

# 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

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**18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**YEAR B - 4 AUGUST 2024**

## Being truly thankful

Complaining about life's woes is a fairly common human experience. We find it in today's Exodus account of the Israelites wandering in the desert. Although they had been freed from slavery, they now find themselves in search of food and bitterly complaining of their situation to Moses and Aaron. Yet, we also know how the story ends: the Lord sends them heavenly bread, but only after they have been tested to learn the lesson that God does not abandon the chosen people.

"What have you that you have not received?" asks Paul in a letter to the complaining Corinthians.

We know we live in a world where so many have legitimate grounds for complaint: people without jobs, housing, education, medical necessities, drinkable water or adequate food. There are some Australians who live in urban and outback places who go without basic human needs.

Yet, most of us enjoy more than adequate 'things' to live by. Probably, though, we simply accept these 'gifts of life' without too much thought about the blessings we have received. Often it is those of us who have most who are the least aware of our need to be thankful. Everything we have, including life itself, says Paul, is a precious gift of our Creator.

In today's letter to the Ephesians, Paul asks us up front: are we still corrupted by illusions? Are our lives taken up with false desires – power, success, money, prestige – to the point that we Christians live an aimless kind of existence and have learnt nothing from Christ? No, says Paul, this is not good enough. Rather, we must undergo a "spiritual revolution" and "put on the mind of Christ" to learn that God's abundant blessings are everywhere about us.

After feeding of the 5,000, Jesus leads his disciples to spiritual awakening. He tells them they need to think beyond material things and "work for food that lasts forever". Most of the disciples remain dumbfounded and ask Jesus for (another) sign. After all, they say, did not Moses give a sign by providing "manna in the desert"?

Jesus rebukes this kind of thinking, reminding them it was not Moses but God who gives "bread from heaven". Jesus then confronts them with his astounding claim: he is the true "bread of life"; and those who come to him will never be hungry.

As disciples, we are called to reassess our lives in light of Jesus' invitation to enter into living relationship with him. He is the "bread of life" we share in the Eucharist and other sacraments, the one we seek in prayer, the one we find in those most neglected, forgotten and in need.

If we stay centred on ourselves and our own little worlds, we will find many things that cause pain and sorrow. If we focus on the ills of the wider world, we will have even more reason for despondency, even despair. Rather, let us become spiritually alive to God's abundant generosity that is freely given. Let us become Christ for others.

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# This week in the Parish

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
Monday 5	9:30 am - Rosary & Prayers (see note below)
Tuesday 6	<b>The Transfiguration of the Lord</b> 5:30 pm - Mass <b>6:30 pm - Confirmation Parent Meeting</b>
Wednesday 7	5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 8	<b>St MARY OF THE CROSS</b> <b>8:00 am - Mass— Please note: change of time</b> 10:30 am - Funeral Prayers—Peter George McDonald
Friday 9	9:30 am - Legion of Mary   Parish Meeting Centre 11:00 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12 noon - Mass
Saturday 10	9:00 am - Rosary <b>4:30 PM - ROSARY</b> <b>5:00 PM - VIGIL MASS - Please note: change of time</b>
Sunday 11	<b>19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B</b> 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptisms

**PRIVATE PRAYER**  
from 4:30 pm before Tuesday  
& Wednesday 5:30 pm Mass

**RECONCILIATION**  
Saturday: 4.30 pm - 4.50 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.

**EXPOSITION OF THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
Each Friday  
11 am - 11:45 am

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Godfrey Longstaff, Cecilia Buchanan, Fr John Kelly, Val Spears, Peter George McDonald, Barry Charman, Nancy Stevenson

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Mickey McGarry

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Sr Francis-Clare, 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:

**18TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME - Year B**  
Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

**19TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME - Year B**  
1 Kg 19:4-8; Eph 4:30 - 5:2; Jn 6:41-51

### READING ROSTER

**10/11 August | 19th Sunday in Ord Time | B**  
5pm - Lisa Dusi-Fox  
9am - Philomena Zambelli

### ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 10 August | Rafe & Danny McAndrew  
Sun 11 August | Bonnie Lindsay & Nate Linkins

### ROSARY STATUE

4 Aug | Susan Kean 11 August | Evelyn Cook



## PARISH CUPPA | MORNING TEA

Please join us for a Cuppa | Morning tea  
after 9am Mass this Sunday 4 August.

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

**ROSARY & PRAYERS** for God's Precious Infants and  
the Unborn Child - Monday 5 August - 9:30 am  
- Sacred Heart Church.

Pregnancy Help Line: 1300 139 313

I am the bread of life, says the Lord:  
whoever comes to me will not hunger  
and whoever believes in me will not thirst.  
- John 6:35

## 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)

# Sacred Heart Catholic Parish Murwillumbah

## 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.

### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS – APPOINTMENTS | PASTORAL COUNCIL & FINANCE COUNCIL – AUGUST 2024

Fr Peter Wood has made the following appointments to the **Parish Pastoral Council**.

Our new Parish Pastoral Council members are:

Vanessa Hughes  
Anthony Binder  
Igor Izaszec  
Fr Joseph Guinea  
Philomena Zambelli (continuing)  
Jennifer Wallace (transferring from Finance Council)  
Barbara Grant | Pastoral Associate (ex officio)

We thank the outgoing members of the Pastoral Council for their dedication to the Parish since the establishment by Fr Anthony in 2019:

Christine Wightley (Chair | 2019-2024)  
Denise Banner (Secretary | 2019 – 2024)  
Tony Zambelli (2019 – 2024)  
Jan Bruce (2022-2024)  
Annette Lofts (2022-2024)

We also acknowledge past members of the Pastoral Council who volunteered their time between 2019 and now:

Faith Buchanan (2019-2021)  
Carolina Carnio (2019-2021)  
Tim Waugh (2019-2022)  
Alex Lever (2019-2023)

The first meeting with the incoming Pastoral Council and the outgoing Pastoral Council will take place on Thursday 8 August at 5 pm in the Learning Hub.

Fr Peter has also made two new appointments to the **Parish Finance Council**:

Christine Wightley (transferring from Pastoral Council)  
Jacob Guinea

Continuing members of the Finance Council are:

Peter McDonald (Chair)  
Jim Grennan  
Kevin Twohill  
Ray Daley  
Wayne Bartesko  
Mary-Ann Thackray | Parish Business Manager (ex officio)

## 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (77)

**R: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.**

### IF SUNG:

**R: The Lord gave his people bread from heaven.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.**

**Alleluia!**

## 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**

## 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.



## 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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