

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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St. Brigid's Church

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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR B - 29 SEPTEMBER 2024

Working together for God

A flock of geese flying in formation is a beautiful sight. Scientists who have researched why they fly in a V-formation have discovered some fascinating details.

First, it conserves their energy. Each bird flies slightly higher than the bird in front of it. This decreases wind resistance for each bird. Second, the geese take turns at being the leader and fall back in the group when they get tired. This enables them to fly for a long time before they need to stop for a rest.

The tired geese support the group from behind and recharge themselves as they fly at a slower speed. Third, the V-formation enables them to keep track of every bird in the group, and to communicate and coordinate with the group. In fact, research has also discovered that flying in formation is so beneficial that other birds such as ducks, ibis, swans, seagulls, pelicans, and flamingos also fly in formation.

Valuing the initiative and contribution of each person at different points in their journey and drawing the best from each member in the group are also important tenets in faith communities.

In this week's gospel, Jesus discourages the disciples from preventing a man from working a miracle in his name. Jesus tells them, "You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us". Jesus thus redirects the disciples' initial focus on excluding those who may not be in their immediate circle, to emphasising the commitment to doing the will of God: healing, teaching, and proclaiming the good news that God's love is available to everyone.

Today, we are called to embrace diversity amongst the faithful and to appreciate that the variety of our gifts and talents nourishes and enriches the entire community. Jesus speaks with great tenderness of everyone who acts in faith and good will, calling them his "little ones". He encourages us to be generous and to not exclude anyone from whole-hearted and loving service of God.

The community in Taizé, Saône-et-Loire, Burgundy, France is a modern example of a community of faith which embraces diversity. When Brother Roger founded the community towards the end of World War Two, it initially sheltered war refugees. Taizé is now renowned for being an ecumenical community of brothers, who have created beautiful music and work for peace and justice. Currently, it comprises eighty brothers from Catholic, Anglican, Protestant traditions, from nearly thirty countries. Brother Matthew, the current prior, penned a beautiful prayer recently which describes this spirit of diversity in service:

God the Creator, all that comes from your hands is good. Help us to discern your presence in the beauty of your creation, and to rejoice that we are a part of it. May your light shine on every corner of this earth and on every creature with which we share our common home.

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This week in the Parish

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| Sunday 29 | 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B MIGRANT & REFUGEE SUNDAY 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptisms |
| OCTOBER - Month of the Holy Rosary | |
| Tuesday 1 | St Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor 5:30 pm - Mass |
| Wednesday 2 | The Holy Guardian Angels 5:30 pm - Mass |
| Thursday 3 | 8:15 am - Mass |
| Friday 4 | St Francis of Assisi 6:00 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:30 am - Legion of Mary Parish Meeting Centre 12 noon - Mass |
| Saturday 5 | 9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass |
| Sunday 6 | 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Parish Morning Tea |

Daylight Saving commences Sunday 6 October

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
First Friday
6 am - 6 pm

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Des Thornton, Ben Goddall (Yr 12 student St Joseph's College, Banora Point).

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mick Mesic, Madonna Marshall, Ted Leape, Maria Zambelli.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Rita Anderson, Narelle 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:

26TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME - Year B
Num 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48:

27TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME - Year B
Gen 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16:

READING ROSTER

5/6 October | 27th Sunday in Ord Time | B
6pm - Louis Staunton
9am - Bernard Nolan

ROSARY STATUE

29 September | Debbie Kaehler
6 October | Annette Lofts



BAPTISMS:

Please welcome
Ted Pinkstone-Chandler
& **Braxton Michael Pinkstone**
to our faith community.



MSPC YEAR 12 GRADUATION

Congratulations to our Year 12 students who celebrated their Graduation Mass last Thursday.

Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for their Higher School Examinations which commence Tuesday 15 October.

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Altar server roster will resume weekend 12/13 Oct

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 channel](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU) - 9:00 am - [youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU)

Today is **MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY**
God walks with his people



For this year's 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees message, Pope Francis has chosen the theme, **God walks with his people**.

God not only walks with his people, but also within them, in the sense that he identifies himself with men and women on their journey through history, particularly with the least, the poor and the marginalized. In this we see an extension of the mystery of the Incarnation.

For this reason, the encounter with the migrant, as with every brother and sister in need, "is also an encounter with Christ. He himself said so. It is he who knocks on our door, hungry, thirsty, an outsider, naked, sick and imprisoned, asking to be met and assisted". The final judgement in Matthew 25 leaves no doubt: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (v.35); and again "truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me" (V. 40). Every encounter along the way represents an opportunity to meet the Lord; it is an occasion charged with salvation, because Jesus is present in the sister or brother in need of our help.

- Excerpt from Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2024

2024 CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL & NATIVITY TABLEAU

Saturday 30 November
Only 9 weeks to go!



Thank you to the people who came to the Christmas Carnival meeting on Thursday 19 September. After a great deal of discussion, questioning the viability of the Carnival and Tableau, it was decided to continue with our plans and hold the 2024 Carnival and Tableau in its current format.

Last year the carnival made approx. \$25,000. After our expenses of \$14,000 were deducted, there was \$11,000 profit from the Carnival. \$2,000 was donated to each of our three parish schools and the balance was donated to the Parish.

As we continue with our planning and preparation, we need your help please. If you are able to volunteer to assist with the Carnival please complete and return a Carnival Helpers form. Copies of the form are available from the table at church entry and from the parish office.

SAVE THE DATE...


THANKSGIVING MASS

for Fr Anthony Lemon

9 am Mass | Sunday 3 November

October

Month of the Holy Rosary



ROSARY IN THE PARK

Saturday 12 October 2024
10:00 am | Budd Park
South Murwillumbah

The Legion of Mary invites parishioners and friends to Rosary in the Park.
 Refreshments to follow.





DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME commences 2am next Sunday 6 October. Don't forget to turn your clocks **FORWARD one hour** before going to bed. Daylight Saving Time concludes Sunday 6 April 2025.

JUBILEE 2025 | Pilgrims of Hope

Next year 2025 is a Jubilee Year for the church. The theme for the 2025 Jubilee, chosen by Pope Francis is "**Pilgrims of Hope**", and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis.

What is a Jubilee?

"Jubilee" is the name given to a particular year. A time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation.



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (18)

R: The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth.

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.

'The Eucharist is Jesus Himself. He wants to give Himself to us, to fill us with His Grace, His Love, His Joy, His Peace. He wants to transform us into Himself.'

Frank Duff | Servant of God

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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September 2024 – Renewal Journey Update

An update for parishioners following the first Regional Collaboration Workshop, held on Saturday 21 September 2024, for formation of delegates from the “Pilot Cluster” parishes of Murwillumbah, Tweed Heads and Kingscliff.

Led by Trevor Cooper, Chairperson Inter Parish Collaboration Team, the workshop opened with a message of support from Bishop Greg, followed by prayer and reflection. A call to be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit in listening and discerning and to gain benefits by sharing ideas, skills and resources in a model that involves clergy and laity in Mission and Planning.

There were four PowerPoint presentations, each one followed by a Q&A session. The Q&A sessions provided excellent feedback from the parish delegates. There was acknowledgement that the delegates offered great shared knowledge and wisdom.

1) A presentation on Cultural Change - presenting the concept that parish collaboration starts by accepting the call for conversion, first at a personal level then as a community. Outlining the reasons why there is a need for change while also acknowledging that there may be some resistance and that is to be expected. For there to be successful change there needs to be: a sense of direction; knowledge; emotional engagement and a shaped pathway.

2) A presentation on the Business Basis for Collaboration - outlining one of the first tasks of collaboration needs to be a desire to work together for better organisational capability and financial sustainability in order to deliver greater parish vitality.

3) A presentation on the Theological Basis for Collaboration - informing our call to be a collaborative church. Collaboration among parishes in a region is a concrete expression of the Church as communion and mission. Belonging to one Body, and gifted differently, each member mutually supports each other with the gifts one has been entrusted. The information presented was supported by reference to Scripture, Canon Law and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

4) A presentation on Discernment in Common - presenting an understanding of the need for an absolute trust in God’s willingness and power to lead us to our goal as we all work together without prejudice in a culture of trust. With trust and prayerful discernment, the outcome will be the generation and prioritisation of ideas for improvement in our parishes.

A general question and answer session followed and delegates were also provided with an outline of the information that they will be asked to prepare for the October 2024 workshop. The day closed in prayer.

Please continue to keep this project in your prayers and you can follow the Lismore Diocesan Renewal Journey on the Diocese of Lismore website <https://www.lismorediocese.org/renewal/>

“Building the kingdom of God is a commitment that Christians share and for this reason it is necessary that we learn to collaborate” Pope Francis 24 Sept 2020.



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Renewal Journey



EMBRACING CHANGE

to create a vision for the future

lismorediocese.org/renewal

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL & NATIVITY TABLEAU
SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2024

*Please complete and return this form to the Parish Office or to your School Office
by Friday 8 November 2024*



Yes, I/we can help at the 2024 Christmas Carnival & Nativity Tableau

Name:

Home Phone:

Mobile Phone:

Email:

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I can help with:

Stalls & activities

- Help on a stall / activity with setting up before 4:00 pm
- Help on a stall / activity on the night
- Help on a stall / activity as "relief"
- Sell raffle tickets for a stall
- Donate items for a stall

Preferred stall /activity (see list below):

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Working Bees

- Working Bee on Saturday morning – 7:00 am start
- Working Bee on Sunday morning – 7:00 am start

Stalls

Bottle
Cakes & Sweets (coordinators MSP Primary Parent Forum)
Craft & Produce
Plants

Food & Drinks

Bar (18 & over + current RSA required)
BBQ & Hots Dogs (coordinators SJP Primary Parent Forum)
Hot & Cold Drinks
Food Ticket Sales

Games of Chance & Raffles

Cent Auction
Chocolate Wheels (17 & over)
Parish Raffle
Other Raffles

Children's Activities

Children's Rides & Activities supervisors (coordinators MSP College)
Face Painting
Glow Candles
Hoopla
Snow Cones

Working Bee – Saturday

Task will include:

- Set up stall areas
- Set up marquees
- Set up parking area
- Set up BBQ servery

Working Bee – Sunday

Task will include:

- Dismantle stall areas
- Dismantle marquees
- Clean up playground litter

What is the Christmas Carnival and Nativity Tableau?

For some of our newer parishioners, school families and staff you may not be familiar with this wonderful parish community event and its 63-year history. We invite you to read on ...



The Christmas carnival and the nativity play have been held since 1961 and is an annual event on the last Saturday of November that brings our Parish, our parish schools and wider community together to celebrate the start of the Advent season and share the story of Jesus' birth in a tableau format – acted out silently with narration and choir & band to provide the story and the music.

The students and staff from our three schools – Mt St Patrick Primary, St Josephs Primary and Mt St Patrick College - are all involved in the presentation of the story of Jesus' birth.

The Christmas Carnival, held in conjunction with the Tableau, is a fete with a variety of stalls and food and drinks available. Raffles, chocolate wheels and children's activities all add to the festivity of carnival night. Everyone in our Parish and our Parish School communities are asked to participate in some way with the Christmas Carnival – either by donating items for stalls or helping out on the night or at working bees on the Saturday and Sunday. We also ask each family to buy a book of 10 raffle tickets to support the Parish community. Tickets this year will be available to buy online or in printed book form.

This year our Christmas Carnival and Nativity Tableau will be held on Saturday 30 November with stalls and activities opening from 4 pm and the Tableau onstage at approx. 7 pm

How can you help? Your support is greatly appreciated by carnival organisers and all stall holders.

Now: Donate goods to sell or donate cash, materials or ingredients to stall holders or offer to help in preparation.

Stalls include: Bottles, Cakes & Sweets, Plants, Craft and Produce, Cent Auction, Chocolate Wheels, BBQ and Bar. We also need helpers for various Children's Activities.

At Saturday Working Bee: Help with set-up on Saturday morning from 7:00 am.

On Carnival Night: Offer to help on a stall, even for a short time as this allows others to take a break.

At Sunday Working Bee: Help with dismantle & clean up on Sunday morning up from 7:00 am.

Please complete a Carnival Helper form and return it to your school or the Parish office by Friday 8 November. Enquiries please phone the Parish Office on 02 6672 1118 or 0413 277 700.