

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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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B - 11 AUGUST 2024

Opening ourselves up to God

Get yourself a life coach says an online ad and you can 'turn the ordinary into the extraordinary.' At some point in our lives, it may serve a purpose but contrast it with a local parish which decided to have a weekly meal for anyone who wished to come along.

On the first occasion they had nine guests and eleven helpers, and they responded to this potential embarrassment by everyone eating together. "It was coming together and a blessing I felt," said one of the organisers.

We can see here how the ordinary stuff of our lives, eating together, can be the context for something quite unexpected to happen. The life coach ad invites us to take control of our lives and make it happen, whereas in the parish setting, something else happened.

It relates to what we hear in the first reading. The prophet Elijah is in a dark place, alone and hungry, wanting to die. In the midst of his desolation, he is fed by an angel, and comes to understand God is present in what he's living through. In doing so he discovers a renewed purpose. The food he's given enables him to make the long journey to Mt Horeb (Sinai), the holy mountain, where God speaks to him. Desolation, the gift of food, the long journey = in the ordinariness of our lives, quite unexpectedly, we may come to discover the presence of God.

Again, in Paul's letter to the Ephesians, he speaks of our daily commitment to loving one another as Jesus loves us; learning to befriend each other whatever our differences; avoiding the petty behaviours which bring us undone. Our learning to love in this way is enabled by the Holy Spirit, who reveals the unending love of the Father and Son. We're slowly learning to open ourselves to a God who loves us, come what may.

In the gospel, when Jesus says, "I am the bread from heaven," the authorities are shocked. They insist he's not from heaven, he's a local boy, we know his father. In other words, he's too ordinary. Then, amid their complaints, Jesus speaks of his divine origins and reminds us, this is God's initiative, to which we're invited to respond.

We're asked to let go of our securities and our prejudices and open ourselves to a bigger God, a loving God. A little like the moment at the parish meal when they decided to eat together. This is the God who draws us into Christ and into unending life, through our eating together with him. Jesus gives us his life and invites us to do the same - to give of our lives.

Before the parish meal, with everyone's agreement, they prayed, and concluded their prayer with these words: 'Thank you Lord for the blessings you have given us in our lives, especially one another. Amen.' Often, we may yearn for a special experience of God, only to miss the presence of God here, in our lives.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 11	19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptism
Tuesday 13	5:30 pm - Mass 7:00 pm - Baptism Preparation Meeting
Wednesday 14	5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 15	The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 8:00 am - Mass SH - <i>Please note: change of time</i> 12 noon - Mass Mt St Patrick Primary SH 2:00 pm - Mass St Joseph's Primary OLPS
Friday 16	9:30 am - Legion of Mary Parish Meeting Centre 11:00 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12 noon - Mass
Saturday 17	9:00 am - Rosary 4:30 PM - ROSARY 5:00 PM - VIGIL MASS - Please note: change of time
Sunday 18	20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptism

**WORLD CATHOLIC
MISSION APPEAL**

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sr Teresa Joan FitzGerald, Greg Guinea, Margaret
Guinea, Dominic Guinea, Teresa Palmer

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Alex Lever, Peter van den Broek, Sr Francis-Clare,
Ben Martin, Baby Levi Courtney, Pam Willock,
Patrick Fox, George Flack, Joan Kean, Margaret
Traves, John Lee, Lorraine Green, Colin Brooks,
Kathy Dawson-Malone, David Burke, Malcolm Reid,
Paul Calvino, Maureen McCabe, Fr Anthony Lemon



BAPTISMS:

Please welcome
Jarrah Neville Mudge
to our faith community.

Sunday 25 August

9am Mass & Morning Tea

Mt St Patrick College students and teachers from
Ignatius and **Lisieux** Houses will join us for Mass
Sunday 25 August. Parishioners are then invited to
join the students from **Ignatius** and **Lisieux** for
morning tea after Mass. **EVERYONE WELCOME!**

READINGS | ROSTERS

READINGS FOR TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY:

19TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME - Year B

1 Kg 19:4-8; Eph 4:30 - 5:2; Jn 6:41-51

20TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME - Year B

Prov 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

READING ROSTER

17/18 August | 20th Sunday in Ord Time | B

5pm - Christine Wightley

9am - Bernard Nolan

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 17 August | Rose Seamer & Lily Daly

Sun 18 Aug | Charlotte Dowling & Sienna Alexander

ROSARY STATUE

11 August | Evelyn Cook

18 August | Igor & Gosia Izaszec



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)

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY THURSDAY 15TH AUGUST

Thursday 15 August the Church celebrates the Feast Day of the Assumption of Our Lady when according to our faith, the Holy Mother, "having completed her course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory".

Although defined as an article of faith by Pope Pius XII just over half a century ago, the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven has been accepted from back to the earliest of Christian times.

The Assumption signals the end of Mary's earthly life and marks her return to heaven to be reunited with Jesus. While the bodies of both Jesus and Mary are now in heaven, there is a difference between the Assumption and the Resurrection. Where Jesus arose from the tomb and ascended into heaven by his own power, Mary's body was taken up to heaven by the power of her Son.

For this reason we use different words to describe each event. One is the Ascension of Christ and the other, the Assumption of Mary.



CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

August morning tea

Wed 21 August | 10:00 am

Mbah Services Club

Enquiries: Bernard Nolan 0419 023 108

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Thursday 15th August

8:00 am Mass - Sacred Heart Church - Fr Anthony
12 noon Mass with Mt St Patrick Primary - Sacred Heart Church - Fr Peter

2:00 pm Mass with St Joseph's Primary - Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church - Fr Peter

KINGSCLIFF PARISH

7:30am & 9am (school) - St Anthony's, Kingscliff
9:15am (school) - Sts. Mary & Ambrose, Pottsville

TWEED HEADS PARISH

Wed 14 Aug - Vigil - 6:00 pm - St Joseph's Church, Tweed Heads

Thurs 15 Aug - 9:10 am (school) - St Joseph's Church, Tweed Heads

Holy Days of Obligation for Australia

are 15th August (Assumption) and 25th December (Christmas). A Holy Day is simply a solemnity celebrated like a Sunday, that is, with obligation.



THE CATENIANS
GOLD COAST TWEED CIRCLE

Join the Catenian Association, enjoy the benefits of membership and form long lasting friendships. We meet on 3rd Thursday of each month. Why not come along to one of our meetings and share a meal with us - it might be just what you need! Your first dinner is on us. No pressure to join if it's not for you.

South Tweed Sports Club | Thurs 15 August | 6 pm

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WORLD CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL | 17/18 AUGUST



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mongolia



In Mongolia, Chuluunbaatar suffered a life-altering injury while trying to rescue a submerged vehicle, leaving him unable to work and reliant on scarce support services for basic needs. Without shelter and food, Chuluunbaatar faces the real risk of freezing to death. Resources are limited, but the Church in Mongolia is working hard to provide essential services to people in need.

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance these vital services. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope and tangible assistance to individuals like Chuluunbaatar.

We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need. Envelopes are available.

Thank you for your prayerful support and generosity.

**19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (33)**

R: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

We warmly welcome the children and families preparing for the

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Welcome & Instruction - 10/11 August

Confirmation Instruction - 17/18 August

Confirmation Instruction - 24/25 August

Confirmation Instruction - 31 Aug /1 September

Retreat Day - Tuesday 3 September

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Tuesday 3 September - Sacred Heart Church

**Christmas Carnival & Nativity Tableau...
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Our Tableau - Shepherd costumes are getting a bit drab and tired, so we've decided it's time for an update.



Can you sew? Are you able to assist in any way in creating new costumes? If so, we would like to hear from you! Phone the Parish Office for more information 02 6672 1118.

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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