and in their play.

And bless them, Father, for being fathers.

We make this prayer through the one who taught us to call you Our Father: Your Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Psalm 89)

R: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws! Alleluia!**

Welcome

At the Vigil Mass this weekend we welcome

Halle Maree McClymont

as she receives Baptism, Confirmation
and First Eucharist.

We thank the RCIY team for her preparation.

Thank you

Thank you to all who organised and celebrated with me at the Mass to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood at the Sacred Heart Church on 30th August. Special thanks to Fr. Peter Wood and to Beth Brooks and the choir for the beautiful singing. I am truly humbled and somewhat overwhelmed by the support, prayers and good wishes of the community in my hometown parish.

Fr. Paul McDonald



Sunday 18 September 2022
11 am to 2 pm
**Parish Picnic
on the Playground**

Please join us ...
Relax & meet new people
Games & activities
Easy access
Parking & toilets
Tables provided

BYO cold picnic food, blankets and chairs

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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