

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR B | 21 April 2024

The good shepherd's promise

Today's readings highlight how knowing Christ can change people. The first reading shows how the Resurrection and the presence of the Holy Spirit transformed Peter. Now, he heals as Jesus did and preaches as Jesus preached.

In Peter, we see living proof of what is further explained in the second reading. Through faith in Christ, we come to participate in the relationship of love and communion that the Son has with the Father: "we are God's children now."

Knowing the Father in this way as children of God gives us access to a whole new way of living, and means being transformed into becoming more and more like him. We come to know and participate in God's way of being.

When Peter heals and preaches, he does so because Jesus lives in him, transforming Peter in his own likeness. Like Peter, we live as co-heirs, through Jesus, to the promises of God. What belongs to Jesus as the Son, namely his capacity to know the Father's heart and to do the Father's will, is also promised to us.

Becoming like God does not mean that we lose our individuality or freedom. Instead, we become more our true ourselves, each of us according to the grace and the gifts we have been given.

This is the life for which God created us: to be persons, different and diverse, each uniquely gifted, and, through love, bound together with Jesus, gathered together into one flock with one shepherd.

Like a good shepherd, Jesus has faced and overcome the mortal danger posed to his flock by the power of sin and death, against which they have no other escape. In laying down his life for his sheep, he proves that he is the true guardian, protector and carer of his flock, the Good Shepherd.

Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus claims power for himself and for all who love him over whatever impediments or difficulties befall us on our journey to the fullness of life and union with God. He assures us: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep . . . I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again." Jesus' power to take his life back up again is the power that restores us to new life and relationship with God.

Jesus opens up for humanity a whole new way of living. Whatever the hatreds, conflicts and divisions that arise between people, Jesus invites us into one fold, the flock of the Good Shepherd. He calls us to lives of faith, hope and love, under his protection and in relationship with him as the Good Shepherd.

There is no other power or god or ideology in the world that can promise this same hope for the human race that the Good Shepherd promises. Let us follow him.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 21	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B (Good Shepherd Sunday) 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass
Tuesday 23	5:30 PM - Mass
Wednesday 24	5:30 PM - Mass
Thursday 25	ANZAC DAY 9:00 am - Mass Parish Office Closed
Friday 26	9:30 am - Legion of Mary Parish Meeting Centre 12:00 pm - Mass
Saturday 27	9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 28	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Beryl Barlow (mother of Marie Donaghy),
Donna Pearson (daughter of Harry),
Joan Drummond

ANNIVERSARIES:

Bishop John Satterthwaite (4th Bishop of Lismore),
Monsignor Eugene Harley

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:

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year B

Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year B

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

READING ROSTER

27/28 Apr | Fifth Sunday of Easter | B

6pm - Denise Banner

9am - Mary-Ann Thackray

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Altar server roster will resume weekend 4/5 May

ROSARY STATUE

21 Apr | Narelle Gear

28 Apr | Philomena Zambelli 5 May | Susan Kean



We again **THANK Fr Wilber Tobe** who is looking
after our parish this weekend, while Fr Peter is away
celebrating a wedding.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion Parent Meeting:

Tuesday 30 April 6.30pm
in Sacred Heart Church

First Holy Communion

6pm Saturday 1 or 9am Sunday 2 June



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.

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 channel](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU) - 9:00 am -
[youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU)

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VISION STATEMENT

We are a Eucharistic community of faith, love and respect,
living the message of Jesus.

MISSION STATEMENT

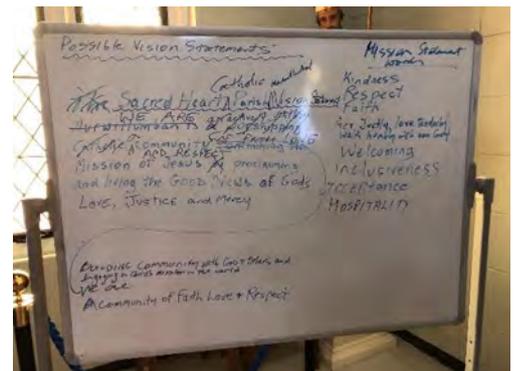
Guided by God's promise to be with us always,
we seek to be an evangelising, faith filled community
welcoming all through liturgy, prayer, faith formation and care for others.

Thank you to everyone for the effort that went into making the Vision & Mission workshop last Sunday a reality and for the preparation and thoughtfulness that fueled the discussion to build our new Vision and Mission Statements for our Parish.

Thank you to our Pastoral Council for their combined leadership in bringing us together to create a Vision and Mission that we can own and that is relevant for the world we live in right now! We appreciate your generosity of spirit and time.

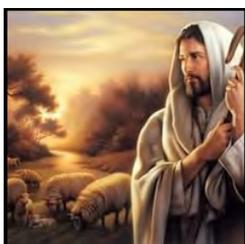
There is, of course, still work to be done on the plans and strategies that will enable us to live our shared Vision and Mission. Watch this space for future workshops on building our plans and strategies as we continue on our journey.

With gratitude | Fr Peter Wood



TODAY IS GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

"I will give you shepherds after my own heart" (Jer.3:15)



Occurring on the fourth Sunday in the Easter Season, Good Shepherd Sunday derives its name from the gospel reading (John 10:1-10) where Christ is described as the "Good Shepherd" who lays down his life for his sheep.

Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal is being held this weekend to assist in the education and formation of our future priests. The Church asks each of us to pray for, or to consider a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Each person in the community has a role to play in encouraging vocations – whether by prayer, encouragement or personal suggestion.

Envelopes are available for your contribution.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 117)

R: The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

ANZAC DAY

This day of commemoration goes beyond the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. It is the day we remember all Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts and peace keeping operations.

The spirit of ANZAC, with its human qualities of courage, mateship and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity.



Mass on Anzac Day will be celebrated at 9.00am in the Sacred Heart Church.

Parishioners are encouraged to remember and pray for all who lost their lives in the various wars in which Australia has been involved, those who are currently serving in the Defence Forces overseas and to pray for world peace.

ODE OF REMEMBRANCE

They went with songs to the battle

They were young, straight of limb,

True of eye, steady and aglow,

They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,

They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn,

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning

We will remember them.

Lest we forget.

*From the poem For The Fallen
Laurence Binyon (1869 - 1943)*



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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