

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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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD | YEAR A

6 August 2023

A quiet place

In many ancient religions, mountaintops were thought to be the dwelling places of the gods, where sacred encounters might happen. One example of this is the encounter of Moses with God on a mountaintop when he received the ten commandments.

Even now, among modern people, mountains are good places to escape the hustle and bustle of daily life. They can make good listening places at times when we need to reflect or make a major decision. From a mountain you can see far into the distance, so it is often a place for insight and perspective.

In our world, we need opportunities to reflect, so we can get perspective on our lives. When we choose to go on a retreat, a walk in the woods, speak to a counsellor, not turn on the radio or the television, it can be as if we are responding to the invitation Jesus gave to his disciples, to come apart for a while. We are choosing to do what the disciples heard from the cloud, "Listen to him."

The disciples got more than they expected. They had a momentary glimpse into how special Jesus was. They heard a voice which said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

Jesus asked Peter, James, and John not to tell anyone about the vision, "Until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." Just prior to today's passage Jesus predicted the suffering and death that awaited him in Jerusalem. Peter tried to dissuade him. Jesus rebuked him and told him and the others that if they wished to be his disciples, they must take up their cross and follow him.

This was not a comforting message for the disciples, but the transfiguration gave them hope for the future, and a direction to "Listen to him." In the scriptures we pay close attention, not only to the words of Jesus, but also his actions, for they reveal God to us. They tell us about God's forgiveness, compassion, and unfaltering love for us. As we listen closely, we hear Jesus tell us to do for others what he is about to do for us, and this empowers us to pick up our cross of service and follow him.

We may not be literally on a mountaintop today, but in a quiet place where we can listen to Jesus, despite the competing voices that seek to draw us to other ways of living than the one to which the Lord has called us. Quiet places and worshipping together give us opportunities to open our ears and our hearts and to try listening anew both to one another and to the Lord. As we listen, we also ask ourselves, "What is Jesus saying to me in the people and events of this day?" Then, we listen and do our best to discern an appropriate response.

Michael A Kelly CSsR @ Magellan Media 2023

This week in the Parish

Sunday 6	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD - Year A 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Parish Cuppa / Morning tea
Monday 7	9:00 am - Rosary & Prayers (see note below)
Tuesday 8	St MARY OF THE CROSS <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 9	No Mass today
Thursday 10	No Mass today
Friday 11	12 noon - Mass
Saturday 12	9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 13	19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass

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.

ROSARY & PRAYERS
for God's Precious Infants and the Unborn Child - Monday 7 August - 9am - Sacred Heart Church.
Pregnancy Help Line:
1300 139 313

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Vince Kean, Eric Dixon, Judy Mills, Patrick Guinea, Gordy Batten, Joan Davis, Donald Bartesko

ANNIVERSARIES:

Ray Wightley, Paul Larkin, Reg Norris

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

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

ROSTERS | READINGS

READING ROSTER

12/13 Aug | 19th Sunday in Ord Time | Yr A

6pm - Tim Waugh

9am - Philomena Zambelli

READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD - Year A

Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pet 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A

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

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.

WELCOME FR MICHAEL NILON...

This weekend we welcome Fr Michael Nilon to our Parish. Fr Michael will be celebrating weekend Masses for the next two months. We thank Fr Michael and please make him welcome!



PARISH CUPPA

Please join us for a Cuppa | Morning tea after 9am Mass this Sunday 6 August.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

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

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 12 Aug | Grace Severs & Yasmin van Rossi

Sun 13 Aug | Eliza & Charlotte Dowling

ROSARY STATUE

6 Aug | Jenny Wallace

13 Aug | Faith Buchanan 20 Aug | Pauline Weber

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

PARISH NEWS...

◆ Update on Fr Anthony

Due to the complexity of surgery and the uncertainty of a successful outcome, Fr Anthony's medical team have decided not to proceed with further surgery at this point in time. This is disappointing for Fr Anthony. Please keep up your prayers for Fr Anthony as his healing journey continues.

◆ Peter Kearney Concert

What a lovely way to spend a Sunday afternoon. 40+ parishioners enjoyed the Peter Kearney concert and afternoon tea last Sunday afternoon. Thank you to Christine Wightley and the Pastoral Council for inviting Peter Kearney to perform and thank you to the team of volunteers who provided afternoon tea. Special thanks to the "roadie" who help Peter pack up his gear after the concert.

◆ 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 31 August 2023.

◆ An update on the Retaining Wall!

Make Safe works have commenced on the presbytery/parish hall retaining wall. Temporary steel bracing is being installed to support the wall and this make safe work is expected to be completed within 2 weeks.

The plans for the reinstatement are being finalised before being sent to Council for Development Approval.

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



ST. MARY OF THE CROSS

Solemnity - Tues 8th August

Mary Helen MacKillop was born in Fitzroy, Melbourne on January 15 1842. Together with Fr Tenison Woods, Mary founded the Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph in 1867, an Order dedicated to the education of poor children.

An ordinary Australian woman, yet a woman of heroic holiness, goodness, warmth and determination, Mary died on August 8 1909. On October 17 2010 Mary MacKillop, *Saint Mary of the Cross*, was declared a Saint by Pope Benedict XVI.

Mary's motto for life was -

'Never see a need without doing something about it'

ST MARY OF THE CROSS PRAYER

God, through the intercession of Mary MacKillop, we pray that the fire of your compassion will ignite many hearts.

May Mary's attentiveness to your dream inspire us.

May her energy to overcome injustice empower us.

May we, like her, make manifest your Presence in our troubled world.

We pray that the beacon of her holiness shine as a blessing for the universal Church and our world.

We make this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.



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

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Tuesday 15th August

5:30 pm Mass - Sacred Heart Church

[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.

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD - A

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (96)

R: The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him.

Alleluia!

CHURCH OPENING HOURS -

Monday 7 to Friday 11 August (*subject to change without notice*)

Monday 7 August 9 am to 4 pm – includes Prayer Group 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Tuesday 8 August 9 am to 6 pm – includes 5:30 pm Mass | St Mary of the Cross Mackillop

Wednesday 9 August 9 am to 4 pm

Thursday 10 August 1 pm to 4 pm

Friday 11 August 11 am to 1 pm

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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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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