

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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St. Columba's Church

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR A | 7 May 2023

Called out of isolation

We all know isolation in our lives and the harm it can bring. It's why there are many organisations to help us when we need them, old and young alike, but what's it got to do with today's gospel?

Perhaps we're like the disciples, uncertain, puzzled by what we're hearing from the 'Farewell Discourse' in John's gospel; but, whatever our response, at the heart of this gospel is relationship, with Jesus, the Father and one another. Here they are in a room, just prior to Jesus' arrest and death, and he says he's leaving them, but won't abandon them.

The disciples are unnerved by this, which is why he prefaces it by saying have faith and do not fear. 'Go to the place where fear lives' and begin to find there a deep-rooted trust in Jesus, in the Father. This isn't simply some life coach positivity, as he's soon to show them on the cross. For those who follow him on his way through death into the love of God, Jesus says, he's going to prepare an 'abiding place'— a room in my Father's house, where we might be at home.

It seems homelessness is not on offer, for God is relationship. This is what God wants for us.

In the first section the disciples are puzzled by what Jesus says of his death and his return and more so when he tells them, he is 'the Way, the Truth and the Life'. Then, he further reveals his relationship with the Father when he says that seeing me you've seen the Father, because 'I am in the Father and the Father is in me.' At which point, understanding the disciple's bewilderment, Jesus says, but for now, see the works that have been done and trust in me: trust him to bring us out of our isolation.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles we hear of the fulfilment of Jesus' promise to be with us after his resurrection releases the Holy Spirit and fifty days later, at Pentecost, we witness the power of this release. The question for us is, are we able to see the Lord at work in our lives, however undramatic it might seem? Are we able to reveal his way of being in the world?

Because it's this that the church reveals to the world, and his going enables us, as he says, 'to perform even greater works.' Come what may, nothing can separate us now from the love of God revealed in the death and resurrection of Jesus; it's the promise of Easter.

As this promise is gradually made real in our lives we are able to 'ring out your joy to the Lord', as the psalm says, because the Lord is with us and we're called, in the words of the second reading, 'out of darkness into his wonderful light.' We're called out of our isolation into relationship with one another and God, forever.

Damian Coleridge @ Majellan Media 2023

This week in the Parish

Sunday 7	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
	8:30 am - Rosary
	9:00 am - Mass
	10:00 am - Cuppa Morning Tea
Tuesday 9	5:30 pm - Mass
	6:30 pm - First Holy Communion Parent Meeting
	7:00 pm - Baptism Preparation Meeting
Wednesday 10	5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 11	8:15 am - Mass
Friday 12	12 noon - Mass
Saturday 13	8:30 am - Rosary
	5:30 pm - Rosary
	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 14	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
	8:30 am - Rosary
	9:00 am - Mass

HOUR FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

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

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 5.30 pm - 5.50 pm
Sunday: 8.30 am - 8.50 am

ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed half an hour before each weekend Mass. Please join us in front of the tabernacle to pray for our parish and prepare for Mass.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Paul Hart, Patricia Pasfield, Jenny Gilbert,
Michael McCarthy, Stephanie Lemon, Fr Bob McGuire,
Fr Bill Ryder SM, Elsie Graham

ANNIVERSARIES:

Bishop John Carroll (*Second Bishop of Lismore*),
Fr Keith Teefey CSsR, Iris Johnson

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Malcolm Reid, Paul Calvino, Margaret Hyde, Leo Kelly,
Maureen McCabe, Fr Anthony Lemon, James Wallace

ROSTERS | READINGS

READING ROSTER

13/14 May | Sixth Sunday of Easter | Yr A

6pm - Barbara Brodbeck

9am - Maree Coley

READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year A

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pet 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year A

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pet 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

ROSARY STATUE

Faith Buchanan



PARISH CUPPA

Please join us for a Cuppa | Morning tea
after 9am Mass this Sunday 7 May.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

During Term Two a number of children from our parish will be preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

**There will be a Parent Information Meeting
this Tuesday 9 May at 6:30pm
in the Sacred Heart Church.**

Parents of children who are Confirmed, have made their First Reconciliation, and would like their children to continue with their Sacraments, are asked to attend.

**First Holy Communion will be celebrated on
6pm Saturday 10 or 9am Sunday 11 June.**

CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

May morning tea

Wed 17 May | 10:00 am | M'bah Services Club

Enquiries: Alex Lever 0458 817 021

ALL MEN ARE 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](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU) - 9:00 am - [youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU)
- Freeview TV - Channel 10 Sunday 6 am

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.

Save The Date...

PETER KEARNEY
Concert-Reflection
SIGNS OF HOPE
PEOPLE OF FAITH
- Songs & Stories
Sunday 30 July at 3pm
Sacred Heart Church

Donations welcome | Cuppa at interval.

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.



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 this Tuesday 9 May at 7pm.



ROSARY IN THE PARK

Legion of Mary would like to invite parishioners to **ROSARY IN THE PARK** on Saturday 20th May at 10am.

It will be held in Budd Park, South Murwillumbah with refreshments to follow.

ALL WELCOME!



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Please provide your contact details to the Parish Office



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complete the contact details form available at the back of the church

The collection of your personal information by the Parish is in accordance with the Diocese of Lismore Privacy (External) Policy.

Pope's Mission Intention for May...

For church movements and groups:

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 32)

R: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Psalm to be sung, please see hymn sheet.

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!

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT

RENEWAL WEEKEND

Saturday 3 & Sunday 4 June



After consultation and dialogue, and with the support of Fr Peter Wood, we have made a commitment to renew the Passionist Family Group Movement in our parish.

The date for the renewal and establishment of any new groups coming out of the renewal will be **Saturday 3 at 6pm Vigil Mass and Sunday 4 June at 9am Mass**. For these occasions, we will have members of the Passionist Family Group Team.

The motto of the Movement is a **Family for All**. It provides opportunities for individuals and families to belong to a small network who gather regularly for various inexpensive outings. As these people get to know one another, they can offer practical Christian care and support, "In good times and challenging times".

More information will be provided in the parish newsletter over the next few weeks.

POSITION VACANT ...

Mt St Patrick Out of School Hours Care is seeking a part time Administration Support officer (permanent 12 hours per week over 2 days).

The OSHC service provides after school care and vacation care at Mt St Patrick Primary School.

If you or someone you know is interested in applying, please contact OSHC Coordinator, Darlene Sayre for more information M 0498 727 424 | E darlene.sayre@lism.catholic.edu.au.

Applications should be made through Seek at <https://www.seek.com.au/job/67161650> by Friday 19 May 9:00am.

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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