

# Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



## PARISH CHURCHES

### Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

### Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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### St. Brigid's Church

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**26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -  
YEAR C | 25 September 2022**

## *Knowing the nobody as somebody*

It's easy enough to be invisible in our society, just be poor. We often don't see the outsiders, who become the nobodies, and then, quite literally, we remove them from our sight – to cheap motels, to grotty boarding houses, to the edges of our cities, to Christmas Island, while not forgetting those who lie at our gates in what we call the 'Third World': out of sight so they might all be kept out of mind.

We see them differently in this week's gospel where the nobody is revealed as a somebody. Lazarus lies at the rich man's gate, hoping for a few crumbs from his table, but the rich man doesn't see him. His lifestyle doesn't allow for Lazarus, though we often see him on our streets, occasionally thinking if I give him something he'll probably spend it on alcohol or drugs.

We're more familiar with the rich man because he resembles us, even if we think who me, rich? No way. At least he doesn't call the police to come and move Lazarus on, which is a reminder that he's not simply self-serving and Lazarus isn't necessarily virtuous, but that's not the point of the parable: it's that the rich man simply doesn't acknowledge his existence.

Then Lazarus dies and is taken up to heaven, finding a home in Abraham's bosom and, soon after, the rich man dies and finds himself in Hades. The nobody is seen as a somebody and vice versa. In torment the rich man asks Abraham to send Lazarus, whom he now acknowledges by name, with a little water to cool him, and when Abraham replies it's impossible, the rich man says, then send him to warn his five brothers, but Abraham says, let them listen to Moses and the prophets and if they won't, then someone rising from the dead isn't going to convince them.

They certainly won't listen to the prophet Amos, an outsider himself, who denounces the self-absorbed well-to-do, who are so caught up in their lifestyles that they're blinded to the needs of the poor. Nor will they sing the psalm of God's love for all those cast out, those whom scripture says we must care for. This applies as much to the Pharisees to whom the parable is addressed, as it does to us, because we're prone to the same satisfactions, the same reluctance to change our lives.

At a weekly café run by a nearby parish, lunch is provided for anyone who comes, and so they all sit down together to eat, visitors and helpers, for a moment recognising there's no more them and us, there's simply us: it's a moment of grace. And when we're able to be with the poor, the outsiders, the nobodies, and know them as somebodies, we'll begin to know Jesus Christ as Paul speaks of him at the end of the second reading, making real on earth God's unending love.

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# *This week in the Parish*

Sunday 25      **26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C**  
**Reconciliation:** 7:30am - 7:50am  
8:00 am - Mass  
10:00 am - Mass

Tuesday 27      5:30 pm - Mass

Wednesday 28      5:30 pm - Mass

Thursday 29      8:15 am - Mass

Friday 30      12:00 pm - Mass

**OCTOBER - Month of the Holy Rosary**

Saturday 1      **ST THERESE OF LISIEUX**  
**Rosary** - 5:30 pm  
**Reconciliation:** 5:30pm - 5:50pm  
6:00 pm - Vigil Mass

Sunday 2      **27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C**  
**Rosary** - 7:30 am  
**Reconciliation:** 7:30am - 7:50am  
8:00 am - Mass  
9:00 am - Cuppa following 8am Mass  
10:00 am - Mass

## **Hour for Private Prayer**

from 4:30 pm  
before Tuesday & Wednesday  
5:30 pm Mass

## **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

**Daylight Savings  
commences  
next Sunday 2 October**

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

### **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Anne Sinclair, Leah Ryder, Monica McDonald,  
Glenda Newell, John Albury

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Bede Shortis, Ted Leape

### **THOSE WHO ARE SICK:**

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

## **READING ROSTER | YEAR C**

**1/2 October | 27th Sunday in Ord Time**

6 pm - Barbara Brodbeck

8 am - Philomena Zambelli

10 am - Lorraine Green

### **Readings for the next week:**

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr C**

Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-9

**ROSARY STATUE**  
Debbie Kaehler



**CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL  
& NATIVITY TABLEAU  
SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER  
9 weeks to Carnival Day!**



## **DIOCESAN SCHOOL REVIEW COMMISSION NEWSLETTER**

The first of a regular series of newsletters  
is enclosed in today's bulletin.

## **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

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Holiness consists simply in doing God's will,  
and being just what God wants us to be.  
- St Therese of Lisieux

## **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.*



**Today the Catholic Church in Australia observes**

## **MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY**

### **BUILDING THE FUTURE WITH MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES**

Dear friends,

The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's 108<sup>th</sup> world Day of Migrants and Refugees 2022 is BUILDING THE FUTURE WITH MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES.

When Christians think of the future, it is not simply about the near future but also about our eternal future.

In his message, Pope Francis insists that this universal future is to be taken with the conscious accompaniment of our migrants and refugees. How can we build a future with Jesus without them?

There is so much for us to respond in embracing God's future on our journey. There is *"personal conversion and the transformation of reality"*. We must never *"lose heart"*. *"No one must be excluded... especially those living on the existential peripheries"*.

Migrants and refugees, too often on the peripheries of life, are never to be seen as *"invaders or destroyers"*. They are always *"a source of enrichment"*. They come to us *"bringing their gifts"*. So many are Catholics who *"can energize the ecclesial life of the communities."*

In Australia, a country built on migrants and refugees, we can still overlook the newer Australians to our midst. The Pope insists that *"if we want to cooperate with our heavenly Father in building the future, let us go together with our brothers and sisters who are migrants and refugees"*.

This is such an important teaching of Pope Francis that we can all well do to reflect more intensely on this special day.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse

Chairman| Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry

### **PRAYER FOR MIGRANT & REFUGEE SUNDAY**

Lord, make us bearers of hope,

so that where there is darkness,

your light may shine,

and where there is discouragement,

confidence in the future may be reborn.

Lord, make us instruments of your justice,

so that where there is exclusion,

fraternity may flourish, and where there is greed,

a spirit of sharing may grow.

Lord, make us builders of your Kingdom,

together with migrants and refugees

and with all who dwell on the peripheries.

Lord, let us learn how beautiful it is

to live together as brothers and sisters.

Amen.

*Pope Francis,  
Saint John Lateran, Rome, 9 May 2022*

### **ARE YOU PLANNING A TRIP TO SYDNEY ?**

Why not stay at Mary MacKillop Place, in the heart of North Sydney! 30 minutes from the Airport, close to Ferries, Trains, Sydney Harbour foreshore, Opera House and more! Offering a place of pilgrimage, inclusion, warmth and welcome.

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## 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Psalm 145)

R: Praise the Lord, my soul.

#### IF SUNG:

R. Praise the Lord my soul,  
O praise the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

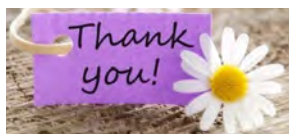
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,  
to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

### Parish Picnic ...

Thank you to Jan Bruce and Mary-Anne McShane who organised the recent Parish Picnic. Also thank you to everyone who came along. Young and old enjoyed a great day. Nice to catch up with everyone.



### SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER:

#### ST THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX FEAST DAY



St Thérèse saw herself as the "little flower of Jesus," who gave glory to God by just being her beautiful little self among all the other flowers in God's garden. She died in 1897, of tuberculosis at the age of 24 and was canonized by Pope Pius XI on May 17, 1925.

In 1997, Pope John Paul II declared St. Therese a Doctor of the Church - in tribute to the powerful way her spirituality has influenced people all over the world.

Remember that nothing is small in the eyes  
of God. Do all that you do with love.

- St Thérèse of Lisieux

### NATIONAL POLICE REMEMBRANCE DAY

is celebrated on 29th September each year. On this day, people pause to remember the police employees who have passed away over the past 12 months.

This is an opportunity for the community to honor the dedicated men and women who have died serving their community and also those who have lost their lives through illness or other circumstances.

**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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# Diocesan School Review Commission

# NEWSLETTER

## A message from the Chair

SEPTEMBER 2022

Across the Northern Rivers region, the impacts of the unprecedented flooding continue to be felt. While the resilience and strength of our community is readily apparent, we also recognise the ongoing challenges that many people including staff, students and families in our schools still face.

Our school and parish communities showed this resilient spirit when they rallied to get our students back into school within one month of the floods occurring. It has been so gratifying to see students adapt and readily return to a version of normal school life. We thank all who helped immediately following the flood and we thank students and families for their patience as we continue to ensure our students get the best possible education and support.



*The Hon. Thomas George*

With the schools up and running again we now need to turn our thoughts to how we provide quality faith-based education to students across the region into the long term. This is a critical task as the decisions we make now will shape the future of not just students currently in our schools but also their grandchildren and great grandchildren. With the likelihood of increased severity and frequency of flooding across the northern rivers making these long-term decisions will require clear thinking, wisdom and compassion. We have one chance to get things right.



*Murwillumbah CBD*

Bishop Greg Homeming OCD has established a Diocesan School Review Commission to examine and make recommendations to him on a range of issues covering education in the flood affected areas of the Diocese. The review will cover all Catholic schools within the area from Murwillumbah (in the north) to Coraki (in the south) to Casino (in the west), including Catholic systemic schools and Trinity Catholic College Lismore.

The brief for the review is wide ranging and is not just about buildings and finances, it will also look at educational trends and the role schools play in the

community and spiritual life of our parishes. Bishop Homeming has also asked that the Commission consult with parishes, staff parents and families and the broader community to inform our important work. In amongst all the change and there are opportunities and benefits to be realised if we get good advice and take the time to get things right.

While the Commission is undertaking the review, "temporary" will be the "new normal" for some time, but as our resourceful and committed teaching staff have shown, temporary doesn't mean compromised education or care.

Since our first communication piece issued in June 2022 we will continue to keep you updated on our work through regular Newsletters and when consultation begins later this year, I encourage everyone to get involved and look forward to talking with you then.

Recovery and healing are not straightforward processes, and some days are better than others. If you are struggling or would just like someone to talk with, community-based support is available through one of our Diocesan project partners, Resilient Lismore at [floodhelpnr.com.au/resources](http://floodhelpnr.com.au/resources)

All the best

**Thomas George**

Chair, Diocesan School Review Commission

## Who is on the Review Commission?

The Diocesan School Review Commission comprises:

- The Hon. Thomas George, Chair
- Br John Hilet, Director of Master Planning, Trinity Catholic College Lismore
- Paul O'Brien, Consultant
- Fr Paul McDonald, Trustee
- The Hon. John Hannaford, Board Member, Diocese of Lismore Catholic Schools Limited
- Jenny Allen, Acting Director of Catholic Schools
- Mary-Ann Thackray, Parish Business Manager Sacred Heart Murwillumbah



The Commission will be supported by Kym Griffiths, Facilities and Property Services Manager with the Catholic Schools Office. Kym has worked closely with principals, staff and families to get our flood impacted schools operational again following the floods. He is skilled in construction and operations management and will oversee the day-to-day duties of the Commission.

Working alongside Kym Griffiths will be members of the Catholic Schools Office: Stewart Brown, Assistant Director Finance and Corporate Services; John Wilson, Regional Service Leader (Richmond); Mark McDonald, Regional Service Leader (Tweed); Jenny Allen, Acting Director of Catholic Schools and Jesse Smith, Principal Trinity Catholic College Lismore who will form the Steering Committee in support of the Diocesan Schools Review Commission.

We have also engaged Capital Insight as consultants to the Commission. They will provide specialist project delivery advice based on their track record of understanding future needs in an educational environment.

## Work so far

As everyone in the Northern Rivers knows, the task of rebuilding and recovery is immense. We are so proud that with the help of our staff and community, all

students now have access to quality education and pastoral care. Creating a stable foundation for their education over the next few years remains our number one priority.

Schools, parishes and clean-up crews have been working tirelessly to prepare the sites for insurance assessors. Unlike previous floods where school communities were able to successfully manage their own clean-ups, the scale of the devastation this time posed significant hazards that needed to be carefully managed by specialists.

To date approximately \$1.8 million has been spent in clean-up costs and we continue to improve facilities and amenities in temporary schools with relocation expenses reaching close to \$2 million.

The Commission acknowledges the work of the parishes and school communities, and we would also like to thank the Australian Defence Force for their massive contribution in the immediate aftermath of the floods.



## Next steps

With the sites now 'stabilised' the insurance assessors can start to do their work. Negotiating this process will take some time. We will also need to speak with our insurers about their willingness to underwrite insurance against future floods.

Our consultant will be studying each impacted school to understand the range of issues that will need to be considered in developing future options. Once this initial work is done, we will be able start consulting meaningfully with parishes, families and the broader community.

### For more information

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