

# 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

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## PARISH STAFF

### Administrator

Fr. Peter Wood

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Mary-Ann Thackray

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Beth Gorton

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## PENTECOST SUNDAY

YEAR B | 19 May 2024

### God is always working through us

At the centre of Christian faith is the great paradox: there is only ONE God; yet God is THREE [Father, Son and Spirit"]. We know this because of the witness of Jesus' own life and the gift of the Holy Spirit that Jesus' promises his disciples.

Pentecost is the celebration of that promise when the disciples, "filled with the Holy Spirit", have their lives upturned, transforming them into evangelists and missionaries. This is the day the Church begins its missionary outreach to proclaim the "marvels of God" to all the world.

In Acts of the Apostles, Luke strains to explain this experience of the Holy Spirit in words. Rather, he gives us images of a mighty wind, tongues of fire, and disciples speaking in multiple languages! However else we imagine this it is, in the words of a 5th century Syrian monk Pseudo-Dionysius, a mystical experience. This same monk gives us the image of the trinitarian "dancing God" of dynamic light, dazzling darkness, gift, excess, silence and transcendence bringing humanity and creation into being to display the divine glory.

We cannot speak of the Holy Spirit as independent of Father and Son; nor should we speak of any 'person' of the Trinity in isolation. A 12<sup>th</sup> century monk, Richard of St Victor, speaks of the triune God as a loving wave originating in the Father, ebbing and flowing in the Son, then spread with joy through the Holy Spirit. Richard's teacher and fellow-monk, Hugh of St Victor, speaks of the "three eyes of knowing": bodily sensation; rational thought; spiritual awakening. It is this third form of knowing – whether we call it mystical awareness or spiritual awakening – that is the gift of the Spirit.

Too often our culture dismisses the "spirit world" as a place of magic and sorcery. This is a danger if we isolate spiritual knowledge and mystical awareness from the loving embrace of Father, Son and Spirit. Our Christian vocation is to be "Spirit-filled" people who rely not on our own resources but on the power of the living God in our midst to transform the world. The Spirit brings insight, compassion, comfort and joy to our lives, not by turning our backs on suffering and evil, but through the celebration of the liberating presence and revolutionary promises of God to redeem the world.

Pentecost reminds us the Church exists to herald and proclaim the Gospel to the world. Our primary concern must always be with outsiders, people who have not yet come to know the presence of Christ nor the gift of the Spirit.

To appreciate this gift of faith is to be a mystic – and to live this faith is to be missionary. Pentecost was not a one-off event. Rather, Pentecost is the ongoing experience of the movement of the Holy Spirit in our world calling us to the ever-deepening, always surprising, realisation that God is with us, God is in us, and God works through us. And so, we pray: "Come Holy Spirit".

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# This week in the Parish

Sunday 19	<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR B</b> 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptism 10:30 am - Working Bee at Parish Meeting Centre
Monday 20	<b>The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</b>
Tuesday 21	5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 22	5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 23	8:15 am - Mass
Friday 24	<b>OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS</b> 9:30 am - Legion of Mary   Parish Meeting Centre 12 noon - Mass
Saturday 25	9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 26	<b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY - YEAR B</b> 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptism

**PRIVATE PRAYER**  
from 4:30 pm before  
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:

Wendy Bolden, Violet Albury, Pippa Brown, Ray Hall,  
Trish Hufton, Fabian Okeke, Betty Foster

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Bishop Patrick Farrell (*Third Bishop of Lismore*),  
Bernadette Kelly

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Patrick Fox, George Flack, Joan Kean, Margaret Traves,  
John Lee, 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:

#### PENTECOST SUNDAY - Year B

Acts 2:1-11; Gal 5:16-25; Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

#### TRINITY SUNDAY - Year B

Deut 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

### READING ROSTER

#### 25/26 May | Trinity Sunday | B

6pm - Lisa Dusi-Fox

9am - Jan Bruce

### ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 25 May | Isla Chapman & Yasmin van Rossi

Sun 26 May | Bonnie Lindsay & Nate Linkins

### ROSARY STATUE

19 May | Jenny Wallace

26 May | Faith Buchanan 2 June | Pauline Weber



## BAPTISM:

Please welcome  
**Millie Anne McLean**  
to our faith community.

### COELIAC HOSTS

Coeliac hosts are available for those with coeliac  
disease and gluten intolerance.

Please advise the hospitality team **BEFORE** Mass if you  
require a coeliac host.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Retreat Day - Friday 31 May | 9:20 am - 2:30 pm

Sacred Heart Church

**Saturday 1 June | 6pm Vigil**

**or Sunday 2 June | 9am**

## 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)

## FEAST OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PATRONESS OF AUSTRALIA | FRIDAY 24 MAY



In the early days of the colony when there were no priests, the faithful prayed the rosary and kept the faith alive.

Australia was the first nation to choose Our Lady as patroness under her title as Help of Christians.

On her feast day on Friday we will pray the rosary before the 12 o'clock Mass.



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
*good works*

Anyone interested in learning more about serving Christ in the poor through becoming a member of the Mary MacKillop Conference of St Vincent de Paul is invited to contact Denise 0409 243 147, or write their name and phone number on the sheet available on the table near the church entrance. Thanks.

## ORGAN RECITAL

### Christopher Trikilis

Christopher Trikilis is Director of Music at St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane and is one of Australia's leading organist and church musicians.

### ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH

**2:30 PM SUNDAY 9 JUNE**

Entry: \$20/\$15/\$10 (students)

Tickets at the door or

book online: [TryBooking.com/CQVEO](http://TryBooking.com/CQVEO)

His program includes European masters - Bach, Mendelssohn and Dubois, as well as contemporary Australian organist/composer, Wes Jordan.

## COOLAMON SINGERS CONCERT SERIES 1

### ROSSINI's *PETITE MESSE SOLENNELLE*

Rossini's extraordinarily beautiful *Petite Messe Solennelle* (small solemn mass) will be presented by the **Coolamon Singers** with star soloists **Gaynor Morgan, Morgan Rosati, Geoffrey Webb and Patrick Donnelly**, pianist **Ayesha Gough** and directed by the highly accomplished Italian-Australian conductor **Marco Bellasi**.

### ROSSINI Performances

**2:30pm Sat 15 June 2024 - St Augustine's Church, COOLANGATTA**

**2:30pm Sat 22 June 2024 - Burleigh Village Uniting Church, BURLEIGH HEADS**

**2:30pm Sat 29 June 2024 - St Peter's Anglican Church, SOUTHPORT**

**TICKETS - Book Online:** go to [coolamonsingers.org](http://coolamonsingers.org) or [Stickytickets.com.au](http://Stickytickets.com.au) or pay **Cash at the Door**

Adults: \$27 | Concession Card Holders: \$22 | Groups of 5: \$24 per ticket | Groups of 10: \$22 per ticket

## Possible Bible Study Group.

For some time the Parish Pastoral Council has been considering whether to commence a Bible Study Group, and wishes to ascertain how many parishioners may be interested in joining if one were held in the Parish. There is a form available near the church entrance for parishioners to indicate their interest - please fill in name and other details, including whether you would prefer a day or evening group, and this will help in the decision-making process. Thank you.



## 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.

## Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

The feast of Pentecost celebrates the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples and energising them to set about their mission of continuing the ministry of Jesus. The gospel reading is one of the post-resurrection appearances by Jesus when he breathed the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. The actual events of that first Pentecost are recorded in the book of Acts and are recalled in this week's first reading. The use of this post-resurrection gospel account is a reminder that Jesus had already imbued the disciples with the Spirit but, as so often throughout his ministry, they were a bit slow to catch on to the significance of what he had done.

It seems that they needed a more tangible experience to jolt them into action and Acts records the very physical experience of the Spirit entering their midst as a roaring wind before settling upon them as tongues of flame. Jesus had breathed the Spirit upon them but it took the roaring wind to make a real impression on the disciples. There are frequent references in the gospels to Jesus being 'filled with the Spirit'. It is this Spirit with which he was filled that he breathed upon his disciples; it is that same Spirit that we receive sacramentally in Confirmation. For the weeks following the death of Jesus the disciples had lived in fear and confusion, not fully understanding what had happened and not really knowing what to do. When they realised that the Spirit Jesus had breathed upon them was really present and urging them to action they finally had the courage to begin the mission that Jesus had entrusted to them: to spread the Good News of Jesus and continue to realise his message in the world.







## PENTECOST

### PENTECOST SUNDAY

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (103)

**R: Lord, send out your spirit and renew the face of the earth.**

#### SEQUENCE:

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,  
From the clear celestial height  
Thy pure beaming radiance give.  
Come, thou Father of the poor,  
Come with treasures which endure;  
Come thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,  
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,  
Dost refreshing peace bestow;  
Thou in toil art comfort sweet;  
Pleasant coolness in the heat;  
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,  
Visit thou these hearts of thine,  
And our inmost being fill:  
If thou take thy grace away,  
Nothing pure in man will stay;  
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew.  
On our dryness pour thy dew;  
Wash the stains of guilt away:  
Bend the stubborn heart and will;  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;  
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore  
Thee confess and thee adore,  
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:  
Give us comfort when we die;  
Give us life with thee on high;  
Give us joys that never end.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.**

**Alleluia!**

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit  
and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

*Acts 2:4, 11*

### 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](http://www.dif.org.au) Phone 1800 802 516 Paying 4.15%

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

# Election of new Parish Pastoral Council members

Having been in their roles since 2019, members of the Parish Pastoral Council believe that it is time to retire and be replaced with new members with fresh energy and ideas.

Parishioners are asked to recommend members of our parish community they consider would contribute, on behalf of all parishioners, to the ongoing life and development of the parish; you may also like to nominate yourself.

It is not necessary to consult with the person/persons you are recommending as this will form part of the process once the nominations close.

The nomination form is included below with this week's Parish Bulletin; additional forms are also available at the back of the church.

Please place the completed form in the Recommendations Box at the back of the church or deliver in a sealed envelope marked PPC Nomination to the Parish Administration Centre.

**Nominations close at 10.00 am on Sunday 9 June 2024.**



## Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council Nomination | Recommendation Form 2024



I wish to self-nominate / recommend a member of our parish community as a candidate for the Parish Pastoral Council:

Nominee Name:	
Phone &/or Email:	
I consider this person would bring to the Parish Pastoral Council the following qualities, talents and experience:	

Recommended by:	
Phone &/or Email:	

This form can be returned by  
- placing it in the Recommendations Box at the church entrance; or  
- at the Parish Administration Centre in a sealed envelope  
The CLOSING DATE for nominations is 10:00 am Sunday 9 June 2024

- Office Use Only -			
Nominee contacted	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	By:	Date:
Nomination accepted	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Notes:			