

# 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

## PARISH STAFF

### Administrator

Fr. Peter Wood

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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

13 August 2023

## Where is God?

We are told in the Catechism that "God is everywhere". However, the question of how God reveals the divine presence to each of us – how God becomes real for us, or speaks to us – is not so simple. In today's first reading, the prophet Elijah is told to go to the mountain so he will see the Lord passing by. However, Elijah only experiences earthquake, wind and fire which do not reveal the Lord to him.

Then, after this failure to see or find God, Elijah experiences the presence of the Lord in the "still small voice of a gentle breeze". This voice of God, which Elijah hears in his heart and soul, calls on him to set out from the mountain to become the Lord's spokesperson. Elijah sets out and meets Elisha who becomes his fellow disciple in promoting the Lord's covenant with the people of Israel.

In today's gospel story, Peter comes to believe in Jesus as 'the Son of God' through the experience of almost drowning. Like so many of us, Peter is a person of 'little faith' who meets the God of Jesus in a situation of distress. Peter is fishing when he sees a 'ghost' walking towards him on the water. But the ghost turns out to be Jesus telling the disciples not to be afraid.

So, Peter, following Jesus' invitation to come to him across the water, begins to do so before the winds arrive and he begins to sink, crying out "Lord, save me!"

Jesus stretches out his hands to catch Peter before chastising him: "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Peter and the disciples then cry out together: "Truly you are the Son of God".

The question then becomes, how God speaks to us in our daily lives? As with Elijah and Peter, we may find ourselves searching for the voice of God in the wrong places, or without sufficient trust. Moreover, it is especially when we are in situations of challenge and distress that the Lord may pierce our defences to tell us not to be afraid, but to believe in his divine forgiveness, love and mercy.

Our contemporary secular culture has been described as a culture where 'God has gone missing'. So many people appear to be able to live without any notion of God. But we should not think this is a particularly modern issue. The prophet Isaiah speaks of "a God who lies *hidden*" (45:12); for St Paul, Christ is "the image of the *unseen* God" (Col. 1:15). Indeed, St Augustine tells us "if we think we understand God, it is not God we understand".

So, we are left with the paradox that, while 'God is everywhere' – present in every created reality – this God is always present as Mystery. There is no human experience from which God is absent. Yet, our faith is constantly tested, like Elijah and Peter, that we may find the God of Jesus Christ in places we may least expect.

Gerard Hall SM @ Magellan Media 2023



# This week in the Parish

Sunday 13	<b>19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A</b> 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass
Tuesday 15	<b>The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b> Parish Office Closed today 5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 16	10:00 am - Catholic Men's Group (see note below) No Mass today
Thursday 17	No Mass today
Friday 18	11:00 am - Requiem Mass for Vince Kean
Saturday 19	9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 20	<b>20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A</b> 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Breakfast / Morning Tea with MSPC Ignatius & Assisi Colour Houses

**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.

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

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Vince Kean, Eric Dixon

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Sr Teresa Joan Fitzgerald, Arthur King, Kelvin Heanes, Betty Pollock, David Gorton, Margaret Guinea, Dominic Guinea, Teresa Palmer

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

David McLeod, Peter Hyde, Lorraine Green, Colin Brooks, Kathy Dawson, David Burke, Malcolm Reid, Paul Calvino, Maureen McCabe, Fr Anthony Lemon, James Wallace

## ROSTERS | READINGS

### READING ROSTER

**19/20 Aug | 20th Sunday in Ord Time | Yr A**

6pm - Denise Banner

9am - MSPC College students / staff

### READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

**19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A**

1 Kgs 19:9, 11-13; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

**20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A**

Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

## 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

August morning tea

Wed 16 August | 10:00 am | Mbah Services Club

Enquiries: Alex Lever 0458 817 021

**ALL MEN ARE WELCOME**

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

**Confirmation Parent Meeting**

**Tuesday 22 August - 6.30pm**

Sacred Heart Church

*Baptised children in Year 3 or older are eligible to make their Confirmation. Parents who have children making their Confirmation this year will need to attend this meeting.*

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

Tuesday 10 October - Sacred Heart Church

## ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 19 Aug | Bailey & Jana Lofts

Sun 20 Aug | Bonnie Lindsay & Nate Linkins

## ROSARY STATUE

13 Aug | Faith Buchanan

20 Aug | Pauline Weber 27 Aug | Kay Ryder

## 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

# THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY TUESDAY 15TH AUGUST

Tuesday 15 August the Church celebrates the Feast Day of the Assumption of Our Lady when according to our faith, the Holy Mother, "having completed her course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory".

Although defined as an article of faith by Pope Pius XII just over half a century ago, the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven has been accepted from back to the earliest of Christian times.

The Assumption signals the end of Mary's earthly life and marks her return to heaven to be reunited with Jesus. While the bodies of both Jesus and Mary are now in heaven, there is a difference between the Assumption and the Resurrection. Where Jesus arose from the tomb and ascended into heaven by his own power, Mary's body was taken up to heaven by the power of her Son.

For this reason we use different words to describe each event. One is the Ascension of Christ and the other, the Assumption of Mary.



## PARISH NEWS...

### ♦ Date Saver! Christmas Carnival & Nativity Tableau | Saturday 25 November 2023

Time to start planning!

We are seeking expressions of interest from parish school parents/carers as well as parishioners for the following positions on the Carnival Planning Team:

- Stalls coordinator
- Kids Activities coordinator
- Working Bee coordinator

If you are interested in taking on one of these volunteer roles or simply have ideas to share on ways to make the carnival a success, please contact the Parish Office 6672 1118 or email [murwillumbah@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:murwillumbah@lismore.catholic.org.au)

**A Carnival planning meeting is scheduled for 31 August 2023.**

## THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Tuesday 15th August

5:30 pm Mass - Sacred Heart Church

### KINGSCLIFF PARISH

7:30am & 9am - St Anthony's, Kingscliff

9:15am - Sts. Mary & Ambrose, Pottsville

### TWEED HEADS PARISH

7:00 am - St Joseph's Church, Tweed Heads

9:10 am - St Joseph's Church, Tweed Heads

### Holy Days of Obligation for Australia

are 15th August (Assumption) and 25th December (Christmas). A Holy Day is simply a solemnity celebrated like a Sunday, that is, with obligation.

## Sunday 20 August 9 am Mass + breakfast/morning tea

Mt St Patrick College students and staff from Ignatius House and Assisi House will join us for Mass on Sunday 20 August. Parishioners are invited to join the students from Ignatius and Assisi for breakfast/morning tea after Mass. Wear your **Orange (Ignatius)** and/or **Aqua (Assisi)** to support the College Houses.

## MURWILLUMBAH PHILHARMONIC CHOIR

presents

### CONGRATULATIONS - WEDGETAIL

A FUNDRAISING CONCERT

All proceeds go to

**WEDGETAIL RETREAT**

**Jessie McMillan Hall, Wollumbin St**

**Saturday 19 August | 2:30pm**

Adults \$20 - \$15 Concession

Light refreshments served after the Concert

Bookings and Information: 02 6672 8459

[info@tweedpalliativesupport.com.au](mailto:info@tweedpalliativesupport.com.au)

## LEGION OF MARY



*to Jesus through Mary*

The Legion of Mary invites you  
to a half day retreat

**Saturday 2 September 2023**

**at St Anthony's Parish, Kingscliff  
commencing with Rosary at 8.30am | Mass 9am**

**Fr M Rego SM Retreat Director**

**Please bring a plate to share**

## 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (84)

**R: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.**

**Alleluia!**

## CHURCH OPENING HOURS -

**Tuesday 15 to Friday 18 August** (*subject to change without notice*)

**Tuesday 15 August 9 am to 6 pm – includes 5:30 pm Mass | Feast of the Assumption**

**Wednesday 16 August 9 am to 4 pm**

**Thursday 17 August 1 pm to 4 pm**

**Friday 18 August - 11am Requiem Mass**

*Please be aware of your personal safety when you are in the church during these times.*

*Please report any unsafe conditions or accidents immediately to the parish office on 0413 277 700.*

### Weekday Mass times in neighbouring parishes...

#### Kingscliff

Tuesday	(see notice page 3)
Wednesday	Kingscliff 8am
Thursday	Kingscliff 9am
Friday	Kingscliff 8am

#### Tweed Heads

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9:10 am

Tuesday (see notice page 3)

### CLEANER NEEDED AT MOUNT ST PATRICK COLLEGE -

ASAP Work Hours: 8 hours per week divided into 2 x 4 hour blocks on different school days (start time and days negotiable).

Time frame required: Monday 14th August until Friday 22nd September, 2023.

### CLEANER/S NEEDED AT MOUNT ST PATRICK COLLEGE

- Term 4 start | 35 hours per week divided into 5 x 7 hour blocks on school days (start time negotiable). Would suit a couple sharing the work each day, i.e. 3.5 hrs each

Time frame required: From Monday 9th October to Wednesday 20th December, 2023.

*Must have current Working With Children Check*

*Contact: Mary-Anne McShane (Assistant Principal: Mission) Ph: 0419431630*

## 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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