

# 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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## PARISH STAFF

### Administrator

Fr. Peter Wood

### Parish Manager

Mary-Ann Thackray

### Parish Secretary

Beth Gorton

### Pastoral Associate

Barbara Grant

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## PARISH OFFICE

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## PARISH SCHOOLS

### Mt. St. Patrick College

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Mooball Street, Murwillumbah

Ph: 02 6672 1821

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Principal: Mr. Brendan Ryan

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Principal: Mr. Jason Clarke

**12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**YEAR A**

**25 June 2023**

## We are precious in God's eyes

When I was a young boy shopping with my mum, she would remind me when we entered a shop to look but not to touch. She would say, "Those things are expensive. They break easily."

Her words have always stayed with me. Expensive items are not to be handled, as high cost equates to fragility. This is a pertinent experience for our everyday lives. When I used to drive an old, damaged car, I didn't really care where I was parked or who was parked next to me. However later, when driving a much newer and more expensive vehicle, I was very careful not to park near the supermarket trolleys or next to an old, battered car like the one I had before. I treated the newer car like a fragile item that could shatter and break. I was so cautious that, in my mind, I bubble-wrapped my car.

So, it is with our lives. Newborn babies are fragile and immensely precious. I have heard young dads and mums share stories about how they held their newborns in their arms or in the palm of their hands and marvelled at their preciousness. As we grow up, our parents naturally try to bubble-wrap us to protect us from dangers around us. Eventually, as we grow and journey through life, the bubble-wrap falls away. But the preciousness of our lives is still there and doesn't detract from the reality that each of us is precious.

That is the message Jesus shares with his disciples in today's gospel passage. "Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why? Every hair on your head has been counted. So, there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows."

Like everyone, I have had hard knocks in my own life. Some of those personal blows were difficult to bounce back from. But, as I recall those times, I remember the pain on my parents' faces; it said it all. If they could have taken my place and spared me the hurt, they would have. And that love and support is what gave me the strength to stand up again. My parents' response provides a glimpse of the love and care that God has demonstrated to us through the life and sacrifice of His son, Jesus. Their love for me exemplifies the immense love God has for each one of us.

God doesn't want us in bubble-wrap: to be seen and not touched. God wants us to live our lives to the full and to do the work we are called to do, helping to build a better world. Jesus encouraged his disciples not to be afraid. We are precious in God's eyes. Even though we can be fragile, precious and vulnerable, God values and loves us and is always by our side.

Mark Chia CSsR @ Majellan Media 2023

# This week in the Parish

Saturday 24	<b>The NATIVITY of the JOHN THE BAPTIST</b> 9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 25	<b>12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A</b> 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass
Tuesday 27	5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 28	5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 29	<b>Sts PETER and PAUL, apostles</b> 8:15 am - Mass
Friday 30	NO Mass today
<b>JULY</b>	
Saturday 1	9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 2	<b>13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A</b> 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Parish Cuppa   Morning Tea

**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:

Fr Gabriel Taylor, Kathleen Allam, Nita Lutherborough,  
Peter Solomon

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Donald Bartesko, Colin Brooks, Katherine Dawson-  
Malone, baby Oliver, David Burke, Malcolm Reid,  
Paul Calvino, Maureen McCabe, Fr Anthony Lemon,  
James Wallace

## ROSTERS | READINGS

### READING ROSTER

**1/2 July| 13th Sunday in Ord Time | Yr A**

6pm - Lisa Dusi-Fox

9am - Ed Egan

### READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

**12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A**

Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

**13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A**

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

## 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.*



## PARISH CUPPA

Please join us for a Cuppa | Morning tea  
after 9am Mass next Sunday 2 July.

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

## PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT

**It's not too late...**

If you have not yet filled in an enrolment form it is not too late. They are available in the Church foyer. Please complete a form and either hand it to the Parish Office or place it on the Collection Plates.



## ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 1 | Grace Severs & Yasmin van Rossi

Sun 2 | Eliza & Charlotte Dowling

## ROSARY STATUE

25 June: Lisa Dusi-Fox

2 July: Narelle Gear 9 July: Philomena Zambelli

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

## UPDATE ON FR ANTHONY...

We have been advised by Bishop Greg Homeming OCD that Fr Anthony Lemon has resigned as Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Parish Murwillumbah.

Fr Anthony has made the decision to resign due to ongoing health issues requiring the need for further surgery and a lengthy recovery period.

Please keep Fr Anthony in your prayers as he prepares for surgery and for a full recovery.

## PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION



Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters.

Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters, thank you.

## SEA FARER'S SUNDAY



Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy.

Stella Maris, formerly The Apostleship of the Sea, is the Catholic Church's Missionary work to the Seafarers whether they be on merchant, passenger, war or fishing vessels. While the Church has always been interested in Seafarers since Christ first gathered his fishermen-disciples around him, the modern movement began in the 1890s with several isolated and independent beginnings.

## PLANNED GIVING RENEWAL 2023-2024

*Give and it shall be given unto you, a full measure...overflowing." Luke 6:38*

Thank you to everyone who donates financially to the Parish and Clergy Fund. Your continued support is much appreciated and helps us not just to keep the lights on but your donation enables us to strengthen our Parish mission to love God; to love others and to grow disciples in our local community.

If you would like to participate in our planned giving program, please contact the Parish Office. We welcome your support of the parish.

**Planned Giving envelopes for 2023-2024 are ready for collection this weekend.**

We encourage you to pop your cash or planned giving envelope donations into the collection plates as you arrive at Mass or as you are leaving Mass as the plates are no longer "passed around".

Thank you again for your generous support of our parish and our priests.

I am the Good Shepherd, and I lay down my life  
for my sheep, says the Lord  
- John 10:11, 15

## PARKING REMINDER...

Please **DO NOT PARK in front of the Uniting Church for the 9am Mass** on Sunday mornings. Their service commences at 9:30 am, therefore parking for them is a problem.

Out of courtesy, please **DO NOT PARK** in front of the Uniting Church for Sunday morning Mass.

Thank you!



**PETER KEARNEY**  
Concert-Reflection

**SIGNS OF HOPE**  
**PEOPLE OF FAITH**

- Songs & Stories

Sunday 30th July, 3.00pm  
Sacred Heart Church  
MURWILLUMBAH  
Donations welcome  
Cuppa at interval.

Composer of 'Fill My House', 'The Beatitudes, Where is your Song, my Lord?

## DIOCESE 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

or email: [safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au)

## 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (68)

R: Lord, in your great love, answer me.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!

### The Retaining Wall – what’s the story?

Thank you everyone for your patience in bearing with the changes to pedestrian access and parking outside the Sacred Heart Church, Parish Hall and Presbytery.

As you may be aware, there has been movement in the wall over the past 12-18 months (parts of which are over 100 years old), and we are currently operating under an emergency control order which is why the fencing and water barriers are in place. Before we can proceed to “make safe” we are still waiting on a geo-technical report from engineers to establish the best way forward. Once the wall is made safe; we will then be able to proceed to the full stabilisation and repair of the wall. We anticipate that the fencing and barriers will remain in place for at least another three months.

Any queries or concerns, please contact Parish Manager, Mary-Ann Thackray.

## 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

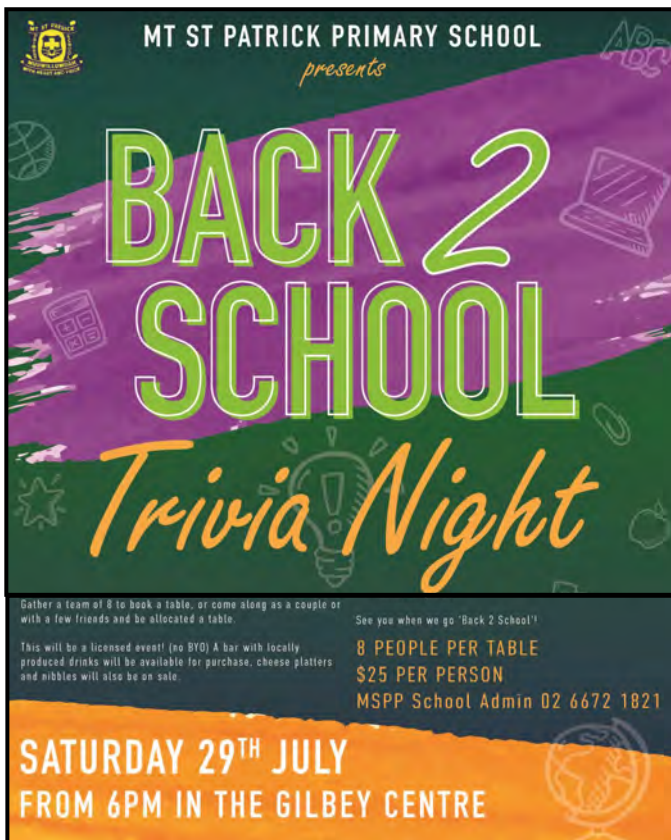
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

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.



MT ST PATRICK PRIMARY SCHOOL  
*presents*

# BACK 2 SCHOOL

## Trivia Night

Gather a team of 8 to book a table, or come along as a couple or with a few friends and be allocated a table. See you when we go 'Back 2 School'!

This will be a licensed event! (no BYO) A bar with locally produced drinks will be available for purchase, cheese platters and nibbles will also be on sale.

8 PEOPLE PER TABLE  
\$25 PER PERSON  
MSPP School Admin 02 6672 1821

SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JULY  
FROM 6PM IN THE GILBEY CENTRE

## 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.

