

# 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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**22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**YEAR B - 1 SEPTEMBER 2024**

**This week we welcome**  
**The Most Reverend Gregory Homeming,**  
**Bishop of Lismore,**  
**to our Parish as he celebrates the**  
**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

## What is in our hearts matter

Having observed that Jesus' disciples were not complying with the religious purification laws of the time which required one to wash one's hands thoroughly before eating, the Pharisees challenged Jesus once again.

Not following those laws meant that the disciples were eating with hands that were deemed to be "unclean" or "impure". The Pharisees were infuriated Jesus appeared to be unconcerned about this matter of ritual purification.

"You hypocrites," Jesus replied. "You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." The hand-washing law, he implied, is a human tradition, a man-made regulation. Jesus threw the challenge back at them: ritual purity is not a matter of cleaning one's hands, he insists, but of purity of heart! He explains: "Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile."

By Jesus' time, the rabbis had identified 613 commands that were prescribed in the Torah (the first five books of the Bible), not just the 10 commandments given to Moses. It was the impossible burden of compliance with all 613 commands that prompted the Pharisees, on another occasion, to ask Jesus which was the greatest commandment. With simplicity and clarity, he replied: love God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and love your neighbour as yourself. It is love that is commanded of us as his followers.

Jesus' challenge to the religious leaders also applies to us and to the Church in our time. Jesus firstly challenges all of us as Church to reflect very carefully on the rules and regulations we set before people. Are they God's commandments? Or are they human constructs? Are they in fact burdens that we have imposed on people? Might some of our rules and regulations actually impede people's progress on their faith journey? The rules may be well-intentioned, but they might also be misguided, not in fact closely aligned to God's commands.

Jesus leaves us in no doubt as to what really matters: it is what is in and comes from our hearts. It is, as the Psalmist says, a matter of justice. "One who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord." Here is the benchmark! It is justice.

Justice pertains to the way we live our daily lives, how we relate to others; it is right judgement, right intention and right action in all of our dealings.

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# This week in the Parish

Sunday 01	<b>22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B</b> 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Parish Morning Tea   Cuppa
Monday 02	9:30 am - Rosary & Prayers   see note below
Tuesday 03	8:15 am - Mass ( <i>please note change of time</i> ) 6:00 pm - <b>CONFIRMATION</b>
Wednesday 04	5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 05	8:15 am - Mass 5:00 pm - Pastoral Council Meeting
Friday 06	9:30 am - Legion of Mary   Parish Meeting Centre 11:00 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12 noon - Mass
Saturday 07	9:00 am - Rosary <b>5:30 PM - ROSARY</b> <b>6:00 PM - VIGIL MASS   Please note change of time</b>
Sunday 08	<b>23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B</b> 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 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  
11 am - 11:45 am

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Gai Bellhouse, Harrie van den Broek, Neville Smith, Sr Maria Marin PVBM, Iris Burns, Carmel O'Reilly, Susan Hennessy.

## ANNIVERSARIES:

Del Gillespie, Fr D'Arcy McCarthy, Jason Cook

## THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Rita Anderson, Des Thornton, Narelle Martin, 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:

#### 22ND SUNDAY IN ORD TIME - Year B

Deut 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27;  
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

#### 23RD SUNDAY IN ORD TIME - Year B

Is 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

### READING ROSTER

7/8 September 23 Sunday in Ord Time | B

6pm - Grace Molloy

9am - Jan Bruce

### ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 7 Sept | Rafe & Brock McAndrew

Sun 1 Sept | Bonnie Lindsay & Nate Linkins



## PARISH CUPPA | MORNING TEA

Please join us for a Cuppa | Morning tea  
after 9am Mass this Sunday 1 September.

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

**ROSARY & PRAYERS** for God's Precious Infants  
and the Unborn Child - Monday 2 September - 9:30  
am - Sacred Heart Church.  
Pregnancy Help Line: 1300 139 313

## SAVE THE DATE...

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL & NATIVITY TABLEAU  
SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER

Time to start preparations - plant seedlings and cuttings or  
make pickles and jams (*just a couple of ideas*)

## ROSARY STATUE

1 September | Jenny Wallace

8 September | Faith Buchanan



## 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)

## FATHER'S DAY COLLECTION FOR SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS

This weekend there will be a special collection for the support of Sick and Retired Priests in the Diocese. Envelopes are provided and can be placed on the Collection plates. Thank you for your support.



## NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 1 - 7 September



*Child abuse and neglect is preventable. If we all work together as a community we can create an Australia where all children can grow up safe and well. What role can you play in supporting children and their families?*

~ Richard Cooke, CEO, NAPCAN

National Child Protection Week invites all Australians to play their part to promote the safety and wellbeing of children and young people.

National Child Protection Week (NCPW) will take place this week from 1-7 September in 2024.

This year, the theme is:

**'Every conversation matters'**

### WHAT PART CAN YOU PLAY?

It is important that we listen to, and value, what children have to say. Where possible, include their voices in decision-making and be advocates for their best interest.

By speaking regularly with children about their personal safety and how they can protect themselves, as well as "tuning in" to their worries, children are more likely to trust us and feel comfortable to talk with us when something big is going on.

Make your influence positive; start a conversation today with your colleagues and families about listening to and valuing the voice of children and young people.

### SACRED HEART PARISH COUNCIL...

The next meeting of the Pastoral Council is Thursday 5 September at 5:00 pm.

### THE LEGION OF MARY

Celebrating

### OUR LADY'S BIRTHDAY (8 September)

WHO - All parishioners, legionaries and friends

WHEN - **Saturday 7 September** - following 10am Healing Mass

WHAT - **MORNING TEA** - please bring a plate to share

WHERE - **St. Joseph's Church**, Tweed Heads

## A BLESSING PRAYER FOR FATHER'S DAY

God of Kindness and Compassion,  
we are your children and you are Father to us all.

We give honour and thanks to those who reflect your fatherly example:

those who are dads and grandads;  
step-dads, foster dads, godfathers and fathers-in-law;  
those who are coaches, leaders and mentors;  
and those who are elders and wisdom-men of our communities.

We look to these men for strength of body and strength of character.

We look to them to pass on skills and pass on stories.

We look to them to protect and provide.

We look to them for care and compassion.

We look to them to be co-creators and stewards of the world.

For all those who embrace their role as father,  
we give thanks.

For those who struggle with being fathers,  
give them strength.

For those who are distanced from their children,  
give them comfort.

For those who have passed from this world,  
give them peace.

Bless these men that we call father.

Bless them in their strength and in their weakness.

Bless them in their joy and in their sorrow.

Bless them in their work and in their play.

And bless them, Father, for being fathers.

We make this prayer through the one who taught us to call you Our Father: Your Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

*by Greg Sunter*

### LEGION OF MARY

**12 hour Adoration - 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus - commencing Friday 4 October.**

Please join with the Legion of Mary to spend time in quiet prayer between 6 am and 6 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month.

Please add your name to the roster if you would like to participate in this special monthly Adoration. 2 or more people must be present for each hour of the day.

Contact Trish Jandura for more information.

## 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (14)

**R: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.**

**Alleluia!**



This Tuesday evening 3 September, Bishop Gregory Homeming will administer the **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** to twenty -nine children in our Parish.

Thank you to parents, teachers and catechists who helped prepare the children for this sacrament, and to our parish community, for the prayers and support that you offered the children and their families.

### RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Catholic Church has a special way of initiating adults into the Catholic faith. It is called the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**. It is a period of Christian formation offered to those seeking to become Catholic.

The RCIA takes place within a parish community so candidates are able to share in the life of the Church expressed in a local faith community. It offers a way to grow in knowledge of Christ and the Catholic faith in company with others on a similar journey.

**We are anticipating that the first meeting will be held on Tuesday 17 September at 6pm in the MSPC Library/Parish Hall (entry via side door | church side).**

For further information of the RCIA program please speak to the Parish Team or phone the Parish Office 6672 1118.

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What I want, says God to the prophet Hosea, is mercy. As Jesus stressed, it is a pure heart that is demanded of us; a heart that lives justly, shows mercy, responds compassionately and loves tenderly. The Letter of James echoes the same message: "Be doers of the word and not hearers only."

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## 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.

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## AUGUST 2024 - Renewal Journey Update

**One of the six working teams, set up as part of the Diocesan Renewal, has completed the first major part of its task.**

The team, led by Matt Digges of Sawtell Parish, was tasked with the design of protocols and processes for clergy induction into the Diocese and for clergy transfer to a new parish. The need for these protocols and processes was identified during the Renewal Journey consultation process. Matt said that the team has completed the Process for Transfer of Clergy and it has recently been trialed in Maclean and Tweed parishes. Matt said the priests and parish leaders benefitted from the clarity and mutual support the process provided and that feedback from these parishes has been crucial in the ongoing development of this protocol.



*Matt Digges, Sawtell Parish*

The team continues to work on protocols for the induction of international priests which aims to assist both parishes to welcome their priest, and the priest themselves as they adjust to the Australian church and culture. A version will be available for comment in the near future.

Matt said that being part of the Renewal team has been a wonderful opportunity for himself and other lay people involved “to exercise our baptismal commitment and share responsibility for the future of the Church”.

### **Inter-parish collaboration**

The team exploring inter-parish collaboration has set up a pilot group of three parishes, Kingscliff, Murwillumbah and Tweed. Four delegates are being nominated from each parish. They will hold their first meeting in mid September with the aim of identifying projects on which the parishes may collaborate.

The team is starting preliminary meetings with a new group of parishes to encourage collaboration. Led by the Chair of the Pastoral Council in Sawtell, Trevor Cooper, the team includes both priests and lay people from parishes including Wauchope, Kingscliff, Port Macquarie, Macleay Valley and Murwillumbah.

### **Sharing our Journey**

Please email us at [renewal@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:renewal@lismore.catholic.org.au) if you have questions or would like to give us feedback. To find out more visit the Renewal section on our Diocesan website via the QR code below or at: [lismorediocese.org/renewal](http://lismorediocese.org/renewal) and don't forget to visit the Lismore Diocese Facebook page.



*Our Mother the church is always in need of purification, of being “repaired”, for we are a people made up of forgiven sinners, always in need of returning to the source that is Jesus and putting ourselves back on the paths of the Spirit to reach everyone with his Gospel.*

Pope Francis Oct 2023

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