

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A
16 July 2023

The Kingdom will triumph

The Kingdom is a central theme of Matthew's gospel. Today we begin a series of readings from Ch 13 in that gospel over three Sundays concerning Jesus' teaching, in parables, about the coming of the Kingdom.

In preceding chapters, Matthew has depicted Jesus as a great teacher and miracle worker. But Matthew now portrays the growing tension between Jesus and the leaders of Israel. Hostility is mounting, People are turning against Jesus. Jesus himself explains, *"they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand."*

The parable of the sower in today's gospel focuses on the sowing of seed, and the very different outcomes depending on where the seed lands, seeds perishing in poor soil but abundantly fruitful when falling on good ground. This serves as an analogy for the flourishing of the Kingdom. As with all of Jesus' parables, the parable turns our expectations upside down!

Jesus describes the sowing of seed according to the agricultural method of his day, a method very different from the refined industrial methods of our day. The seed is sown liberally, by hand, over the ground, falling on good soil but also on poor, be it among thorns or bushes or on rocky ground.

Given that many of the seeds land in inhospitable places, many come to nothing. But the seed that falls on good soil is astonishingly, indeed fantastically, fruitful, yielding thirty or sixty or even a hundred-fold.

What then is the message? The seed is the Word, the good news of the coming of the Kingdom. The Word is proclaimed widely and liberally, offered for all to hear. Jesus explains why it doesn't always take root and grow. He teaches that it will not always find receptive ears and responsive hearts in which to flourish and bear fruit. But when it is received and nurtured, it grows and bears fruit superabundantly. In other words, no matter the resistance or hostility, the Kingdom will not fail. God's Word will ultimately prevail.

In this way Jesus encourages us not to lose hope, and not to be discouraged or to lose faith in our mission to spread the Word. Our teaching, preaching, and daily living of the gospel in love of God and neighbour may well encounter opposition, even persecution. The Good News will be received by some and ignored or rejected or reviled by others. But in Jesus the Kingdom has come, its growth is utterly assured. It will not fail; nothing will prevail against it.

Jesus reminds us of the blessing that we have been given: *"Blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear."* Let us pray, as individuals and as a Church as we progress on the synodal journey, to see ever more clearly, to listen ever more humbly, and to grow in our understanding of the Kingdom we are all called to help build.

Anne Hunt @ Magellan Media 2023

This week in the Parish

Sunday 16	15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A	
	8:30 am	- Rosary
	9:00 am	- Mass
Tuesday 18	5:30 pm	- Mass
Wednesday 19	10:00 am	- Catholic Men's Group (see note below)
	5:30 pm	- Mass
Thursday 20	8:15 am	- Mass
Friday 21	12 noon	- Mass
Saturday 22	9:00 am	- Rosary
	5:30 pm	- Rosary
	6:00 pm	- Vigil Mass
Sunday 23	16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A	
	THIRD WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY	
	8:30 am	- Rosary
	9:00 am	- Mass

RECONCILIATION

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

PRIVATE PRAYER

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

ROSARY

5:00 pm before Tuesday &
Wednesday 5:30 pm Mass.
*Tuesday Rosary will be offered
for the Recently Deceased.*

The Rosary is also 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.

WEDNESDAY WORD

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Judy Mills, Patrick Guinea, Gordy Batten, Joan Davis,
Donald Bartesko, Colleen McBurney, Morrie Nolan,
Fr Gabriel Taylor

ANNIVERSARIES:

Ron Flannery, Pat Ryder

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Suzanne Brincat, Lorraine Green, Colin Brooks,
Katherine Dawson-Malone, baby Oliver, David Burke,
Malcolm Reid, Paul Calvino, Maureen McCabe,
Fr Anthony Lemon, James Wallace

ROSTERS | READINGS

READING ROSTER

22/23 July | 16th Sunday in Ord Time | Yr A

6pm - Margaret Mumford

9am - Kay Ryder

READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A

Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A

Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-30

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

July morning tea

Wed 19 July | 10:00 am | Mbah Services Club

Enquiries: Alex Lever 0458 817 021

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

Words of Wisdom – St Gregory of Nyssa

‘Peace is defined as harmony among those who are divided. When, therefore, we end the civil war within our nature and cultivate peace within ourselves, we become at peace.’

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.
- John:6:57

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 22 | Rose Seamer & Lily Daly

Sun 23 | Bonnie Lindsay & Annabel Casey

ROSARY STATUE

16 July: Anne Palmer

23 July: Susan & Vince Kean 30 July: Evelyn Cook

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

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

Fr Peter Wood will be taking long service leave from Monday 17 July until Friday 29 September. During this time Fr Jim Carty SM will be here from 17 July to 31 July; and Fr Michael Nilon for August and September. Fr Jim will celebrate weekend Masses and scheduled weekday Masses.

During August and September Fr Michael Nilon will celebrate weekend Masses and Fr Joseph Guinea will celebrate Friday Masses. There will be no other weekday Masses, except for 5:30pm Tuesday 8 August - St Mary MacKillop and Tuesday 15 August - Feast of the Assumption.

Weekday masses will be available at Tweed Heads and Kingscliff. During August & September the Sacred Heart Church will be open each week day for private prayer.

We wish Fr Peter a safe and happy holiday.

FROM THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL...

Response to messages placed in the Parish Pastoral Council 'Suggestion Box' in the Sacred Heart Church.

The Pastoral Council cannot respond directly to those asking the following questions as they were anonymous, so feedback is being provided through the Parish Newsletter.

Question: Is it possible for the parish to have a bus to Marian Valley in Canungra sometime, like we did a few years ago? For a number of reasons this is not possible at present, but the idea has been noted for the future.

Question: Is it possible to have the Nicene Creed at Mass sometimes? The Creed to be used should be relevant to the particular Liturgical Season of the year, or as decided by the priest for a particular reason. The Apostles' Creed naturally fits in the seasons of Lent and Easter; similarly the Nicene Creed fits in with Advent, Christmas and Ordinary Time. Fr Peter will give more information on this leading up to Advent.

WORLD YOUTH DAY LISBON PORTUGAL 23 JULY - 11 AUGUST 2023



Local World Youth Day representatives, Tameka Harris (MSPPS), Eliza Blunn (MSPC) and Laurie Pratt ask for our prayers, as they embark for World Youth Day (WYD) in Lisbon, Portugal. May it be a time of great spiritual blessing and the formation of many friendships.

This weekend we commission our representatives as they commence their pilgrimage to Lisbon Portugal.

PILGRIM PRAYER

Our Lady of the Visitation,
you who left in haste
towards the mountain to meet Elizabeth,
lead us also to meet all those who await us
to deliver them the living Gospel:
Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord!

We will go in a hurry, with no distraction or delay,
but with readiness and joy.

We will go peacefully,
because those who take Christ take peace,
and wellbeing is the best wellbeing.

Our Lady of the Visitation,
with your inspiration, this World Youth Day
will be the mutual celebration of the Christ we take,
as You once did.

Make it a time of testimony and sharing,
fraternization, and giving thanks,
each of us looking for the others who always wait.
With you, we will continue on this path of gathering,
so that our world will gather as well,
in fraternity, justice and peace.

Help us,
Our Lady of the Visitation,
to bring Christ to everyone, obeying the Father,
in the love of the Spirit!
Amen.



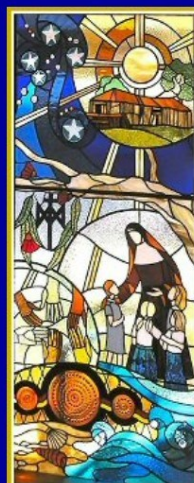
Composer of 'Fill My House', 'The Beatitudes, Where is your Song, my Lord?

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.



Peter Kearney Concert-Reflection SIGNS of HOPE – PEOPLE of FAITH

SONGS & STORIES

Songs linked by stories and reflections about
people whose faithful lives have brought
compassion, hope and justice into our world.

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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (64)

R: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

PARISH VITALITY PRESENTATION



Thank you to everyone who was able to attend last Saturday's Parish Vitality Presentation. The presentation provided us with results from the Diocesan Review survey many of us completed in August 2022. If you would like a copy of the information presented, please contact the Parish Office. Over the coming weeks we will share information from the presentation through the Parish Bulletin. Future meetings regarding the results and what we do with the results are in planning stages.

Pope's Mission Intention for July...

For a Eucharistic life: We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

ORGAN RECITAL

Warren Whitney

2:30 pm | Sunday 23 July 2023

All Saints Anglican Church

\$18/\$12 entry

Tickets at door or

book online: www.trybooking.com/CIXOB



WOMEN'S REFLECTION DAY

WITH MISSIONARY OF GOD'S LOVE SISTERS

'Finding God in the Chaos of Life

10 am | Sunday 23 July

St Francis Xavier Parish, Ballina

at St Francis Xavier Primary School Hall

Lunch & morning provided. Register for catering.

Phone SFX Parish Office 6681 1048 to register by Wednesday 19 July

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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