

# 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

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## PARISH STAFF

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17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR B - 28 JULY 2024

## The victorious cross

St Jerome said: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." On the back cover of my Bible, this famous line is printed beneath an image of the fourth-century hermit-saint in his study. Scriptures in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin are open on desks behind him. He seems to be taking a break from his translation project to pull the thorn out of the lion's paw.

One thing Jerome meant is that understanding the New Testament requires deep familiarity with the Old Testament, the original Scriptures. The New is *contextualized* by the Old. The Evangelists wrote in such a way as to *embed* the story of Jesus in the biblical horizon. We could therefore elaborate on Jerome's words and say: Ignorance of the Old Testament makes the New Testament opaque.

The story of Christ's feeding of the five thousand is an example of Jerome's principle. Having John 6 set beside the story of Elisha's miraculous feeding from 2 Kings 4 is useful. We can see that the gospel author emphasises parallels between Jesus and Elisha. Barley loaves are used in both miracles; incredulous disciples in both stories are commanded to feed the people; and there are plenty of leftovers in each.

The first part of Elisha's wider story chronicles seven key miracles; and John organises the first part of his story of Jesus with seven miraculous "signs." Elisha and Jesus both cure the blind, heal lepers, and raise the dead. Both are betrayed by the love of money. Even their names are similar in Hebrew: Elisha means "God is salvation," and Jesus means "Yahweh is salvation."

When you see the similarities, the differences between the stories become more important: Elisha feeds one hundred with food enough for twenty; Jesus feeds five thousand with a lot less. Elisha feeds with bread; Jesus feeds with bread and fish; Elisha's story says "there was some left over;" Jesus' story says there were "twelve basketfuls" in excess, an incredible amount of abundance from out of such a small beginning. And the people fed by Jesus realise how much more he is than a miracle working prophet: he is "the Prophet," they exclaim, the savior-king whom Moses told them to wait for. They even try to make him king by force.

Elisha's prophetic role was to hold unfaithful kings of Israel accountable to God for their abject failure in administering justice and steering God's people away from idolatry. Elisha apparently failed: the story shows Israel falling into greater and greater apostasy that culminates in national disaster. Yet the suffering of Israel becomes the seedbed of their salvation.

The gospel story intensifies the role of the miracle-working prophet, Jesus, to the point of something truly new: the prophet is himself the expected king, and yet his kingship is unexpected. John portrays Jesus' elevation on the cross as his enthronement! An apparent failure that is actually victory. Jesus embodies the story of Israel and transforms it.

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# This week in the Parish

Sunday 28	<b>17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B</b> <b>FOURTH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY</b> 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass
Tuesday 30	<b>Parish Office Closed</b> 5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 31	<b>Parish Office Closed</b> 10:30 am - Requiem Mass for Val Spears
<b>AUGUST</b>	
Thursday 1	11:00 am - Requiem Mass for Barry Charman
Friday 2	9:30 am - Legion of Mary   Parish Meeting Centre 11:00 am - Requiem Mass for Cecilia Buchanan <i>No Exposition this Friday</i>
Saturday 3	9:00 am - Rosary <b>4:30 PM - ROSARY</b> <b>5:00 PM - VIGIL MASS - Please note: change of time</b>
Sunday 4	<b>18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B</b> 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Parish Cuppa   Morning Tea

<b>PRIVATE PRAYER</b> from 4:30 pm before Tuesday & Wednesday 5:30 pm Mass
<b>RECONCILIATION</b> Saturday: 4.30 pm - 4.50 pm Sunday: 8.30 am - 8.50 am
<b>ROSARY</b> The Rosary is prayed on Saturday morning at 9:00 am. As well as half an hour before each weekend Mass.
<b>WEDNESDAY WORD</b> Copies of Wednesday Word, with this weekend's readings, are available in the Church.
<b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b> Each Friday 11 am - 11:45 am

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Cecilia Buchanan, Fr John Kelly, Val Spears, Peter George McDonald, Barry Charman, Nancy Stevenson (nee Banner)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Vince Kean, Mickey McGarry, Andrew Quan

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Sr Francis-Claire, Ben Martin, Baby Levi Courtney, Pam Willock, 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:

**17TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME - Year B**

2 Kg 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

**18TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME - Year B**

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

### READING ROSTER

**3/4 August | 18th Sunday in Ord Time | B**

**5pm** - Barbara Grant

**9am** - Mary-Ann Thackray

### ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 3 August | Jana Lofts & Grace Severs

Sun 4 August | Charlotte Dowling & Sienna Alexander

### ROSARY STATUE

28 July | Philomena Zambelli 4 Aug | Susan Kean

11 August | Evelyn Cook



## Parish Office closures...

The Parish Office will be closed  
Tuesday 30 July & Wednesday 31 July

## CONSECRATION OF HOMES TO SACRED HEART



Would you like to request your home to be Consecrated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus? Please phone the Parish Office (6672 1118) to book in, and to arrange a time.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.  
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.

- Matthew 5:7-8

## 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)

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

### Confirmation Parent Meeting

Tuesday 6 August - 6.30pm

Sacred Heart Church

*Baptised children in Year 3 or older are eligible to make their Confirmation. Parents who have children making their Confirmation this year will need to attend this meeting.*

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Tuesday 3 September - Sacred Heart Church

### CCD Coordinator - Diocese of Lismore

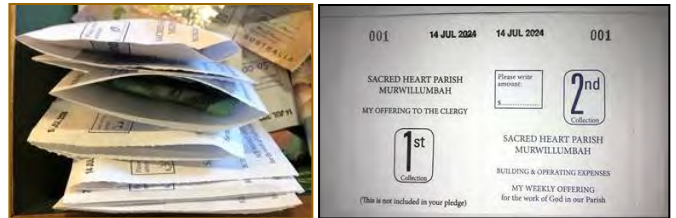
Reporting to the Bishop of the Diocese of Lismore, the Coordinator of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD)/SRE Coordinator is responsible for ensuring the compliance of the Diocese of Lismore as an Authorised Provider in relation to Catechists teaching in NSW Public Schools.

The Coordinator implements Child Protection training, classroom management, curriculum and training courses, manages authorisation and verification of Working with Children Checks. You will have the option of working anywhere in the Diocese. If you would like more information or would like to submit your resume, email [jobs@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:jobs@lismore.catholic.org.au). Applications close Sunday 4 August 2024.

## CONGRATULATIONS

to Fr Peter Wood who is celebrating the 14th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood this Tuesday 30 July.

### FAULTY PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES



It has come to our attention that some of the new sets of planned giving envelopes are faulty and that when the envelopes are torn in half for placing on the separate collection plates that the perforation between the two envelopes is open.

To ensure that your donations stay in their respective portion of the envelope we suggest that you leave the whole envelope (first and second) intact and we will separate the two sides when we open the envelopes for counting.

### “Do not cast me off in old age” – Psalm 71:9

This Sunday 28 July, Catholics around the world are invited to take time to reflect on the great heritage and wisdom passed on by their grandparents and the elderly.

In preparation for the 4th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life released the theme for the 2024 iteration. The Pope has chosen the theme:

#### “Do not cast me off in my old age”

According to a press release from the Dicastery, it is meant “to call attention to the fact that, sadly, loneliness is the bitter lot in life of many elderly persons, so often the victims of the throw-away culture.”

In his message, Pope Francis will draw on the verse from Psalm 71 that depicts the plea of an elderly person who reflects on the story of their friendship with God.

“By cherishing the charisms of grandparents and the elderly, and the contribution they make to the life of the Church, the World Day seeks to support the efforts of every ecclesial community to forge bonds between the generations and to combat loneliness, in the awareness that – as Scripture states – “It is not good for man to be alone” (Gen 2:18),” according to the press release.



World Day  
for Grandparents  
and the Elderly  
2024



In Mongolia, vulnerable people requiring social services often face stigma for using them. Those in need are often impacted by domestic violence or homelessness. Unfortunately, support services are limited in number and the demand for them is growing.

**This means some of our brothers and sisters in Mongolia are going without the help they need.**

This month, we invite you to support the Church in Mongolia on their journey to provide more support for vulnerable people in need. Your kindness will ensure that more of our brothers and sisters can receive the assistance they need to get back on their feet.



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[catholicmission.org.au/mongolia](http://catholicmission.org.au/mongolia)





**17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B  
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (144)**

**R: The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers  
all our needs.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**A great prophet has appeared among us;  
God has visited his people.**

**Alleluia!**

**PRAYER CHAPEL...**

A new digital lock has been installed on the Prayer Chapel.

If you would like a code to enable access to the Chapel, please contact the Parish Office during business hours and a code will be issued to you.

For security reasons and your own personal safety we ask that the Prayer Chapel is only accessed during daylight hours.

Entry to the Prayer Chapel is at your own risk.

**As you leave the Prayer Chapel, please ensure that the door is locked & the lights are turned off.**

**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)



**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  
(NICENE CREED)**

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
*(All bow during these two lines)*

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the  
Virgin Mary,  
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored  
and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come.

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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