

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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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B 3 March 2024

Jesus' divine mission

If there is one incident in Jesus' life that leads us to question his judgment, the story of him taking a whip and angrily driving people out of the temple must rank as a strong contender. We have heard in recent weeks that Jesus can be forthright in challenging people – even calling pharisees 'hypocrites' to their faces!

But our major image is of a patient and forgiving Jesus rather than someone striking out at people with a raging temper.

So, how are we to understand this story? A good place to start is another story of Jesus visiting the Jerusalem temple with his mother and father when he was a twelve-year old boy. On that occasion, Jesus becomes so caught up by the temple experience he misses the caravan taking his family back to Nazareth. When his parents realise Jesus is missing, they hasten back to find him among the temple priests and elders, engaging with them about the meaning of the Scriptures.

Now, the temple for traditional Israelites was the holiest of all places on earth enabling people to experience the presence of the living God in their lives in an unsurpassed way. This must have been Jesus' boyhood experience evident in his response to his confused parents: "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know I must be in my Father's house?"

So, when Jesus returns to the temple some twenty years later and finds it filled with hawkers, merchants and other traders, he is incensed that greed and money-lust have turned his "Father's house" into a marketplace.

However, rather than directing his anger to the little people who are simply trying to make a living in a hostile world, surely Jesus should have confronted the temple priests who allowed – no doubt benefited financially from – this defilement of God's house.

Jesus has this opportunity to respond to the chief priests when they challenge him for his table-turning, whip-lashing behaviour. In answer to their question – "On what authority do you do this?" – Jesus' strange response confounds everyone: "Destroy this temple and I will raise it up again in three days".

Somehow, this is a moment of insight for Jesus. He begins to realise his mission of communicating God's love and forgiveness will result in the destruction of the other temple – his own body – on a Cross. Yet, God's glory will always shine through beyond suffering, cruelty and death itself.

This is the paradox St Paul writes about in his letter to the Corinthians. He realises how preaching a crucified Christ is folly to Jews and Greeks alike. Yet Paul also knows we must acknowledge our own sinfulness and stupidity if we are to experience God's power and wisdom.

Too often, we are like the temple traders busy with our own pursuits rather than seekers of the living God. We often ignore God's covenant because we are afraid to witness to a crucified-and-risen Christ who heals our weakness and failures with divine love and mercy.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 3	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B
	8:30 am - Rosary
	9:00 am - Mass
	10:00 am - Parish Cuppa
Monday 4	9:30 am - Rosary & Prayers (see note below)
Tuesday 5	1:00 pm - Lenten Group Parish Admin Centre
	No Mass today
Wednesday 6	No Mass today
Thursday 7	No Mass today
Friday 8	9:30 am - Legion of Mary Parish Meeting Centre
	12:00 pm - Mass
	12:30 pm - Stations of the Cross
Saturday 9	9:00 am - Rosary
	5:30 pm - Rosary
	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 10	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B
	8:30 am - Rosary
	9:00 am - Mass

PRIVATE PRAYER

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

RECONCILIATION IN LENT

Friday: 11:30 am - 11:50 am

Saturday: 5.30 pm - 5.50 pm

Sunday: 8.30 am - 8.50 am

ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed on
Saturday morning at 9:00 am.
As well as half an hour before
each weekend Mass.

WEDNESDAY WORD

Copies of Wednesday Word,
with this weekend's readings,
are available in the Church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Wendy Cameron, Leonard Tuga, Colin Reeve,
Alan Cocks, Michael Jandura

ANNIVERSARIES:

Marion Roberts, Tony McKerrow

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Trish Walker, George Flack, Jacinta Immisch,
Joan Kean, Violet Albury, Margaret Traves, John Lee,
Wendy Bolden, Margaret Hyde, Lorraine Green,
Colin Brooks, Kathy Dawson-Malone, David Burke,
Malcolm Reid, Paul Calvino, Maureen McCabe,
Fr Anthony Lemon

READINGS | ROSTERS

READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - Year B

Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year B

2 Chron 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

READING ROSTER

9/10 Mar | Fourth Sunday of Lent | B

6pm - Lisa Dusi-Fox

9am - Philomena Zambelli

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 9 Mar | Jana Lofts & Isla Chapman

Sun 10 Mar | Eliza & Charlotte Dowling

ROSARY STATUE

3 Mar | Pauline Weber

10 Mar | Kay Ryder 17 Mar | Debbie Kaehler



PARISH CUPPA

Please join us for a Cuppa | Morning tea
after 9am Mass this Sunday 3 March.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

ROSARY & PRAYERS

for God's Precious Infants and the Unborn Child -
Monday 4 March - 9:30 am - Sacred Heart Church.

Pregnancy Help Line: 1300 139 313

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Sacred Heart Church - 12.30pm

**Fridays during Lent led by Legion
of Mary** (following 12.00 pm Mass)



'The Gospel today says that Jesus knew what a person
had in them. We should try to be the same: to see the
potential, not just the surface.'

- extract from Project Compassion Reflection for this week

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

*We 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.*

VIEW MASS AT HOME -

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

- Freeview TV - Channel 10 Sunday 6 am
- Bishop Greg's online-stream Sunday Mass will resume
in February

PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

The **next meeting** of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held on **Thursday 14 March at 5 pm**.

The **agenda for the meeting will be set on Thursday 7 March**. Any matters that you, our Parishioners, would like to be considered for the agenda should be sent by email to banner@onthenet.com.au or placed in the PPC box in the church no later than Wed 6 March.

'MASS OF ANOINTING'

10AM | SATURDAY | 16 MARCH

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is a prayer of healing which may be celebrated individually and communally, and may be received more than once.

All Parishioners Are Welcome

Lent | Spiritual Spring-Cleaning tips

- ♦ Missed the start of Lent? No bother – start whenever you can – even an imperfect attempt is better than none.
- ♦ Make a plan. Make it achievable. And write it down. Poorly defined goals tend to get lost in the clutter of life.
- ♦ Keep forgetting to honour your Lenten promise? Diarise it. Set the alarm on your phone. Put sticky notes on the bathroom mirror. Pen it on the back of your hand. Get an accountability partner (kids make excellent ones!)
- ♦ Regressed to bad habits? Just start over. Don't let the evil one discourage you – recommit regularly to your Lenten promise.
- ♦ Struggling to stay motivated? Bolster your Lenten promise by offering it for an additional cause. e.g. the comfort of a sick friend, the suffering of a particular family, the work of a missionary etc.

2023 CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL | NATIVITY TABLEAU FEEDBACK

Summary of Survey Results and Financial Results

44 responses were received to the survey that was circulated to parishioners and parish school parents and staff. The responses suggest that the Christmas Carnival and Tableau remain an extremely important part of our parish/school community life.

Printed copies of the survey results and the various comments from respondents are available in the church this weekend and from the Parish Office over the coming weeks.

There are many comments on what you liked as well as ways we can improve! To help us work through the comments and start making plans for 2024.

We are seeking expressions of interest from parish school parents/carers as well as parishioners for the following positions on the 2024 Carnival Planning Team:

Stalls coordinator

Kids Activities coordinator

Working Bee coordinator

If you are interested in taking on one of these volunteer roles, please contact the Parish Office 6672 1118 or email murwillumbah@lismore.catholic.org.au

The next planning meeting for the Carnival and Tableau will be held in early May and all are welcome to attend.

A summary of the income and expenses from the 2023 Carnival with 2022 comparatives is attached for your reference. Any queries or concerns about the financial statements, please speak to Mary-Ann in the Parish Office.

Save the Date for 2024!

The Christmas Carnival and Nativity Tableau for 2024 will be held on **Saturday 30 November!**



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 2 & 3 March



Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations**.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

Catholic Church Murwillumbah NPSE Groups

Profit & Loss Statement

2023 Christmas Carnival

at 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
Income		
Christmas Carnival Income		
Wheels/Raffles	\$8,796.75	\$11,398.64
Food/Drink	\$6,315.35	\$6,454.55
Stalls	\$6,308.65	\$6,546.50
Rides & Kids Activities	\$3,533.40	\$2,317.65
Donations	\$197.15	\$1,960.00
Total Christmas Carnival Income	\$25,151.30	\$28,677.34
Expenses		
Christmas Carnival Expenses		
Wheels/Raffles	\$3,363.80	\$6,316.98
Food/Drink	\$3,709.05	\$3,277.84
Stalls	\$507.70	\$962.45
Rides & Kids Activities	\$4,519.20	\$1,630.42
Sundry	\$1,868.89	\$1,403.97
Total Christmas Carnival Expenses	\$13,968.64	\$13,591.66
Net Profit/(Loss) Christmas Carnival	\$11,182.66	\$15,085.68

Refer next page for detailed Income and Expenses breakdown

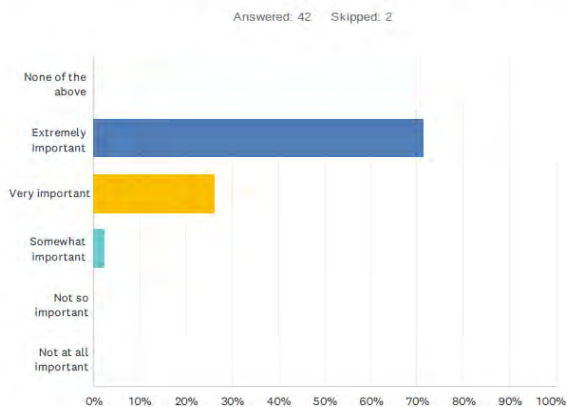
Christmas Carnival | 25 November 2023

Income & Expenses by Stall/Activity

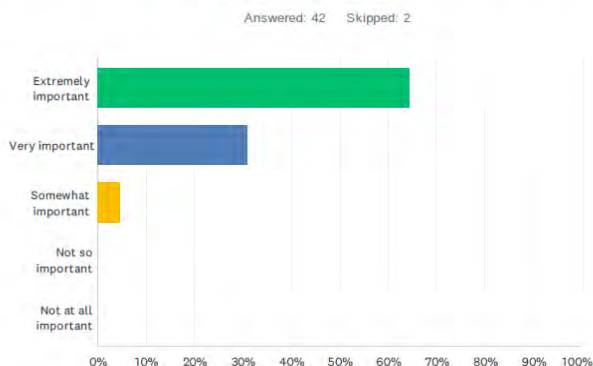
	2023 Christmas Carnival			2022		
	Total Income	Total Expenses	Profit/(Loss)	Total Income	Total Expenses	Profit/(Loss)
GAMES OF CHANCE						
Chocolate Wheel	4,362.50	976.80	3,385.70	5,989.55	2,715.98	3,273.57
Parish Raffle	4,434.25	2,387.00	2,047.25	5,409.09	3,601.00	1,808.09
	8,796.75	3,363.80	5,432.95	11,398.64	6,316.98	5,081.66
STALLS						
Bottle Stall	1,315.95	280.70	1,035.25	846.00	428.19	417.81
Cakes	1,829.20	0.00	1,829.20	1,895.30	6.80	1,888.50
Cent Auction	1,900.00	0.00	1,900.00	1,670.10	64.46	1,605.64
Craft + Bric-a-brac + Produce	502.00	0.00	502.00	553.00	0.00	553.00
Glow Candles	381.50	227.00	154.50	878.95	463.00	415.95
Plants	380.00	0.00	380.00	703.15	0.00	703.15
	6,308.65	507.70	5,800.95	6,546.50	962.45	5,584.05
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES						
Santa Jumping Castle + Xrun Slide	2,107.00	2,260.00	(1,938.00)	846.05	1,000.00	(153.95)
Rock Wall		1,785.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Kids Activities Face Paint + Lucky Dips	555.50	336.45	219.05	581.20	386.83	194.37
Hoopla	369.90	89.75	280.15	630.40	100.63	529.77
Snow Cones	501.00	48.00	453.00	260.00	142.96	117.04
	3,533.40	4,519.20	(985.80)	2,317.65	1,630.42	687.23
FOOD & DRINKS						
BBQ & Hot Dogs	3,558.70	2,093.58	1,465.12	3,405.25	2,095.60	1,309.65
Cold & Hot Drinks	1,201.75	635.08	566.67	1,422.20	484.84	937.36
Bar	1,554.90	980.39	574.51	1,627.10	697.40	929.70
	6,315.35	3,709.05	2,606.30	6,454.55	3,277.84	3,176.71
OTHER						
Donations	197.15	-	197.15	1,960.00	0.00	1,960.00
Advertising	-	765.00	(765.00)	0.00	820.00	(820.00)
Sundry expenses	-	1,103.89	(1,103.89)	0.00	583.97	(583.97)
	197.15	1,868.89	(1,671.74)	1,960.00	1,403.97	556.03
TOTAL	25,151.30	13,968.64	11,182.66	28,677.34	13,591.66	15,085.68

Snapshot from Feedback/Survey Results - December 2023

Q2 How important do you think the Christmas Carnival is to the Parish | School community?

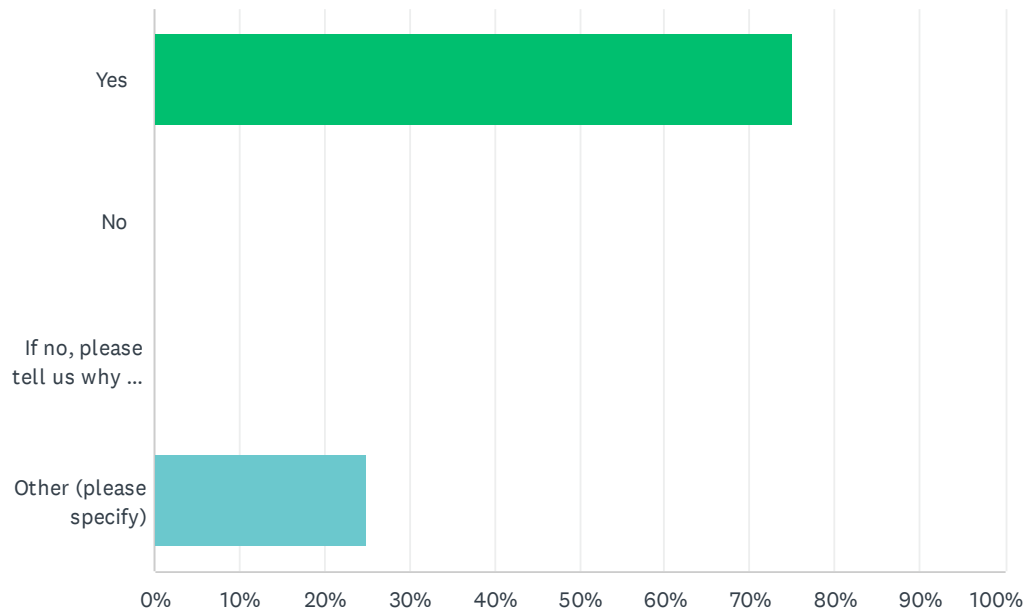


Q3 How important to you think the Nativity Tableau is to the Parish | School community?



Q1 Did you attend the 2023 Christmas Carnival and Nativity Tableau?

Answered: 44 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	75.00%	33
No	0.00%	0
If no, please tell us why you didn't attend	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	25.00%	11
TOTAL		44

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Not well	2/29/2024 12:31 PM
2	Housebound	12/19/2023 10:12 AM
3	Not well that night	12/19/2023 9:51 AM
4	unable to attend because illness	12/19/2023 9:51 AM
5	I'm sorry but I didn't see the Tableau	12/19/2023 9:49 AM
6	Carnival only	12/19/2023 9:47 AM
7	Although I realise the Christmas carnival is of major financial importance for the parish and also provides a great opportunity for a wide cross-section of our local community to work together, I could not bring myself to attend any function deemed of such importance that it replaced one of our two regularly scheduled parish Masses. (Instead, I spent an hour in prayer.) Cancelling that vigil Mass sends a public message that, for our parish community, fund-raising is of a higher priority than worshipping our God. I feel sure that if we so choose we can not only celebrate the vigil Mass (perhaps at the earliest time allowed) but after that can have a great carnival as well.	12/13/2023 8:39 PM
8	My health prevented me from attending .	12/8/2023 2:54 PM
9	We did not attend this year due to illness.	12/2/2023 10:16 AM
10	Unwell family member	12/1/2023 2:27 PM

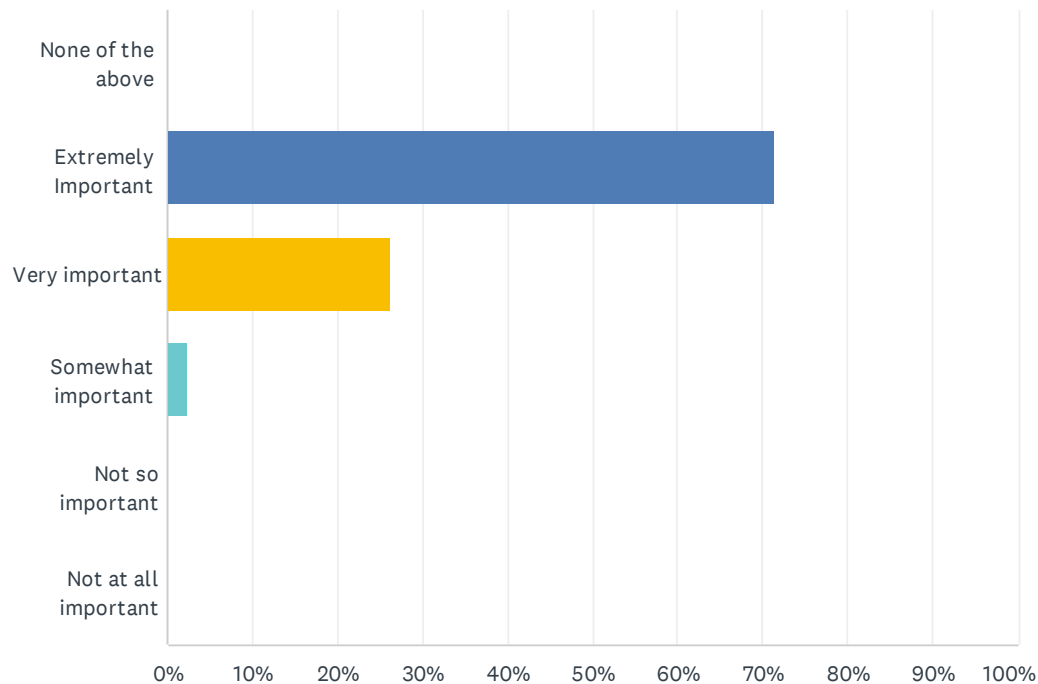
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Clashes with other commitments

11/30/2023 4:53 PM

Q2 How important do you think the Christmas Carnival is to the Parish | School community?

Answered: 42 Skipped: 2

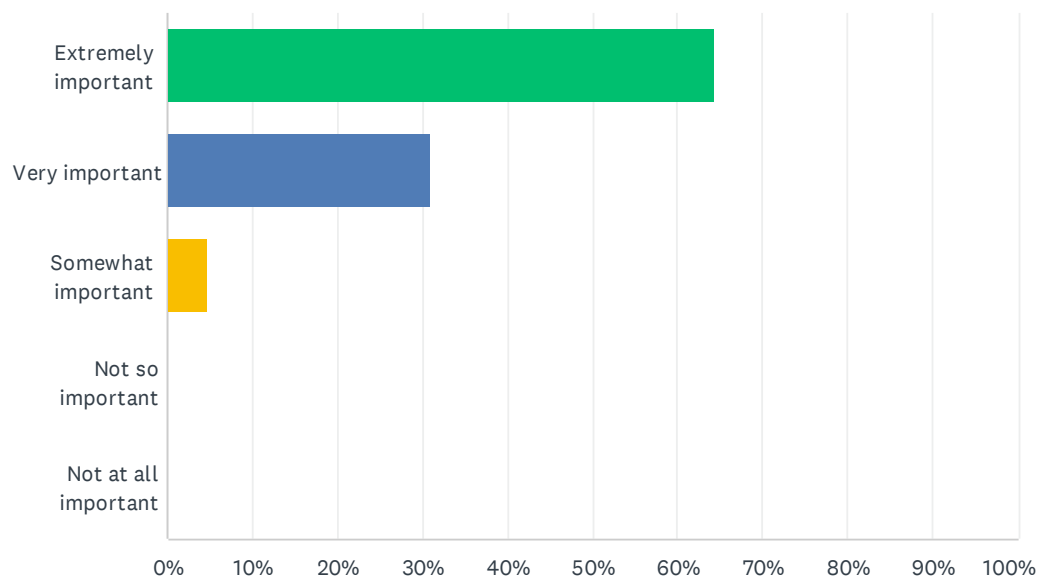


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	0.00%	0
Extremely Important	71.43%	30
Very important	26.19%	11
Somewhat important	2.38%	1
Not so important	0.00%	0
Not at all important	0.00%	0
TOTAL		42

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	It is a much needed fundraiser for the parish	12/19/2023 10:12 AM
2	as a fundraiser its not so lucrative as once was.	12/19/2023 10:05 AM
3	Very important as it brings people of all ages together	12/19/2023 10:01 AM
4	that would depend on the financial result of the day - we didn't get to hear of the 2022 result either.	12/19/2023 9:58 AM
5	Coming together for a purpose school/church	12/19/2023 9:49 AM

Q3 How important to you think the Nativity Tableau is to the Parish | School community

Answered: 42 Skipped: 2

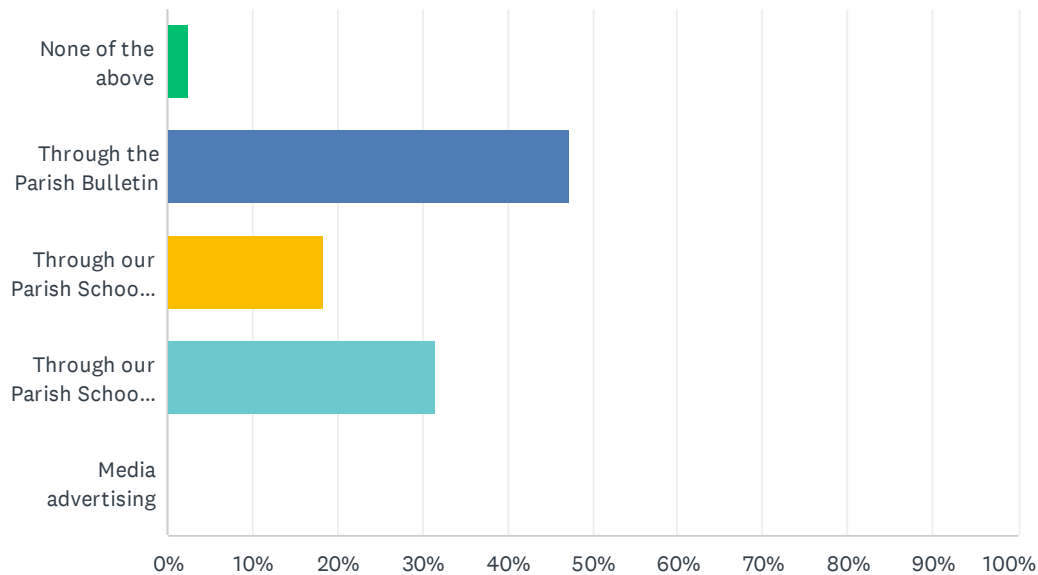


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Extremely important	64.29%	27
Very important	30.95%	13
Somewhat important	4.76%	2
Not so important	0.00%	0
Not at all important	0.00%	0
TOTAL		42

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	it is very important to present the true meaning of Christmas	12/19/2023 10:12 AM
2	has a definite place in the leadup to Christmas for the community	12/19/2023 10:05 AM
3	Extremely important. Have enjoyed how it has progressed over the years. Would be very disappointed if the Carnival and Tableau did not continue. Congratulations to all.	12/19/2023 10:01 AM
4	All schools may be packed to the rafters but school may be the only "life of Jesus" mentioned to them.	12/19/2023 9:49 AM
5	Tradition	12/19/2023 9:47 AM
6	Somewhere in between Very important and Somewhat important.	12/13/2023 8:39 PM
7	Y6 passage to high school	12/1/2023 3:08 PM

Q4 How did you find out about the Christmas Carnival & Nativity Tableau

Answered: 38 Skipped: 6



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
None of the above	2.63% 1
Through the Parish Bulletin	47.37% 18
Through our Parish School - Staff	18.42% 7
Through our Parish School - Student	31.58% 12
Media advertising	0.00% 0
TOTAL	38

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Worked there for many years	2/29/2024 12:31 PM
2	Been going for years	12/19/2023 10:12 AM
3	also through parish school - staff	12/19/2023 10:12 AM
4	Also been here since it started	12/19/2023 9:53 AM
5	also through parish school - staff	12/19/2023 9:47 AM
6	The banner advertising it 8 years ago when we first moved to Murwillumbah!	12/12/2023 2:49 PM
7	plus through parish school - student	12/4/2023 2:38 PM
8	This has always been part of our Parish community for many, many years and is a tradition which is has always been part of our lives, my children are now in their 50's.	12/2/2023 10:16 AM
9	Previous years	12/1/2023 7:28 PM
10	Family tradition	12/1/2023 1:00 PM

Q5 What did you like about the Christmas Carnival & Nativity Tableau?

Answered: 37 Skipped: 7

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Did not attend	2/29/2024 12:31 PM
2	Nice to see the religious part of Christmas	12/19/2023 10:13 AM
3	community atmosphere and a truly family event	12/19/2023 10:12 AM
4	Very enjoyable I look forward to the tableau every year and hope it continues.	12/19/2023 10:09 AM
5	It is important to portray the "real meaning" of Christmas to parishioners and public	12/19/2023 10:08 AM
6	Great have attended since they first started	12/19/2023 10:03 AM
7	Enjoyed the stalls, raffles, meeting friends, working. Tableau was fabulous.	12/19/2023 10:01 AM
8	Seemingly well attended and a great family involvement and community spirit	12/19/2023 9:58 AM
9	that the children did all the talking, singing and acting.	12/19/2023 9:53 AM
10	Tells the story of the birth of Jesus	12/19/2023 9:51 AM
11	Stalls well set up	12/19/2023 9:49 AM
12	Noisy things were outside; happy community feel.	12/19/2023 9:47 AM
13	I enjoyed the social aspect to it.	12/19/2023 9:45 AM
14	That it's mostly performed by children. That it's simple and pure ... no commercialism.	12/12/2023 2:49 PM
15	The additional activities for children eg rock climbing was a success again. There may be additional costs in bringing in outside agencies, however it does attract families to come.	12/10/2023 7:55 PM
16	Celebration of our faith. Parish tradition Chn aspire to be part of this significant event	12/8/2023 9:58 PM
17	The involvement of the schools which helps foster community / parish spirit . Buying goods and raffle tickets which all helps the Parish finances.	12/8/2023 2:54 PM
18	Tradition. Our family have participated for 15 years, our children have been angels, kings, Joseph, and sung in the choir every year!	12/6/2023 10:53 AM
19	Good social evening & beautiful tableau	12/4/2023 2:38 PM
20	It is the one event that brings us all together regular mass goers and the not so regular ones. The nativity tableau is the glue that holds it all together. The carnival on its own probably wouldn't work.	12/4/2023 2:33 PM
21	It brings the community together.	12/4/2023 10:38 AM
22	The kid's performance	12/3/2023 1:28 PM
23	The better options for children to be entertained.	12/2/2023 3:24 PM
24	Music departments did a wonderful job	12/2/2023 3:02 PM
25	It brings to us the story of the Birth of Christ and reminds each year of this wonderful event.	12/2/2023 10:16 AM
26	The community feel and how proud the kids are to be a part of it	12/1/2023 7:59 PM
27	Lots to do for the kids this year as it's all about letting them have fun.	12/1/2023 7:28 PM
28	Nice to see the community, and to celebrate the beginning of the festive season.	12/1/2023 3:25 PM
29	The show the kids did an amazing job	12/1/2023 3:14 PM
30	Bottle stall. Kids can run around and have fun and be safe	12/1/2023 3:08 PM
31	I like the raffles and cake stalls at the carnival. The tableau performance is always a beautiful way to start the Christmas season and it's a delight to hear the choir and band play the carols.	12/1/2023 2:30 PM

32	My five and nine year old loved it. The students did a wonderful job. Congratulations to staff and students. It was evident how much time, effort and love went into the production.	12/1/2023 2:30 PM
33	Food stalls, games for kids	12/1/2023 2:27 PM
34	Children are older so don't stay for the nativity but enjoy the old school fete	12/1/2023 1:00 PM
35	It was a lovely evening at the Tableau	12/1/2023 6:46 AM
36	Community spirit and Catholic values	11/30/2023 4:53 PM
37	The inclusion of staff and students in all the aspects of the tableau	11/30/2023 4:46 PM

Q6 How do you think we could improve the Christmas Carnival & Nativity Tableau?

Answered: 29 Skipped: 15

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Lots of activities for children.	2/29/2024 12:31 PM
2	Perhaps some more entertainment	12/19/2023 10:13 AM
3	more bottles, craft, raffles; e.g. Christmas cakes (homemade) or puddings	12/19/2023 10:12 AM
4	I would like to help on a stall, any stall.	12/19/2023 10:09 AM
5	It will be good when we can have it back in the HALL, but outside was BEST!!	12/19/2023 10:08 AM
6	This is well adjusted	12/19/2023 10:03 AM
7	Not a lot needs changing, but would like to see more people involved.	12/19/2023 10:01 AM
8	could not find any need for improvement - it was obvious a lot of effort was made.	12/19/2023 9:58 AM
9	The stalls could be a bit more plentiful and cake stall way too expensive. Need more produce. Also some butter on hamburger buns - too dry.	12/19/2023 9:53 AM
10	It is suitable as it is.	12/19/2023 9:51 AM
11	No comment	12/19/2023 9:49 AM
12	undercover seating where possible	12/19/2023 9:47 AM
13	Christmas Carnival - maybe do an "art auction" where people can bid on a painting and sold to the highest bidder. Raffle to win a "Nativity Scene". Advertise in the weekly a bit more earlier.	12/19/2023 9:45 AM
14	One or two more activities for older kids.	12/12/2023 2:49 PM
15	More and better food options. Food trucks	12/6/2023 10:53 AM
16	Improving attendants may happen by advertising through Tweed, Kingscliff, Pottsville, Mullumbimby parishes and a big splash in the weekly	12/4/2023 2:33 PM
17	To further enhance the atmosphere around the grounds before the nativity performance, Christmas carols could be played by students or by DJ. This would increase the Christmas spirit and add to the success of the event.	12/4/2023 10:38 AM
18	More options for the children, better face painters, a petting zoo, a slide etc. Pre-purchased wrist bands for unlimited rides would be great (like \$30 per child or \$50 for three or more children from same family). Younger school students being involved in the nativity play. Using the field and moving it from under the loud and crowded basement. Seating/ picnic options.	12/2/2023 3:24 PM
19	Some organised games for the kids would be great, bigger variety of food some vego options maybe some food trucks. I didn't think it was appropriate to have alcohol served at a school event.	12/2/2023 3:02 PM
20	It's always very good.	12/2/2023 10:16 AM
21	More seating	12/1/2023 7:28 PM
22	It's generally a bit hectic in the basement. And the show is kind of tedious when you've seen it for multiple years in a row!	12/1/2023 3:25 PM
23	Maybe have a few more carnival games and what not for the kids and some more food stalls	12/1/2023 3:14 PM
24	Not have 2 lines for tickets then to collect food. Seemed to be in a line most of the afternoon	12/1/2023 3:08 PM
25	More rides or stalls	12/1/2023 2:30 PM

26	The nativity tableau used to be performed outside in the primary school playground. And even before that on the hill where the Gilbey centre is now. It would be wonderful to see it performed under the stars again. It is something I remember from my childhood and just gave the tableau something special.	12/1/2023 2:30 PM
27	Variety of alcohol. Better quality drinks e.g stone and wood, nicer champagne.	12/1/2023 2:27 PM
28	More seating especially for elderly and food trucks school band playing Christmas carols	12/1/2023 1:00 PM
29	More fete-like stalls	12/1/2023 6:46 AM

Q7 Is there any other feedback you would like to share about your experience at the Christmas Carnival & Nativity Tableau?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 20

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Start planning early and keep reminding us as it keeps us informed and interested. We are entitled to know financial results ASAP after expenses have been deducted. This is important for stall holders and anyone who has contributed in any way. This contributes to ongoing involvement.	2/29/2024 12:31 PM
2	Have a few more stalls.	12/19/2023 10:09 AM
3	It was so lovely to connect with people that you don't see from year to year! God bless all you wonderful people - Fr Peter Wood and parish staff and all those others who set up and take down!! The children were just wonderful!	12/19/2023 10:08 AM
4	People had a good time, especially if they won something. But, did we make any money?	12/19/2023 10:05 AM
5	Meeting many friends	12/19/2023 10:03 AM
6	I would like to thank all those involved with many things needed to keep the carnival and tableau going.	12/19/2023 10:01 AM
7	more than ever there needs to be an emphasis on the nativity message - with so many councils prohibiting the displays of Christmas trees and shops doing away with nativity scenes and decorations - kowtowing to anti-Christian activism. Please schools continue to stand up and be counted!	12/19/2023 9:58 AM
8	Its a nice catch up for the parish. maybe look into some different food as well as BBQ	12/19/2023 9:53 AM
9	Unable to go this year - aging	12/19/2023 9:51 AM
10	So much hard work goes into this. I hope it has paid off.	12/19/2023 9:49 AM
11	if it did not continue it would miss a great carnival to lead up to Christmas.	12/19/2023 9:47 AM
12	Again the social aspect. I made a new friend.	12/19/2023 9:45 AM
13	The Saturday morning set up was very quick in comparison to previous years. At a school/Parish level - I still believe that a review of each school's involvement is required to ensure a fair distribution of responsibilities and costs for each school is agreed - taking into account the size, available staff etc of each school.	12/10/2023 7:55 PM
14	Nurture it. It is a wonderful celebration of Christmas in Murwillumbah.	12/8/2023 9:58 PM
15	Cent auction very well run; the cake stall prices were too expensive; plant stall lots of good plants	12/4/2023 2:38 PM
16	Didn't like to see several people, men & women, walking around drinking alcohol. I think we should be a little more vigilant policing the designated area.	12/4/2023 2:33 PM
17	Additional seating across the grounds.	12/4/2023 10:38 AM
18	Thank you for organising such a wonderful event.	12/2/2023 3:24 PM
19	Please do not discontinue, please keep the tradition and bring the story of the Nativity and Christmas to the Parish community and also to the community of our town Murwillumbah. This is such a wonderful way to unite people of the Parish and the wider community.	12/2/2023 10:16 AM
20	The hot food was great and the kids all had a ball	12/1/2023 7:28 PM
21	It wasn't great having to line up for so long to get in to upstairs.	12/1/2023 3:25 PM
22	We all had a good day/night	12/1/2023 3:14 PM
23	Have been attending for years.	12/1/2023 3:08 PM
24	Congratulations to the organisers. It was a lovely family evening	12/1/2023 2:30 PM