

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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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR A | 14 May 2023

God reigns through the Spirit

As we near the end of the Easter Season and approach Ascension and Pentecost, the liturgy contains a gospel reading that refers to the Holy Spirit. There is a promise of the coming of the Advocate, the Spirit of truth. There is a promise of the divine dwelling among us, the promise that the Spirit will be both *with* us, and *in* us.

The Advocate or the Paraclete is reflected in the various English translations of the noun *parakletos* for “comforter” or “counsellor”. This noun derives from the Greek verb *parakaleo* which has many meanings including “to encourage”, “to comfort and console” “to call upon for help” and “to appeal.”

The Paraclete is not simply another name for the Spirit but is a way of describing the functions of the Spirit. What the Paraclete does is not new but is a continuation of the work of Jesus. God is present among the community of the faithful through the Spirit.

The coming of the Holy Spirit, therefore, crowns the promise of the divine presence. It is as though Jesus says, “Through the Holy Spirit I will be with you always. You will not be abandoned; you will not be orphans”. The coming of the Paraclete ensures that the revelation of God in the incarnation does not end with Jesus’ death and return to God. This Holy Spirit will continue Jesus’ presence on earth.

In the face of their fear, anxieties, and despair, these promises are made directly to the disciples. Jesus assures them of new life and hope through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus offers his disciples the good news of the love of God and of the abiding presence of God with them, even when the circumstances of their lives seem most unpromising. Jesus speaks words of hope with the assurance of God’s presence, so that the disciples can live a life shaped not by Jesus’ absence, but by his unending presence.

God is always with us, and his presence will continue and grow despite our fears and distress. What Jesus promises provides endless resources for the life and faith of the church.

His promises give the church renewed strength and hope even when, we, as God’s people, face the many difficulties and challenges of our day. Therefore, we shall not fear because we are in God’s care, we are in the community of love and God is present in our midst.

The promises of divine presence are promises made, not to the individual, but to the community who lives in love. Those who live in love will experience God’s presence in their midst. A relationship with God does not depend on physical presence, but on the presence of the love of God in the life of the community.

Anthony Tran CSSR @ Majellan Media 2023



This week in the Parish

Sunday 14	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass
Tuesday 16	11:00 am - Funeral prayers for Paul Hart NO Mass today
Wednesday 17	10:00 am - Catholic Men's Group (see note below) NO Mass today
Thursday 18	NO Mass today
Friday 19	No Mass today
Saturday 20	10:00 am - Rosary In The Park (see note below) 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 21	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 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

WEDNESDAY WORD

Copies of Wednesday Word, are available for you in the Church.

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, Des & Patricia Pasfield (brother-in-law & sister of Lorraine Green), Jenny Gilbert, Michael McCarthy, Stephanie Lemon, Fr Bob McGuire, Fr Bill Ryder SM

ANNIVERSARIES:

Christian MacDonald

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

baby Oliver, Malcolm Reid, Paul Calvino, Margaret Hyde, Maureen McCabe, Fr Anthony Lemon, James Wallace

ROSTERS | READINGS

READING ROSTER

20/21 May | Ascension of the Lord | Yr A

6pm - Lyndy Severs

9am - Jan Bruce

READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year A

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

The ASCENSION of the LORD - Year A

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

ROSARY STATUE

14 May: Pauline Weber 21 May: Kay Ryder

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.

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

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.



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.



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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

Welcome & Instruction 1 - Sat 13 & Sun 14 May

Instruction 2 - Sat 20 & Sun 21 May

Instruction 3 - Sat 27 & Sun 28 May

Instruction 4 - Sat 3 & Sun 4 June

Retreat Day - Friday 9 June in Parish Church

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday 10 June at 6pm Vigil

or Sunday 11 June at 9am



Happy Mother's Day

A Prayer for Mothers

Loving God, we pray:

for new mothers,

coming to terms with new responsibility;

for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;

for those who are tired, stressed or depressed;

for those who struggle

to balance the tasks of work and family;

for those who are unable to feed their children

due to poverty;

for those whose children have physical,

mental or emotional disabilities;

for those who raise children on their own;

for those who have lost a child;

for those who care for the children of others;

for those whose children have left home;

and for those whose desire to be a mother

has not been fulfilled.

Bless all mothers,

that their love may be deep and tender,

and that they may lead their children

to know and do what is good,

living not for themselves alone,

but for God and for others.

Amen.

If you love me, keep my commandments,
says the Lord, and I will ask the Father
and he will send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Jn 14:15-16

ANNUAL CLERGY RETREAT

Most priests from the Lismore Diocese, including Fr. Peter, will be attending the annual Clergy Retreat in Lismore this coming week.

There will be no weekday Masses in the parish next week. St Joseph's Tweed Heads will have Mass Monday to Friday at 9:10am.

In case of an emergency during office hours, please phone Parish Office 66721118.

After hours emergencies, please phone Fr. Wilber Tobe, who is on duty for the Tweed area, 07 5536 7522.

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.



Are your CONTACT DETAILS up to date?

New to our Parish? | Moved recently? | New email address or mobile number?

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.

An Australian Pilgrimage...

'IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP'

17 - 28 October 2023

Journeying through Victoria and SA, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney.

Led by a Sister of St Joseph and the inaugural Director of the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Melbourne.

Brochures are available in the Church or visit:

national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

or phone on 8912 4818.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 65)

R: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them
and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT

RENEWAL WEEKEND

Saturday 3 & Sunday 4 June

Have you heard this before?

"Our parish lacks life" or

"We do not know each other"

Maybe you have said to yourself:

*"How can we make the Church
more relevant for our children?"*

Well now you can do something ...

JOIN A FAMILY GROUP

You will get to know people like yourself and people who are different from you. You will have a lot of fun and be able to get support from others. Importantly, you will have the opportunity to support and care for others.

Through the interaction within your Family Group you will find you are bringing a happy, loving spirit to your parish community. Children will feel they belong to a large extended family and will learn loving and caring from the examples of others.

This was how the Church first began

This is what it can be now

"See how they love one another"



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.

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.

INVEST WITH PEACE OF MIND

www.dif.org.au Phone 1800 802 516 Paying 3.20%

Agents: ALG/Egan Simpson Solicitors, 15 Prince Street, Murwillumbah.

