

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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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR B - 8 SEPTEMBER 2024

Don't ignore the 'unworthy'

It's difficult not to make distinctions. Invariably, we favour some people over others. For example: we choose our friends, we choose a person to be our husband or wife, we choose 'sides' in disputes, we choose to avoid some people, and we choose to forgive some people and condemn others.

In the second reading, St James calls on believers never to make distinctions or show favour on the basis of social class, wealth, position, status or power. Everyone is to be treated equally regardless of their social background, and when it comes to worship, there are to be no seats of honour set aside for VIPs! Everyone ought to feel equally welcome and valued.

St Paul has a similar vision. In his letter to the Galatians (3:28) he declares that in virtue of baptism, "there is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."

Jesus doesn't make distinctions based on social class. In fact, the gospels portray him as having particular concern for the poor, the outcast, the voiceless, the afflicted, the vulnerable and the weak. Today's gospel is a classic example. A deaf man with a speech impediment is brought to Jesus by his friends.

In such an oral and aural culture where people were generally illiterate, not to be able to speak or hear properly was a significant disadvantage. Such people were virtually invisible. They couldn't communicate, and they couldn't be communicated with, in any meaningful way. Thankfully, the man in the story is blessed to have caring friends who bring him to Jesus who has a reputation for giving new life.

Jesus gives very personal attention to the man. He takes him away from the crowd, so that they can be alone. Although the man can't hear or speak, he *can* experience the sense of touch, and so Jesus touches his ears, puts his fingers into them, and touches the man's tongue with his own spittle. Jesus also looks up to heaven, in prayer, for it was Jesus' relationship with God that will bring new life to the man.

It's important to remember that the man was not a Jew. The Decapolis ("ten cities") was predominantly Gentile territory. But, there's no distinction here. Jesus is the Messiah for all nations. He saw a brother in need, and in solidarity, lovingly reached out to him.

St James challenges us to 'look around' our faith community. Do we see any unhealthy favouritism? Are there people being forgotten, ignored or made to feel unwelcome? Are there voices not being heard? Are there people being discouraged from sharing their gifts and talents, or from becoming involved? Are people's contributions being devalued? Hopefully, such things are not happening; however, it's important for us all to 'keep our eyes and ears open'.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 8	23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptism
Tuesday 10	5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 11	5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 12	8:15 am - Mass
Friday 13	9:30 am - Legion of Mary Parish Meeting Centre There is No Exposition today 12 noon - Mass with Fr Anthony
Saturday 14	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross 9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 PM - ROSARY 6:00 PM - VIGIL MASS Please note time
Sunday 15	24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR 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: Des Thornton, Gai Bellhouse,
Harrie van den Broek, Neville Smith, Sr Maria Marin PVBM,
Iris Burns, Carmel O'Reilly, Susan Hennessy.

ANNIVERSARIES: Leah Ryder

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Rita Anderson, 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:

23RD SUNDAY IN ORD TIME - Year B

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

24TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME - Year B

Is 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

READING ROSTER

14/15 Sept | 24 Sunday in Ord Time | B

6pm - Margaret Mumford

9am - Christine O'Brien

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 14 Sept | Rose Seamer & Lily Daly

Sun 15 Sept | Sienna Alexander

ROSARY STATUE

14 September | Faith Buchanan

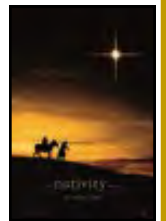
15 September | Pauline Weber



BAPTISMS:

Please welcome
Tayah Grace McQueen
to our faith community.

SAVE THE DATE
2024 CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL
& NATIVITY TABLEAU
Saturday 30 November



The Lord does not see as man sees,
for man looks at the outward appearance,
but the Lord looks at the heart.
— 1 Samuel 16:7

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)

CONFIRMATION



Last Tuesday evening 3 September, Bishop Gregory Homeming administered 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.

Special thanks to Pastoral Associate Barbara Grant for the preparation, and decoration on the Sanctuary. Thanks also to Acolyte Pat Marr and Altar Server Sienna Alexander who served with Fr Peter and Bishop Greg.

CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

September morning tea

Wed 18 Sept | 10:00 am | Mbah Services Club

Enquiries: Alex Lever 0458 817 021

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME



The Catenians
Faith-based friendships

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 19 Sept| 6pm

Contact:

Bernard Nolan 0419 023 108 | 02 6672 3733

INTER-PARISH COLLABORATION PROJECT –

Christine Wightley, a member of the inter-parish collaboration team will be speaking at the Masses this weekend about the Inter Parish Collaboration Project.

This project calls on parishes to look beyond their boundary and engage with other parishes to create hubs to work on common initiatives and become a source of encouragement for each other.

Find out more about the Lismore Diocesan Renewal Journey <https://www.lismorediocese.org/renewal/>

SURVEY FOR 5PM VIGIL MASS

Please complete a survey form to comment on the recent trial of the 5 pm Saturday Vigil Mass time. Survey forms are available from the table at the back of the church.

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.

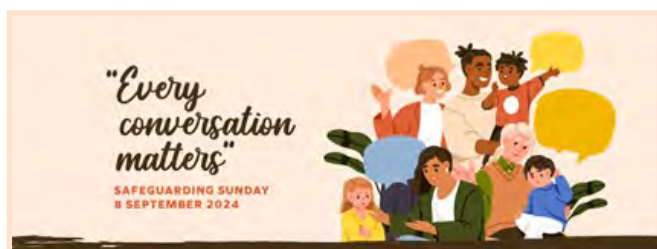
We are anticipating that the first meeting will be held on Tuesday 17 September at 6pm in the MSPC Library/Parish Hall (entry via side door | church side).

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

Pope's Mission Intention for September ...

For the cry of the earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.



SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 8 September

This weekend, the Catholic church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognize and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in church settings.

Rebuilding trust and confidence in the church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the church be a place that respects the dignity of all children and adults at risk, and empowers and listens to all people, especially those who are vulnerable.

The Parish of the Sacred Heart Murwillumbah & the Diocese of Lismore are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community.

Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to create safe spaces where we can have meaningful conversations with children and adults at risk about their safety.

'Every conversation matters'

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (145)

R: Praise the Lord, my soul.

IF SUNG:

R: Praise the Lord, my soul, and bless his holy name!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

LEGION OF MARY

Eucharistic Adoration – 1st Friday of the month

In honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a 12-hour Eucharistic Adoration will commence on the 1st Friday of each month.

There is no greater love given to us than Christ present in the Eucharist. Come and listen to the graces that Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament waits to lavish upon each one of us, and to shower upon our world, through Eucharistic Adoration. This inspiring invitation of Love is open to all.

At the back of the Church is a roster to print your name and phone number and the time you prefer. Starts from 6am to 6pm. Chose the time slot that suits you. There must be 2 or more people present for each hour of the day. *“Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament has His Hands full of graces, and He is ready to bestow them on anyone who asks for them”*. St Peter of Alcantara.

Contact Trish Jandura for more information.

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.

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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**VIGIL MASS TIME CHANGE FOR WINTER TO 5 PM
INVITATION TO PARISHIONERS TO COMMENT AFTER TRIAL COMPLETION**

The Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council seeks the views of Parishioners on the recent trial of the change of Vigil Mass time to 5 pm during the winter months in the Sacred Heart Church.

We encourage your honest comments.

Please complete this survey form and return it to the Parish Office. Alternatively it may be placed on a collection plate or left in the Parish Pastoral Council box in the Sacred Heart Church, **by Sunday 22 September 2024**. Thank you for taking the time to complete this short survey.

Are you a regular Vigil Mass attendee?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Did you attend Vigil Mass during the winter trial period of July-August?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Would you prefer the Vigil Mass in Winter (1 June – 31 August) at 5 pm in 2025?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Please let us know if you have any specific comments, suggestions or concerns about the change in Vigil Mass time in winter. Please write additional comments on the back of this page if there is insufficient space here.

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Your Name:

Your Contact details: