

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

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St. Columba's Church

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**23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A**

10 September 2023

God will never let us go

One of the most memorable animated movies in recent times is "Frozen." This hit Disney film, which had the song, "Let it Go," tells the story of two sisters, Anna and Elsa.

The elder sister, Elsa, struggles to discover who she really is. After accidentally injuring her sister with her magical powers, she escapes to the icy far north. However, her younger sister, Anna, cannot let Elsa go and goes in search of her.

Anna finds companions along the way - Kristoff, Olaf and the reindeer Sven - who help her to win Elsa back. Elsa repeatedly spurns Anna and her attempts to reach out, but the younger sister's determination to restore the relationship, even to the point of sacrificing herself, eventually leads to a happy reunion.

The determination of the younger sister to fight for the relationship resonates with the message of today's gospel according to Matthew. Jesus explains the importance of trying three times to restore and rebuild the relationship with the person who has done something wrong: First time, go it alone to have it out with them; the second time, bring one or two others; and finally bring everyone to try to win the person back.

The number three in the bible symbolises completeness, wholeness and perfection. By mentioning three times, perhaps Jesus is saying to keep trying until it's totally hopeless. In spite of trying everything humanly possible, and if there is still no change and the person persists in refusing to listen, Jesus says to then treat the person as you would a Gentile or a tax collector, in other words, an outsider, at least on a temporary basis.

But remember that, earlier in the same gospel, Jesus calls upon a person named Matthew, who is a tax collector, to be one of his disciples. This reveals that, while there are limitations to our own human attempts to restore relationships, no such limitations exist for God, for whom no one is out of reach. God will not ever stop inviting and receiving a person back into the fullness of his/her relationship with God.

The lyrics at the ending of "Let it Go" are: "Let the storm rage on, the cold never bothered me anyway." Sadly, unlike the movie, in real life there are no fairy tale endings and broken relationships are part and parcel of many people's lives.

When relationships are broken, there is often anger, resentment, pain and grief. There can also be feelings of loneliness and isolation and a sense of being left out in the cold. But God wants us to be in loving relationship with one another and with God everyday of our lives. Whatever the difficulties and disappointments we face in life, all we can do is to keep doing our best, knowing and trusting that God will never give up on us and will always be with us.

Mark Chia CSsR @Magellan Media 2023

This week in the Parish

Sunday 10	23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptisms
Monday 11	9:00 am - Rosary & Prayers (see note below)
Tuesday 12	No Mass today
Wednesday 13	11:00 am - Requiem Mass - Del Gillespie
Thursday 14	No Mass today
Friday 15	12:00 pm - Mass
Saturday 16	9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 17	24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptism

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:

Del Gillespie, Peter Hyde, John Quan, John Gooley, Mary Amos, Di Sutherland

ANNIVERSARIES:

Leah Ryder

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

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



BAPTISMS:

Please welcome
Levi Caeden Campbell,
Luca Jay Campbell,
to our faith community.

ROSARY & PRAYERS

for God's Precious Infants and the Unborn Child -
Monday 11 September - 9am - Sacred Heart Church.
Pregnancy Help Line: 1300 139 313

ROSTERS | READINGS

READING ROSTER

16/17 Sept | 24th Sunday in Ord Time | Yr A

6pm - Christine Wightley

9am - Kay Ryder

READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A

Ezek 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A

Sirach 27:30 - 28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

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
September morning tea
Wednesday 20 September | 10:00 am
Murwillumbah Services Club
Enquiries: Alex Lever 0458 817 021
ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 16 Sept | Rafe & Brock McAndrew

Sun 17 Sept | Annabel Casey & Sienna Alexander

ROSARY STATUE

10 Sept | Annette Lofts 17 Sept | Paula Thornton

24 Sept | Trish & Michael Jandura

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



SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 10 September

This weekend, the Catholic church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognize and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in church settings.

Rebuilding trust and confidence in the church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the church be a place that builds and supports safe communities for all people.

The Parish of the Sacred Heart Murwillumbah & the Diocese of Lismore are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community.

Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to build and support safe communities for all people.

**'Every child in every community
needs a fair go'.**

Prayer

Gracious God,
you love and care for all of your children,
especially the smallest and most vulnerable.
We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at
risk who have been sexually abused,
and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed.
Help us to hear their cries of pain
and to take responsibility for those whose lives
have been broken.
Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded
by abuse, and the failure to be heard.
We pray that with the help of your grace
communities and families will find understanding
and support, so that now and in the future
their wounds may be healed
and they may find lasting peace.
Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our
children and adults at risk,
giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience
to seek out assistance when required.
We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Amen



Sacred Heart Parish

presents

Fr Ray Sanchez

speaking on

GRIEF AND LOSS

Fr Ray will explore the process of the grief we go through and how to make sense of it through our faith, as well as what can help us work our way through it to a place of greater peace.

Two sessions available

- ◆ **Friday 13 October at 6:30 pm** - followed by wine and cheese
- ◆ **Saturday 14 October at 10:30 am** - followed by refreshments

in

Parish Hall | College Library

EVERYONE IS MOST WELCOME

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LISMORE 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

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL PLANNING

It was really disappointing last Thursday 31 August that ***no-one*** came to the planning meeting for the Carnival. There were a handful of apologies and very few offers to help with the Carnival. So ... what do we do?

Do you want the Parish to continue to hold the Christmas Carnival and Tableau? With limited volunteers and very few willing stallholders; we have to make some hard decisions. We have some ideas on how we might continue the tradition of the Tableau and Carnival but we need volunteers from our parish and our parish schools to make it work! We need your feedback, your ideas, your time and your support please.

Further planning meetings (15-20 minutes) are scheduled for immediately after weekend Masses on Saturday 16 September and Sunday 17 September – we hope that this will make it easier for you to attend and have your say. Alternatively please contact the Parish Office to let us know your thoughts and how you can help make the Carnival and Tableau a continuing tradition of the Parish.

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (94)

R: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

IF SUNG:

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

CHURCH OPENING HOURS -

Monday 11 to Friday 15 September (*subject to change without notice*)

Tuesday 12 September 12 noon to 4 pm

Wednesday - closed

Thursday 14 September 1 pm to 4 pm

Friday 15 September - 11 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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FAMILY GROUPS – thank you for your patience as we have worked on our Family Group Renewal.

As mentioned a couple of weeks ago there will be 3 groups. Group leaders have been appointed and everyone who indicated that they wanted to be part of a group has been contacted with a list of the members of their groups. A copy of the group lists is available at the back of the church together with Welcome to Family Group brochures.

If you are not already part of a family group and would like to become involved, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

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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