

# 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

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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR B | 5 May 2024

### The offer of God's friendship

Parents often offer these words of encouragement and support to their children when they have to move to a new place or to a new school, "It will be alright; you will make new friends."

It can be difficult not only for children but for anyone to leave old friendships behind and to seek new friends. It reinforces the importance that we place on strong relationships, and the common bonds that develop through important milestones and junctures of our lives.

Many people enjoy friendships that start in primary school that last through university, careers, relationships, children and grandchildren. Lifelong friendships can be some of the most cherished and important things in our lives. Priceless treasures.

In today's gospel, Jesus offers us God's friendship. "I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you." With these words, Jesus reveals God's desire to have a different type of relationship with us. A relationship that is based on a deep, true and personal friendship.

This relationship is about God being with us in the very ordinariness of our lives. In the marketplace, at the coffee shop, the park, the beach and, more importantly, in our homes. It is because in these locations that we normally catch up with our friends to share our thoughts and desires, God wants to have that kind of relationship with us too in these places.

God wants to establish a relationship that moves beyond worship and one that enters into deep, heartfelt and very real conversations. To move beyond sterile prayer halls and into the sometimes messiness and grey areas of our very human condition. Importantly, we should understand that in God wanting to be friends with us, there is a deep acceptance and understanding of our flawed person. A safe place where we can bare all with no fear of condemnation. A place where God is listening and accepting.

St Alphonsus, the founder of the Redemptorists wrote extensively on this wonderful idea of God as a friend and these writings have been compiled into a book titled, *Praying to God as a Friend*. Despite the gospels revealing this more than 2000 years ago and St Alphonsus writing about this over 300 years ago, the notion of God as a friend is still a relatively novel idea today. But it's there, right in front of us in today's gospel.

God's friendship is waiting. It is truly priceless treasure that is freely offered and freely given. It is up to us to respond positively.

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# This week in the Parish

Sunday 5	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B</b> 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Cuppa / Morning Tea
Monday 6	9:30 am - Rosary & Prayers (see note below)
Tuesday 7	5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 8	5:30 PM - Mass
Thursday 9	8:15 am - Mass
Friday 10	9:30 am - Legion of Mary   Parish Meeting Centre 12:00 pm - Mass
Saturday 11	9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 12	<b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YEAR B</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:

Fabian Okeke (Nigeria - father of Fr Anselm), Betty Foster, Beryl Barlow, Donna Pearson

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Bishop John Carroll (Second Bishop of Lismore), Fr Keith Teefey CSsR, Eric Lever

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Patrick Fox, 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:

#### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year B

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

#### The ASCENSION of the LORD - Year B

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20

### READING ROSTER

#### 11/12 May | The Ascension of the Lord | B

6pm - Louis Staunton

9am - Bernard Nolan

### ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 11 May | Rafe & Brock McAndrew

Sun 12 May | Bonnie Lindsay & Nate Linkins

### ROSARY STATUE

5 May | Susan Kean

12 May | Evelyn Cook 19 May | Jenny Wallace



## PARISH CUPPA

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

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**



**ROSARY & PRAYERS** for God's Precious Infants  
and the Unborn Child - Monday 6 May - 9:30 am  
- Sacred Heart Church.

Pregnancy Help Line: 1300 139 313

## CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

May morning tea

Wed 15 May | 10:00 am | Mbah Services Club

Enquiries: Alex Lever 0458 817 021

**ALL MEN ARE WELCOME**

Lismore Diocesan Renewal Journey update is in the  
bulletin today | the reverse side of the hymn sheet

## 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.*



## ADULT ONLINE FAITH FORMATION

The *Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF)* at the University of Dayton, Ohio, offers over 100 online courses in adult faith formation. These courses are usually five weeks, with a commitment to spend around 5 hours per week reading and submitting responses/reflections. (There are no exams!) The cost is very reasonable, and further subsidies are provided because of the partnership with the Lismore Diocese. The price per course is \$US50.

Registrations for Cycle 4 Courses are now open. Close on May 22. (Courses begin May 27.)

If anyone is interested in pursuing any of the listed courses, don't hesitate to contact Tony Worner at [VLCFF.LismoreDiocese@stagnesparish.org.au](mailto:VLCFF.LismoreDiocese@stagnesparish.org.au) or 0436941280.

## 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.



## ROSARY IN THE PARK

Come and pray for our beautiful country, Australia.

**Saturday 11th May  
Budd Park at 10am**

refreshments to follow

**ALL WELCOME!**



### The Catholic Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office

the Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office can be contactable if you have any Safeguarding concerns. We will listen to you respectfully; offer support and discuss options you have available to you. Contact the Safeguarding Office - Phone: **(02) 6621 9444** or Email: [safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au)



## Pope's Mission Intention for May ...

### For the formation of religious and seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 97)

**R: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them  
and we will come to them.**

**Alleluia!**

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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**

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES...

This weekend we welcome our First Holy Communion candidates, as they begin their instruction for Holy Communion. This will take place over the next four weeks and First Holy Communion will be celebrated at 6pm Mass on Saturday 1 June and 9am Mass on Sunday 2 June.

### COMMUNION

A reminder to those who are kneeling and/or receiving *Communion* on the tongue to please wait until the end of the Communion line.

If you are unable to walk to/or have difficulty walking up the aisle for communion at Sunday Mass, please: stand, or raise your hand and sit at end of the pew, or in the chairs, and an Extra-Ordinary Minister of Communion will come to you.

### 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.



**SUNDAY MISSAL | LAST CHANCE**  
Orders are being placed this week 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.

### INVEST WITH PEACE OF MIND

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DIOCESE OF  
**LISMORE**

# Lismore Diocesan Renewal Journey

## APRIL 2024 - Renewal Journey Update

**Throughout April members of the five major teams commissioned by Bishop Greg as part of the Diocesan Renewal Journey have been meeting regularly.**

The teams are working on the key issues that emerged as a result of the consultation process throughout the Diocese:

- Renewal of the Diocesan youth ministry
- Development of a model for a pastoral council for the Diocese
- Exploring inter-parish collaboration
- Preparation of lay-led liturgy resources, protocols, and processes for parishes
- Design of protocols and processes for clergy induction into and within the Diocese.

Committee members, drawn from throughout the Diocese, represent all sectors of the Diocese including the clergy, parishioners and school and health care professionals.

### **Inter Parish Collaboration**

Inter parish collaboration calls parishes to look beyond their boundary and engage with two or three neighbouring parishes to work together on possible common initiatives and become a source of encouragement for each other.

Led by Trevor Cooper of Sawtell Parish, the Team exploring inter-parish collaboration has been working on the project scope, incentives and barriers to participation and the process.

Members of the Team include Geoff Melville, the Assistant Principal, Mission at St Paul's College, Kempsey, Christine Wightley, Chairperson of the Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council, Murwillumbah, Fr Roland Agrisola, Assistant Priest of Port Macquarie, Jerome Fernandez from Coffs Harbour parish, Kerri Olson from Kingscliff parish and Ann Pereira from Wauchope parish.

The Team is currently putting together presentations on: the Biblical and Theological Basis for Parish Collaboration; the Business Basis; Cultural Change required; and developing a Process for Discernment of Delegates. These will form part of a formation process for parishes that seek to participate that will be conducted by the Project Team. A letter introducing the Project is being sent to all Parish Priests, Pastoral Councils and Parish Finance Committees seeking to secure their in-principle support.

### **Renewal Journey Website - mid May launch**

In mid-May we will be launching a Renewal section on the Lismore Diocese website where you can journey with us as we work together to shape an exciting new future for the Diocese:

[www.lismorediocese.org/renewal](http://www.lismorediocese.org/renewal)

If you would like to enquire about the work of these groups or provide input or feedback, please email [renewal@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:renewal@lismore.catholic.org.au)

*Any Church community, if it thinks it can comfortably go its own way without creative concern and effective cooperation in helping the poor to live with dignity and reaching out to everyone, will also risk breaking down, however much it may talk about social issues or criticize governments.*

*(Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel) 2013, [207])*

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