

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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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR B - 15 SEPTEMBER 2024

Taking up our own cross

With the reading from the Gospel of Mark (Chapter 8), we come to a turning point in Jesus' public ministry, before the journey back to Jerusalem where he will be crucified.

Jesus asks his disciples: "Who do people say that I am?"
²⁸ And then, "But who do *you* say that I am?"

Having witnessed his authoritative teaching, his powerful acts of healing and his wonderful miracles, Peter replies on behalf of them all: "You are the Messiah."

And how they and all of Israel longed for the coming of the Messiah. But what the disciples are slow to understand is that this is not the Messiah that they had longed for and expected. It was unimaginable for them that Jesus, as Messiah and God's Beloved Son, was to suffer and die.

Instead of commending Peter for his response, not even confirming it, Jesus instead proceeds to speak to them of his impending passion and death.

The disciples' slowness to understand, their blindness, their struggle, and their resistance to this understanding that Jesus' mission would lead to his arrest, suffering and death is starkly depicted in Mark's gospel. We see it here in Chapter 8, again in Chapter 9 and again in Chapter 10. They just don't get it!

So, as Jesus, accompanied by his disciples, journeys to Jerusalem where he will be arrested tortured and crucified, the disciples slowly progress on a journey of coming to understand Jesus' identity and mission as the Messiah.

In our lives we too, each and every one of us, struggle in various ways to understand Jesus, our Saviour, and his role in our lives and in the world. We too often have misguided expectations of God. And we too, each one of us, are called to respond to Jesus' question: Who do you say that I am? What do I mean to you in your life?

Jesus, having explained to his disciples the suffering and death that he will soon endure, goes on to say to them that they too will also face suffering. He tells them: "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

So too for us. Discipleship will inevitably require self-denial and taking up one's own cross. There's no denying it! And each one's cross is uniquely their own.

When we make the Sign of the Cross, "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," we identify and mark ourselves as follower of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. Our cross-making in the Sign of the Cross symbolises the reality of suffering not just in Jesus' life but in our lives as his followers, not just his cross but the cross that is ours to carry in our lives. It reminds us too of the resurrection and life of the world to come.

We are not alone in our journey. Jesus is with us every step of the way.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 15	24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptism
Tuesday 17	5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 18	10:00 am - Men's Group Morning Tea (<i>note page 3</i>) 5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 19	8:15 am - Mass 4:00 pm - Christmas Carnival Planning Meeting
Friday 20	9:30 am - Legion of Mary Parish Meeting Centre 11:00 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12 noon - Mass
Saturday 21	9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 22	25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR 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:

Des Thornton, Gai Bellhouse, Harrie van den Broek,
Neville Smith.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Norma Newland, Michael Dusi, Joe Mills, Mary Mills.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Rita Anderson, Narelle Martin, 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:

24TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME - Year B

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

25TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME - Year B

Wis 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16 - 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

READING ROSTER

21/22 Sept | 25 Sunday in Ord Time | B

6pm - Tim Waugh

9am - Mary-Ann Thackray

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 21 Sept | Isla Chapman & Yasmin van Rossi

Sun 22 Sept | Bonnie Lindsay & Nate Linkins

ROSARY STATUE

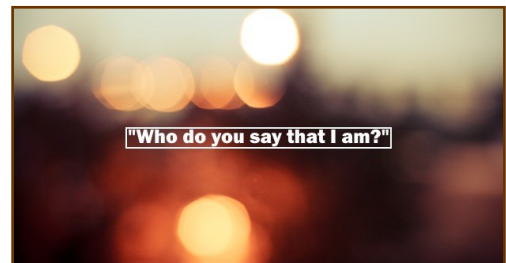
15 September | Pauline Weber

22 September | Kay Ryder



BAPTISMS:

Please welcome
Eddie Paul Mitchell
to our faith community.



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. Please return your Survey form by
Sunday 22 September.

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)



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

It's only 11 weeks until the Christmas Carnival and Tableau here at Sacred Heart Parish.

Time for us all to put on thinking caps about what we can do to for the carnival.

Time for volunteers to put their hands up to coordinate or help with fete stalls.

Time to share any good ideas for any new / different fete stalls.

Time to start planting, pickling, preserving, sewing, crocheting.

A planning meeting will be held in the Parish Office on **Thursday 19 September at 4:00 pm** – please come along to share ideas and help make the Carnival a success.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS | September 2024

Following the first meeting of the new Parish Pastoral Council on 5 September, we congratulate the following people for accepting executive roles on the Pastoral Council:

Jennifer Wallace | Chairperson
 Philomena Zambelli | Deputy Chair
 Vanessa Hughes | Secretary

Other members of the Pastoral Council are:

Anthony Binder
 Igor Izaszec
 Fr Joseph Guinea
 Barbara Grant | Pastoral Associate (ex officio)

The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be held on Thursday 7 November.

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

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.



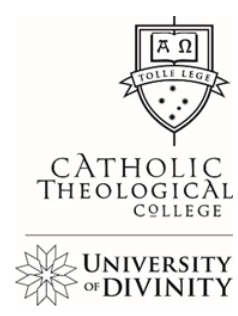
CATENIANS

Gold Coast Tweed + (Alstonville, in-development)
 Circles Invite

Men of Lismore Diocese
 to Joint meeting & dinner #
 at
 South Tweed Sports Club
 4 Minjungbal Drive, Tweed Heads South
on Thursday 19th September,
Fellowship: 5.50pm, Meeting: 6.30pm,
Dinner: 7.15pm

Enquiries and RSVP by Mon 16th September to:
 graham.m.short@gmail.com
 Phone: 0418 909660 (m)

Connect with Catenians
 Catenian men's association: faith based friendships
 # 1st time attendees free (gratis)



Catholic Theological College

Sign up for one or more online presentations.

Engaging Your Faith October 2024

*Theology, Scripture, Meditation,
 Spirituality, Science & Faith.*


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For more information and to register:
ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/

The Catholic Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office

the Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office can be contactable if you have any Safeguarding concerns. We will listen to you respectfully; offer support and discuss options you have available to you. Contact the Safeguarding Office -

Phone: (02) 6621 9444 or
 Email: safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (114)

R: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

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.

"Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth". St Teresa of Kolkata.

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.

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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EMBRACING CHANGE to create a vision for the future | Lismore Diocesan Renewal Journey
(An update following presentation at parish masses in Murwillumbah, Tweed Heads and Kingscliff)

The Diocesan Regional Parish Collaboration Project is a project which calls on parishes to look beyond their boundary and engage with other parishes to create hubs to work on common initiatives, share their strengths and support each other in areas of need. To be clergy and laity working together and to be listening, talking and reviewing and so creating an ongoing renewal journey. Working together as a Missionary Church.

A diocesan team has spent quite some time preparing a pilot program and Father Peter has supported our parish participation in this pilot program as has Father Paul from Kingscliff and Father Michael from Tweed Heads.

The project is designed to maintain and enhance the individual character of each Parish and should not be seen in anyway as promoting the amalgamation of Parishes.

The focus areas are – Parish Life Vitality both spiritually and as a community; Organisational Capability and Financial Health. So, there will be Pastoral, Missionary, Administrative and Business elements.

Each parish will have several delegates participating in the Inter-Parish Working group. They will meet together and participate in formation on the Theological and Business Basis for participating in the project together; on managing Cultural Change and on Discernment in Common creating an atmosphere of trust, listening to each other and determining priorities.

Delegates from our parish will be Father Peter, Mary-Ann Thackray Parish Manager, Peter McDonald Chairperson of the Finance Council, Jenny Wallace Chairperson of the Pastoral Council, and Barbara Grant Parish Pastoral Associate.

Delegates from the three parishes will meet in Kingscliff in September for formation and again in October for a workshop.

We invite all parishioners to think and pray about this and provide your ideas, thoughts, suggestions to the delegates representing our parish.

Please keep this project in your prayers. From this pilot program we hope to gain great knowledge and assistance as we move to roll it out across parish clusters in the whole dioceses.

This is an opportunity for our parishes to help create a vision for the future of the Diocese of Lismore.

I would also encourage you to take a moment to visit the Diocese of Lismore website to see the information about the Renewal Journey. <https://www.lismorediocese.org/renewal/>

The Holy Spirit guides us where God wants us to be, not to where our own ideas and personal tastes would lead us. "There is no need to create another Church, but to create a different Church". **Pope Francis**