

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

Convent Lane, Uki

PARISH STAFF

Administrator

Fr. Peter Wood

Parish Manager

Mary-Ann Thackray

Parish Secretary

Beth Gorton

Pastoral Associate

Barbara Grant

PARISH OFFICE

Monday to Friday 9.00am - 3.00pm

02 6672 1118

www.shpmurwillumbah.com.au

murwillumbah@lismore.catholic.org.au

PO Box 45

Murwillumbah NSW 2484

Queensland Road

Murwillumbah NSW 2484

PARISH SCHOOLS

Mt. St. Patrick College

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

Ph: 02 6672 2340

mshpcmbah@lism.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Mr. Gavin Dykes

Mt. St. Patrick Primary School

Mooball Street, Murwillumbah

Ph: 02 6672 1821

murp@lism.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Mr. Brendan Ryan

St. Joseph's Primary School

Greville Street, South Murwillumbah

Ph: 02 6672 1867

smurp@lism.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Mr. Jason Clarke

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

YEAR B | 7 April 2024

Communities of love and faith

L'Arche is an international federation of communities where people with and without an intellectual disability share life and build community together. *L'Arche*, a French word for 'the Ark', seeks to create homes rooted in the Christian gospel but open to all, where people live a simple life of work, care, prayer and celebration.

L'Arche was founded by Jean Vanier 60 years ago (August 1964), in the small northern French village of *Trosly-Breuil*. He welcomed two men with intellectual disabilities who were living nearby in a large institution. From these humble and simple beginnings, *L'Arche* has grown into more than 150 communities present in 37 countries.

In a world too often divided and broken, *L'Arche* communities seek to be a sign of reconciliation and welcome, hope and peace, openness and support. *L'Arche* communities recognise and respect the fundamental dignity of every human person, loved and cherished by God.

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles gives us a picture of how the first Christians lived in community. Firstly, the community was faithful to prayer and worship. The celebration of the Eucharist was at the heart of their life, uniting them in worship and service. Secondly, the community was a place of love, care and nurture. In an atmosphere of welcome and inclusion, people were able to grow, and respond to God's presence and action in their lives.

Thirdly, the community had a deep sense of sharing, especially with those who had little. There was no amassing of resources or property for exclusive personal use. The community lived simply and without extravagance.

A parish is a good example of a Christian community. Drawn together around the table of the Lord, people of every nation, culture and language gather to support and sustain each other in faith, hope and love. As one people we worship, pray, give thanks and partake in the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Nurtured and nourished, we are sent to bring Christ to the world and to live a life of service.

Within the life of a parish, other, smaller communities (groups) of witness, sharing and togetherness also exist. For example: liturgy and music, social justice, bereavement and hospitality, St Vincent de Paul Society, parish council and many others.

We're not created to be alone. We created to "be with" other people in a spirit of love and support, valuing the unique gifts of each person, striving together to deepen and strengthen our relationship with God and with the world. Thomas was absent from his community when Jesus came and stood among the disciples. He struggled with his doubt alone. Only when he rejoined his community and encountered the Risen Christ, was he able to make his profession of faith – "My Lord and my God!"

Today, let's celebrate our faith community as an essential part of our Christian life.

David J Hore CSsR © Magellan Media 2024

This week in the Parish

Sunday 7	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER Divine Mercy Sunday 9:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Cuppa after Mass 10:30 am - Baptism
Monday 8	The ANNUNCIATION of the LORD 9:30 am - Rosary & Prayers (see note below)
Tuesday 9	5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 10	5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 11	8:15 am - Mass
Friday 12	9:30 am - Legion of Mary Parish Meeting Centre 12:00 pm - Mass
Saturday 13	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 14	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B 9:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Parish Vision and Mission Statement meeting - Sacred Heart Church

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.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Joan Drummond, Deneille Wills, John Larkin, Jacinta Immisch, Richard Tartan, Dominic McCabe, Paul O'Connor, Patricia Walker

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Donna Pearson, 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 NEXT SUNDAY:

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year B
(Divine Mercy Sunday)**

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year B

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5; Lk 24:35-48

READING ROSTER

13/14 Apr | Third Sunday of Easter | B

6pm - Mike Brennan

9am - Jan Bruce

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Altar server roster will resume weekend 4/5 May

ROSARY STATUE

7 Apr | Trish Jandura

14 Apr | Lisa Dusi-Fox 21 Apr | Narelle Gear



PARISH CUPPA | MORNING TEA
Please join us for a cuppa/morning tea after
9am Mass this Sunday 7 April.
EVERYONE WELCOME!



BAPTISM:
Please welcome
Peyton Daisy Mitchell
to our faith community.

ROSARY & PRAYERS for God's Precious Infants
and the Unborn Child - Monday 8 April - 9:30 am -
Sacred Heart Church.

Pregnancy Help Line: 1300 139 313

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia
- John 20:27

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)

SUNDAY 14 APRIL FOLLOWING 9.00 AM MASS

Father Peter and the Parish Pastoral Council invites all Parishioners to attend a workshop to provide input into writing a Sacred Heart Parish Vision and Mission Statement.

The **Vision** Statement focuses on where we are going as a parish community. What is our purpose? What is our goal?

The **Mission** Statement will express how our church will work towards meeting our Vision Statement.

All parishioners' input is important in preparing these statements so we look forward to seeing you on the 14th April.

Legion of Mary

invites you to

THE ANNUAL ACIES CEREMONY

Sunday 14 April

8:30 am Rosary & Legion Prayers

9am Mass

St Joseph's Church Tweed Heads

Contact Lesley Dowling 0419 143 117

ALL WARMLY WELCOME



CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

April morning tea

Wed 17 April | 10:00 am | M'bah Services Club

Enquiries: Alex Lever 0458 817 021

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

Mt St Patrick Primary School

OPEN DAY

WEDNESDAY 10th APRIL 2024



ENROLLING NOW FOR 2025 – KINDERGARTEN

Tours of the school and Kindergarten classrooms available
9:00am – 1pm

Administration Contact: 02 6672 1821
30 Mooball St, Murwillumbah NSW 2484
Email: smurp@lism.catholic.edu.au



TODAY IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter (within the Easter Octave).

It is a devotion based on revelations to Saint Faustina Kowalska including promises of grace related to devotion to Divine Mercy.

This day celebrates the richness, meaning, participation in and application of God's mercy for us.

This day we cry out with St. Thomas "My Lord and My God" (John 20:28).

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Legion of Mary will lead the Divine Mercy Chaplet this Sunday, after the 9am Mass.

THANK YOU

from all at Caritas Australia!

Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2024. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit caritas.org.au/project-compassion and donate online.

Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty.

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

St Joseph's Primary School
South Murwillumbah



Nestled in the shadows of Wollumbin, St. Joseph's has beautiful places to learn, play and grow. We are a vibrant school community, walking with children and their families in faith, learning and love.

St. Joseph's is a small, one-stream school where our teachers work together for the success and growth of every child. At our school, every child is known. We take a holistic approach to educating children, nurturing their wellbeing and faith development.

**ENROL NOW FOR 2025
Kindergarten and Years 1-6**

3 Greville St, South Murwillumbah, 02 6672 1867
smurp@lism.catholic.edu.au
www.smurplism.catholic.edu.au
www.facebook.com/smurp2484



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 117)

R: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe.

Alleluia!

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

At its meeting on Thursday 14.3.24 the Parish Pastoral Council considered the following anonymous request which had been placed in the Messages Box in Sacred Heart Church.

"I am writing on behalf of someone I know who finds sitting in the pews at Saturday Vigil Mass on hot summer nights uncomfortable and stifling. Would it be possible or even consider to have the pews spread out so there is more space so as to not be sitting so close to other people and getting "body heat" from other parishioners? Thank you."

Whilst sympathising with those who perhaps feel the heat more than others, and acknowledging it has been a very hot summer, it was agreed it was not practical to consider spreading pews out given the confines of space, lack of storage and labour to move them, and the need for all pews to be used during large funerals and school Masses.

It was recommended anyone especially feeling the heat consider the following:

- ◆ Sitting in one of the areas of the church which receive better ventilation than others, in particular towards the back of the church where the two open side back doors draw in ventilation; or on the side aisles near open windows - the eastern side is away from the afternoon sun.
- ◆ Usually fewer people sit in the front section of the church, so it is possible to spread out more there;
- ◆ Try to locate themselves near one of the many fans, which have been directed downwards to gain maximum oscillation and coverage but which are probably most effective on the end of the pew closest to them.

Thank you for raising this matter. Hopefully these ideas will help.

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.

INVEST WITH PEACE OF MIND

www.dif.org.au Phone 1800 802 516 Paying 4.15%

Agents: ALG/Egan Simpson Solicitors, 15 Prince Street, Murwillumbah.





You are invited... to contribute your thoughts and ideas

Sunday 14 April 2024 in the Sacred Heart Church
from 10 am for approximately 2 hours

Father Peter and the Parish Pastoral Council invite all Parishioners
to attend a workshop to provide input into formulating a

Sacred Heart Parish Vision and Mission Statement

The Vision Statement focuses on where we are going as a parish community.

What is our purpose?

What is our goal?

The Mission Statement will express how our church will work towards meeting our Vision Statement.

Your input is important in preparing these statements for our Parish
so we look forward to seeing you at 10 am on Sunday 14 April

“Authentic mission is always about going somewhere, not just about what we ought to be doing. Think of it this way: Our Christian life is meant to be a journey. To use a metaphor: We disciples of Jesus are all on the ‘bus’. The Mission Statement (fostering the presence of Christ; growing disciples for the Lord Jesus) is the bus we are on. The Vision Statement is the SIGN on the bus, telling us where we are going.” From St Joseph’s Catholic Church, Mechanicsburg PA

