

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

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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

27 August 2023

A community built on rock

Jesus takes his closest followers to Caesarea Philippi to have an important conversation. Two key things happen. Firstly, the disciples experience a moment of real insight in their understanding of Jesus.

Jesus asks Simon Peter: "But who do you say that I am?" With great trust and a growing faith, Peter replies: "You are the Christ (Messiah), the Son of the living God."

For centuries the Jews longed for the coming of the messiah. By calling Jesus the messiah, Peter proclaims that Jesus is the one for whom they had waited. Jesus is the one who will fulfill the hopes and aspirations of Israel. Jesus is God's anointed one; the one in whom God's Spirit dwells.

Peter watched Jesus embrace people; especially the sick, the poor, the sinners. He witnessed firsthand Jesus loving people into life. He saw the face of God in the face and actions of Jesus. Ultimately, Peter received the gift of God's revelation, which allowed him to understand more clearly who Jesus is, what is Jesus' mission and to recognise the significance of Jesus' special relationship with His Father.

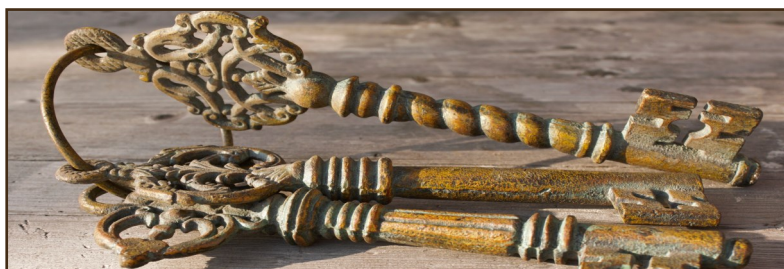
In the verses that follow today's gospel, Jesus challenges the disciples to an even deeper understanding, by instructing them about what kind of Messiah he is and what this will demand of them. Accepting Jesus as messiah means that they must also be ready to accept that He will 'suffer with' people, especially the outcasts; but that God will ultimately vindicate His beloved Son.

Secondly, Jesus establishes his disciples as a community. In Mt 7:24, Jesus told his disciples to build on rock. It's on the rock (Greek, petra; Aramaic kepha) that is Peter (Greek: petros; Aramaic kepha), that Jesus builds His house; a community of disciples, called the "church".

Peter is not "rock" because of personal qualities of steadfastness or reliability – remember that later on, Peter not only denies Jesus, but deserts him! Rather, Peter is "rock" because of the insight of faith which God has communicated to him. Built on this "rock", the Church will be a community that will survive attempts to destroy it and its members will not be confined to the dead, but rather resurrection awaits them.

The church which Jesus is establishing is for Israel and the Gentile world; for anyone who is willing to listen to His word, live it and believe in Him. Peter is given the keys not to close but to open and as first among the apostles, he has the responsibility to carry on Jesus' mission of preaching and teaching the good news.

David J Hore CSsR @ Magellan Media 2023



This week in the Parish

Sunday 27 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

8:30 am - Rosary
9:00 am - Mass

Tuesday 29 No Mass today

Wednesday 30 No Mass today

Thursday 31 No Mass today
4:00 pm - Christmas Carnival Meeting

September

Friday 1 11:00 am - Requiem Mass—John Quan
NO 12:00 pm Mass today

Saturday 2 9:00 am - Rosary
5:30 pm - Rosary
6:00 pm - Vigil Mass

Sunday 3 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A

8:30 am - Rosary
9:00 am - Mass
10:00 am - Cuppa / Morning Tea after 9am Mass

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT First Friday of each month

11 am - 11:50 am

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:

Peter Hyde, John Quan, John Gooley, Mary Amos (sister in law of Leo Kelly), Di Sutherland, Vince Kean

ANNIVERSARIES:

Maria Procopio, Harry Turner, Annie Godwin, Bonnie Egan, Mary Roberts, Jason Cook

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

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

We warmly welcome the children and families preparing for the SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Welcome & Instruction - 26/27 August

Confirmation Instruction - 2/3 September

Confirmation Instruction - 9/10 September

Confirmation Instruction - 16/17 September

Retreat Day - Tuesday 10 October

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Tuesday 10 October - Sacred Heart Church

ROSTERS | READINGS

READING ROSTER

2/3 Sept| 22nd Sunday in Ord Time | Yr A

6pm - Barbara Grant

9am - Ed Egan

READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A

Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A

Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

PARISH CUPPA

Please join us for a Cuppa | Morning tea after 9am Mass next Sunday 3 September

EVERYONE WELCOME!



ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 2 Sept | Rose Seamer & Lily Daly

Sun 3 Sept | Eliza & Charlotte Dowling

ROSARY STATUE

27 Aug | Kay Ryder

3 Sept | Debbie Kaehler 10 Sept | Annette Lofts

VIEW MASS AT HOME -

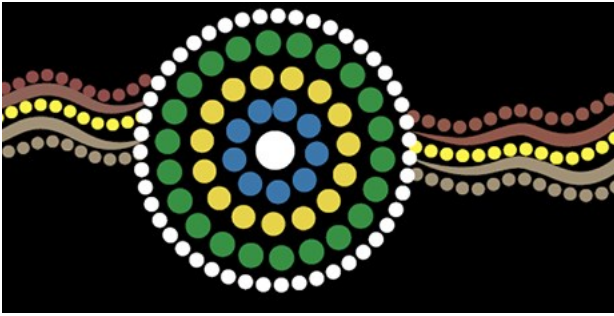
There are several options to tune into Mass at home when you can't join us:

- 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

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.

TODAY IS SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY



An image from Social Justice Statement ACBC

In this year's Social Justice Statement, **LISTEN, LEARN, LOVE: A NEW ENGAGEMENT WITH ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLES**, we hear from members of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) who speak directly about the history of injustice faced by the First Peoples of this country and what needs to be done to right those wrongs. Recounting the impact of loss of land and culture, the experience of racism, the forcible removal of children, high incarceration and suicide rates, alcohol abuse and domestic violence, and poor outcomes in health, employment, housing and education is very painful.

At the heart of this year's Social Justice Statement is a call for all the People of God to embrace a new engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, an engagement which involves a commitment to listen to our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sisters and brothers and to learn from them. This listening and learning and the actions which flow from them must be grounded in a spirit of love if there is to be a change for the better.

Love is at the heart of our Christian calling and we, in the Church, in embracing this commitment in our relationships with Australia's First Peoples, can show our fellow Australians a better way that leads to healing and justice.

Limited copies of the Social Justice Statement are available in the church today. For further details, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website: www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or call (02) 8306 3499

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

A Carnival planning meeting is scheduled for Thursday 31 August at 4pm.

PARISH MINI RETREAT
STOP - REFLECT - REVIVE

Date
2nd September 2023

Time
8.30 am to 12.30pm

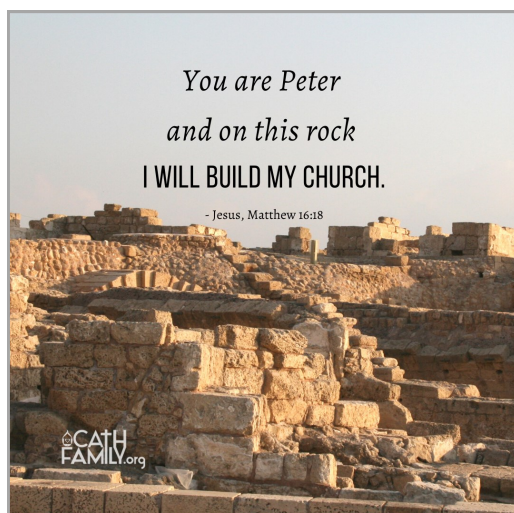
Place
St Anthony's Church, Kingscliff

Program
Rosary; Mass; Reconciliation; 2 Talks

Retreat Director
Fr MX Rego SM

Please bring a plate to share.

To Jesus through Mary.
Organised by the Legion of Mary.



National Child Protection Week 3 - 9 September

This year National Child Protection Week will continue to champion the message 'Every child in every community needs a fair go'.

This message captures the essence of National Child Protection Week which aims to a safe and supported life for every child, now, and into the future.

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (137)

R: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, says the Lord, and I will raise him up on the last day - *John 6:54*

CHURCH OPENING HOURS -

Monday 28 August to Friday 1 September

(subject to change without notice)

Tuesday 29 August - 9 am to 4 pm

Wednesday 30 August - 9 am to 4 pm

Thursday 31 August - 12 pm to 4pm

Friday 1 September - 9 am to 1 pm including Mass at 12 noon

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	Pottsville	9:15 am
Wednesday	Kingscliff	8am
Thursday	Kingscliff	9am
Friday	Kingscliff	8am

Tweed Heads

Monday - Friday	9:10 am
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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.

FATHER'S DAY COLLECTION FOR

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS

SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

Next weekend there will be a special collection for the support of Sick and Retired Priests in the Diocese. Envelopes will be provided and can be placed on the Collection plates. Thank you for your support.

INVEST WITH PEACE OF MIND

www.dif.org.au Phone 1800 802 516 Paying 3.70%

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

