

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

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St. Columba's Church

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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR B - 18 AUGUST 2024

Walking faithfully with Jesus

In the book of Exodus, God appeared to Moses asking him to free the Israelites who were enslaved by the Egyptians. Unsure of his ability to achieve this outcome, Moses asks God what he is to say to the Israelites.

God says to Moses, "I am who I am," and that he should answer their question by saying "I am has sent me to you."

When Jesus tells his followers, "I am the bread of life," his words confused his audience as they understood them literally. They also wondered if Jesus was making a claim about his identity. His followers understood the statement as an assertion that Jesus was identifying himself as God.

There are six more incidents in John's gospel where Jesus uses the words "I am," and each time an action accompanies his words. In this first saying, Jesus' claim follows the feeding of five thousand in the wilderness.

"I am the light of the world" is the second of the "I am" statements and comes after the healing of a man born blind. Jesus not only says he is the light, but he proves it, and in doing so echoes the words of Genesis where God said, "Let there be light and there was light."

"I am the door," and "I am the good shepherd" are both statements about the sheepfold, and the shepherd as the one who loves and cares for the flock even to the point of death. The title of good shepherd is unmistakably one of God's titles as we learn in the beloved twenty-third psalm.

Jesus states, "I am the resurrection and the life," after raising Lazarus from the dead. Again, his words are not empty rhetoric but substantiated by action. This gospel, written at a time when the followers of Jesus were being cast out of the synagogues, offers a definitive response to those who rejected them by asserting, "I am the way, and the truth and the life."

The final statement, "I am the true vine, and you are the branches," emphasises the sustaining power of Christ without whom we will not bear fruit in the Christian life.

There are two more "I am" statements in John's gospel, but they are not metaphors like the above seven instances but are instead declarations applied by Jesus to himself. "I tell you the truth," Jesus says, "before Abraham was born, I am." The final instance occurs in the Garden of Gethsemane when the mob comes to arrest Jesus and, when he asks them whom they seek, they say, "Jesus of Nazareth," and Jesus replies, "I am he."

All of these statements of Jesus make it abundantly clear that Jesus is God. Each day we are invited to accept the presence of Jesus in our lives and to walk faithfully in his way.

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This week in the Parish

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
Tuesday 20	NO Mass Today	
Wednesday 21	10:00 am - Catholic Men's Group - see note below NO Mass Today	
Thursday 22	NO Mass Today	
Friday 23	9:30 am - Legion of Mary Parish Meeting Centre NO Mass or Exposition Today	
Saturday 24	9:00 am - Rosary 4:30 PM - ROSARY 5:00 PM - VIGIL MASS - Please note: change of time	
Sunday 25	20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Morning Tea with MSPC Ignatius & Lisieux Colour Houses 10:15 am - Baptism 11:00 am - Baptism	

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 (*not this week*)
11 am - 11:45 am

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Neville Smith, Sr Maria Marin PVBM, Iris Burns (former Murwillumbah parishioner), Carmel O'Reilly, Susan Hennessy, Godfrey Longstaff, Cecilia Buchanan, Fr John Kelly, Val Spears, Peter George McDonald

ANNIVERSARIES: John Quan, Peter Hyde, Mary Roberts, Bruce Banner, George Dorrough, David Gorton

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Des Thornton, Narelle Martin, Alex Lever, Peter van den Broek, Ben Martin, Baby Levi Courtney, Pam Willock, Patrick Fox, George Flack, Margaret Traves, Lorraine Green, Colin Brooks, David Burke, Malcolm Reid, Paul Calvino, Maureen McCabe, Fr Anthony Lemon

Names removed after a considerable time. Please assist the Parish Office by advising if you wish names to remain.

READINGS | ROSTERS

READINGS FOR TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY:

20TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME - Year B

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

21ST SUNDAY IN ORD TIME - Year B

Josh 24:1-2, 15-18; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69

READING ROSTER

24/25 August | 21st Sunday in Ord Time | B

5pm - Mike Brennan

9am - Kay Ryder

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 24 August | Isla Chapman & Yasmin van Rossi

Sun 25 August | Bonnie Lindsay & Nate Linkins



BAPTISMS:

Please welcome
Obelia Harris-Rogers
to our faith community.

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

ROSARY STATUE

18 August | Igor & Gosia Izaszec

25 August | Dana Fuller



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)



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catholicmission.org.au/mongolia

WORLD CATHOLIC MISSION
APPEAL | 17/18 AUGUST

This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most. Lack of access and social stigma mean that some of the most vulnerable people are not getting the support they require.

The House of Mercy will provide a haven for many people, including those affected by homelessness and domestic violence. Without your partnership, people in need will go without the assistance they require.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to "Invite others to the banquet", and we invite you to share the warmth of God's love with our brothers and sisters who need it most in Mongolia.

You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mongolia, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.

This weekend we welcome Mrs Lew Wallace, from our Catholic Mission Diocesan Office, to speak at both Masses.

SCAN ME



Thank you for your prayerful support and generosity.

Next 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!**

Wear your oranges and reds in support of **Ignatius** and **Lisieux**.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY | 25 AUGUST

Social Justice Sunday is observed every year on the final Sunday of August. This year's commemoration falls on August 25.

The Catholic Church in Australia has a long tradition of commemorating Social Justice Sunday. The Catholic Bishops have issued an annual Social Justice Statement practically every year since 1940.

The social justice remarks are made on behalf of the entire bishops' conference in time for Social Justice Sunday. These declarations are issued with the hopes of provoking thought and action throughout the year. Statements will be available next weekend.

PARKING | VIGIL MASS 31 AUGUST ...

**Tweed Regional Museum Street Party
Saturday 31 August | 12 noon - 7pm**

The Museum will expand into the surrounding streets for an afternoon of exhibitions, activities, and entertainment for all ages.

Therefore, parking for the 5pm Vigil Mass will be harder to find close to the church. There will be no parking on Queensland Road.

**MURWILLUMBAH
PHILHARMONIC CHOIR**
presents
The Gift of Song
A Fundraising Concert
All Proceeds go to Wedgetail Retreat

Saturday 24th August 2024 at 2.30pm
Jessie McMillan Hall
16 Wollumbin St Murwillumbah

Tickets at Door - Adults)20 - Concession)15
Light Refreshments Served After Concert

Enquiries (02)66728459
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52 SUNDAYS" A REFLECTIVE GUIDE TO THE MASS

A book for you recommended by Bishop Greg Homeming to enrich your experience of participation in Mass by Deacon Anthony Gooley of Ballina parish, **52 Sundays: A Reflective Guide to the Mass. Coventry Press. 2024.**

Available online from Coventry Press. This is a book that is meant to be read over 52 weeks and invites you to deepen your own experience of the celebration of the Mass. Readers are saying what a positive impact the book is having on their experience of the Mass.

A sample copy is available for you to look at.

**20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (33)**

R: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live
in me and I in them, says the Lord.**

Alleluia!

**We warmly welcome the children and
families preparing for the**

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

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

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.

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.

**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.

Update of Sunday Missals...

We have been advised by stockists of the Sunday Missals, that they are still waiting on new stock to arrive, which won't be until October at the earliest.

We'll keep you updated.

SAFEGUARDING YOUR CHILDREN

Would parents please keep their children supervised at all times in the church and surrounding grounds - including taking them to the bathroom. For their safety, please ensure you can always see them while on Parish grounds.



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