

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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St. Brigid's Church

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR B | 28 April 2024

The true vine that feeds us

In these weeks after Easter and before the feasts of Ascension and Pentecost, our gospel readings come from Jesus' farewell discourses in the Gospel of John. These are the teachings which Jesus shared with his disciples in that precious time just before his arrest and crucifixion.

His teachings offered solace to his disciples who were soon to endure his passion and death. We now read and ponder them in the light of his resurrection and Ascension. They also offer comfort to us in our time and place, as we face life's challenges and sorrows.

Last week, the gospel recounted Jesus telling the disciples that he is the Good Shepherd, who knows his sheep by name, who cares for them and protects them, and whose love and care are so great that he lays down his life for his sheep. This image of the Good Shepherd and his sheep describes a relationship of steadfast love and care.

This week, Jesus describes his relationship to his followers differently, this time in terms of a vine and its branches. This image highlights the intimacy, interconnection, mutuality and reciprocity of the relationship of Jesus to us, of Jesus to the Father, and of Jesus and the Father to us, individually and as a community.

Jesus explains that he is the true vine, the Father is the vine grower, and we are the branches. The image reminds us that we, just like the vine and its branches, rely on each other in order to bear fruit.

But, most important of all, Jesus urges us: "Abide in me as I abide in you." To abide means to remain, to stay, to dwell, to make a home in, to endure, and to hold fast. This notion of 'abiding' is of utmost importance in John's Gospel. (Even in today's short reading this word, abide, occurs 8 times.)

Jesus is very clear: this abiding is essential and core to our relationship with him. It is this abiding in him and he in us that will result in great fruitfulness. The fruits will be life-giving fruits, internal as well as external, for us personally and for the community. They will be peace, freedom, justice, joy, and the flourishing of creation.

What then is the call and the challenge for us? It is to nurture our relationship with Jesus. This is the discipleship to which he calls us: it is abiding in him, keeping company with him, living in daily conversation with him. We are called to a life-long process of entering ever more deeply into this relationship with him, learning to abide in his love, and learning to love one another as God has loved us. It is learning to live like that every day!

And, in the process, we will gradually come to better see the world, ourselves, other people, and whatever situations we face with our hearts and minds attuned to his.

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This week in the Parish

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| Sunday 28 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass |
| Tuesday 30 | 5:30 pm - Mass 6:30 pm - First Holy Communion Parent Meeting |
| MAY | |
| Wednesday 1 | 5:30 PM - Mass |
| Thursday 2 | 8:15 am - Mass 11:00 am - Funeral prayers for Betty Foster |
| Friday 3 | 9:30 am - Legion of Mary Parish Meeting Centre 11:00 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12:00 pm - Mass |
| Saturday 4 | 9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass |
| Sunday 5 | SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Cuppa / Morning Tea |

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

RECONCILIATION
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.

**EXPOSITION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**
Friday 3 May
11 am - 11:50 am

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Betty Foster, Beryl Barlow, Donna Pearson,
Joan Drummond

ANNIVERSARIES:

Paul Hart

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

George Flack, 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 AND NEXT SUNDAY:

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year B

Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year B

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10;
Jn 15:9-17

READING ROSTER

4/5 May | Sixth Sunday of Easter | B

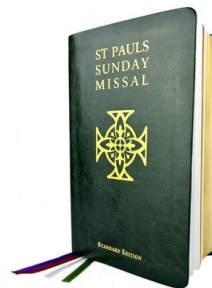
6pm - Tim Waugh

9am - Philomena Zambelli

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 4 May | Jana Lofts & Grace Severs

Sun 25 Feb | Charlotte Dowling & Sienna Alexander



SUNDAY MISSAL

We are about to place an order
for the latest Sunday Missal.
If you would like to order one,
talk to the parish staff at Mass or
in the Parish Office 66721118.

PARISH CUPPA

Please join us for a Cuppa | Morning tea
after 9am Mass next Sunday 5 May.

EVERYONE WELCOME!



ROSARY STATUE

28 Apr | Philomena Zambelli

5 May | Susan Kean 12 May | Evelyn Cook



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 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)



Save the Date – Working Bee

**Sunday 19 May from 10:30 am | Parish Meeting Centre
& Tennis Courts | Ewing Street**

Volunteers needed please to help tidy up the grounds and tennis courts areas.

A working bee is planned for the Parish Meeting Centre - morning tea and lunch will be provided - we need chain saws, whipper snippers, weed sprayer, utes (or a large truck) to take all the green waste to tip ... and people power (lots of people power) to have a massive clean-up over at the meeting centre! The last few months of humidity and rain etc have created a jungle!

A second working bee is also being planned for the residential units at 153 Murwillumbah St – helpers needed for this one too on a date yet to be decided.

If you are able to help at either working bee, please let the Parish team know and they'll pop your name on the volunteer list at the hospitality table in the church. If you can't help physically perhaps you could help by donating sandwiches or cakes/slices for morning tea and lunch.

Closed in shoes or work boots and sun safe workwear will be mandatory for those helping on the tools.



Thank you to our volunteers!

Volunteers in our parish donate countless hours to helping in various “silent” ways around the parish – filling holy water fonts, cleaning sacred vessels and brass in the church, pulling out weeds and picking up rubbish around the church, filling the odd pothole in the carpark, taking communion to those at home and in our nursing homes who are unable to join us at Mass, taking our Catholic faith into our public primary schools, being a part of prayer groups, helping with sacristan duties, donating flowers to decorate our church, helping with the Sunday cuppa, the list goes on - as well as the more public roles of acolytes, altar servers, musicians and singers, readers, eucharistic ministers, sacramental program helpers and children's liturgists. There are countless ways that you can volunteer to help in our Parish.

We are grateful for the wonderful way that each of you contributes to our Parish life. Your commitment of time and energy is very much appreciated.

Just recently some of our long-time volunteers have decided it's time to retire from their very special role of cleaning the sacred vessels – we guess when you hit 90 its fair to say that its ok to retire! We say a special thank you to Judith L, Kathy E and Pauline D who have devoted 13 years of Monday mornings to cleaning and polishing our sacred vessels.

Want to volunteer to help in some way around the Parish? Talk to the team in the Parish Office to find out different ways you might be involved.



**SAFEGUARDING
IN OUR PARISH**

Safeguarding in our parish is a community responsibility. If you believe someone is being harmed please speak to your priest or the Safeguarding Office (02) 6621 9444. There are procedures in place to guide how best to help victims - whether children or adults at risk.



THE MONTH OF MAY

In celebrating the annual cycle of Christ's mysteries, the Church honours with special love Mary, the Mother of God, who is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son.

The month of May includes several Marian Feasts and is a special time of honour and devotion to Mary.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 21)

R: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; My branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion Parent Meeting:

Tuesday 30 April 6.30pm | Sacred Heart Church

Parents of children eligible to make their First Holy Communion are expected to attend.

Welcome & Instruction 1 - Sat 4 & Sun 5 May

Instruction 2 - Sat 11 & Sun 12 May

Instruction 3 - Sat 18 & Sun 19 May

Instruction 4 - Sat 25 & Sun 26 May

Retreat Day - Friday 31 May | Parish Church

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday 1 June | 6pm Vigil

or Sunday 2 June | 9am

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.



THE YEAR OF PRAYER 2024 AND THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Pope Francis has announced the start of a Year of Prayer in preparation for the Church's Jubilee in 2025. Themed *Pilgrims of Hope*, the Jubilee will be "a year dedicated to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer in one's personal life, in the life of the Church, and in the world," he proclaimed in his Angelus address on Jan 21, opening the Year of Prayer for Catholics world wide.

"From now on I am happy to think that the year preceding the Jubilee event, 2024, will be dedicated to a great 'symphony' of prayer. First of all, to recover the desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and adore him" said Pope Francis.

Archbishop Rino Fisichella, the Dicastery's Pro-Prefect, explained the Year of Prayer "is a privileged time in which to rediscover the value of prayer and the need for daily prayer in our Christian life. From those who quickly make the Sign of the Cross to those who participate in the daily Eucharist, there is such a vast range of ways of praying that no one can fully describe them all; they can range from quick to distracted prayer to contemplative prayer to prayer filled with tears of pain."

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