

# 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

Convent Lane, Uki

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## PARISH STAFF

### Administrator

Fr. Peter Wood

### Parish Manager

Mary-Ann Thackray

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Beth Gorton

### Pastoral Associate

Barbara Grant

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25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR B - 22 SEPTEMBER 2024

## Being like little children

Imagine the scene. Jesus and his disciples are making their way along the road to Capernaum. Being a few paces away from the others, Jesus is not part of their conversation. Nonetheless he picks up the vibe: the disciples are squabbling among themselves. So, when they arrive at their destination, Jesus confronts them: "What were you arguing about along the road?" Attempting to cover their shame, the disciples say nothing.

Before advancing the story, let us put it in context. Just a few days earlier, Jesus had taken Peter, James and John to Mt Tabor, some thirty miles from Capernaum, where he was shown in all his glory. Then, on the way down the mountain, they came across a boy possessed by an unclean spirit. The disciples try unsuccessfully to heal the boy. Jesus says, "Bring him to me," and the boy is healed. The disciples reaction: "Why could not we heal the boy"? Their concern is not with the boy, but with their own power.

Moreover, on the mountain and along the road, Jesus has been telling the disciples that the Son of Man was to suffer and die, but after three days would rise again. Understandably, too many things are being said and done by Jesus. The disciples are confounded, confused. Their response is to fear Jesus: "They did not understand what he said and were too afraid to ask". So, what do they do? They start debating about which one of them is the greatest!

We can picture the scene. Peter argues he has been appointed leader of the group. John announces his special intimacy with Jesus. His brother, James, known for his fiery temperament, portrays himself as the most courageous. Philip reminds them it was he Jesus first approaches about feeding the five thousand. But, says Andrew, it was me who found the boy with five barley loaves and two fish without which there would be no miracle. Judas harangues them all: without financial planning (his special gift), the discipleship mission would collapse.

At this point, Jesus has had enough. And so he calls the Twelve to him and says simply: "If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last and servant of all". Although the disciples should immediately relate this to Jesus' earlier teachings, such as the Sermon on the Mount, he knows all too well people with ears so often cannot hear! So Jesus, ever the true teacher, takes a little child, symbol of vulnerability, telling them they too must become like "little children" if they are to learn true discipleship.

We are not told how the disciples reacted. Hopefully, they began to realise the question of "who is the greatest" is very much the wrong question. The questions we need to ask are: how can I become like a little child; how can I best learn to serve others; how can I put my ego aside in order to be an instrument of God's love for others in our world?

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# This week in the Parish

Sunday 22	<b>25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B</b> 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptisms
Tuesday 24	5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 25	5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 26	NO 8:15 am Mass today
Friday 27	<b>St Vincent de Paul, Priest</b> 9:30 am - Legion of Mary   Parish Meeting Centre 11:00 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12 noon - Mass
Saturday 28	9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 29	<b>26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B</b> <b>MIGRANT &amp; REFUGEE SUNDAY</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.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Barry Sweetnam

### 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:

#### 25TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME - Year B

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

#### 26TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME - Year B

Num 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45,  
47-48:

### READING ROSTER

#### 28/29 Sept | 26 Sunday in Ord Time | B

6pm - Denise Banner

9am - Philomena Zambelli

### ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Altar server roster will resume weekend 12/13 Oct

### ROSARY STATUE

22 September | Kay Ryder

29 September | Debbie Kaehler



## BAPTISMS:

Please welcome  
**Ziggy Reign Mossman  
& Paige Joan Gauder**  
to our faith community.

### COELIAC HOSTS

*Coeliac hosts are available for those with coeliac  
disease and gluten intolerance.*

*Please advise the hospitality team BEFORE Mass if you  
require a coeliac host.*

### 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 this  
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)

# Sacred Heart Catholic Parish Murwillumbah

## VISION STATEMENT

We are a Eucharistic community of faith, love and respect,  
living the message of Jesus.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Guided by God's promise to be with us always,  
we seek to be an evangelising, faith filled community  
welcoming all through liturgy, prayer, faith formation and care for others.

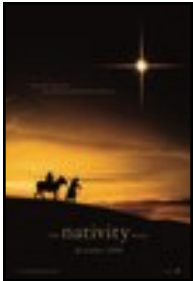
## SAVE THE DATE...

**Thanksgiving Mass  
for Fr Anthony Lemon  
9 am Mass  
Sunday 3 November**

## MAINTENANCE IN THE PARISH

If you see any maintenance issues in, or around the Parish buildings that needs to be repaired, please contact our Parish Business Manager, Mary-Ann Thackray at the Parish Office.

## SAVE THE DATE...



**2024 CHRISTMAS  
CARNIVAL  
& NATIVITY TABLEAU  
Saturday 30 November  
Only 10 weeks to go!**

It's time to start thinking about how  
you can help to make the Carnival a success!  
Raffle tickets will be available soon.

## PARISHIONER INFORMATION FORM | UPDATE YOUR DETAILS WITH THE PARISH OFFICE

Please complete and return this form to the Parish Office

- ◆ if you are new to our parish;
- ◆ if you are an existing parishioner and wish to update details;
- ◆ if you are an existing parishioner and not sure if we have your correct details;

Up to date details allows us to be able to contact you and to share information with you by SMS and/or email. Forms are available on the table at the church entry.

## AN UPDATE ON THE PRESBYTERY WALL PROJECT

Work is finally due to commence on the replacement of the retaining wall that surrounds the presbytery and hall in mid-November. We have delayed commencement until after the HSC exams. The wall will be replaced from out the front of the church all the way down to the presbytery and around into Queensland Road to the parish office carpark. Traffic management controls will be in place during work hours for Murwillumbah Street and Queensland Road and about 10 public parking spaces will be unavailable during the 3-month period that the works are expected to take.

Over the Christmas/January period a second project will commence to repair the damaged pipes under the church and hall which has resulted in an escape of liquid claim being lodged. This project will involve the removal of concrete paths around the church and hall/library and new pipes being laid as well as some repair work to the church and hall. During the period of works there will be limited access to the common areas surrounding the church and hall/library. We hope that the bulk of this project can be completed before school returns in late January. Pray for fine weather please!

To allow this work to proceed during January there will be no weekday masses and no access to the church or prayer chapel on weekdays.

Thankfully both projects are covered by insurance as the total cost of the repair work is over \$4 million. Assurance Project Management has been appointed as project manager and Construct Services have been appointed as the construction company to work with Fr Peter and Mary-Ann to complete these two projects. A site office will be established in the Parish Office/Presbytery car park and garage area. Please note that there will be no access to the parish office/presbytery car park for visitors or drop-offs from mid-November until completion of both projects.

Please speak to Parish Business Manager, Mary-Ann Thackray, if you have any queries about these projects and their impacts on our parish and school community.

## 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (53)

R: The Lord upholds my life.

IF SUNG:

R. The Lord; the Lord upholds my life.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

## LEGION OF MARY

Eucharistic Adoration – 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

*"The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white Host - Blessed Sacrament"*. Bishop Fulton Sheen  
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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