

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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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR B - 6 OCTOBER 2024

Let the children come to me

The long form of this week's gospel reading includes some strange words that are worth our careful reflection. The disciples get annoyed at people bringing children to Jesus so that he can bless them.

You can imagine their grumbling: "We have work to do, God's work! We don't have time to waste like this. We have to make it to the next town by nightfall. Crowds are waiting to be taught. Sick need healing. Possessed need deliverance. We will be here all day with all these children ..."

The disciples, the insiders, the privileged participants in Jesus' mission, in their zeal and sincerity still miss the essential point. In fact, throughout the gospels, Jesus' most intimate friends and his most devoted followers, struggle to comprehend what following Jesus is really all about.

They put their understanding of God, of his Kingdom, of Jesus, before God, his Kingdom and Jesus. They make a box and place God, the Kingdom and Jesus inside of it, instead of letting their little box be broken open by the *wonder* of who God is, and what God is accomplishing in Jesus for the world (which is called the "Kingdom").

Just like the disciples, our ideas of Jesus and his mission can be too convenient and comfortable, too idolatrous and narrow. This was the problem with Jesus' disciples and it's the problem with Jesus' disciples today.

But again and again, Jesus mercifully and patiently corrects his disciples' misunderstandings; he breaks open their all-too-narrow, all-too-convenient understandings of himself and his Kingdom.

How does Jesus break open and transform our understanding in this story of the little children? It's all revealed in Jesus' response to them when they try to bar the children from coming to him: "Let the children come to me, do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

On the one hand, the disciples know that Jesus' mission is the Kingdom; the reign and rule of God over all the earth, the eradication of all injustice, suffering and evil, the gathering of all peoples as one in obedience to their Creator — all of this and more is Jesus' singular purpose in his teaching and in his actions. The disciples, like us, believe this and devote their entire lives to it. What is the problem, then?

Jesus' disciples continually struggle to understand this rule and reign of God.

Jesus demands a complete undoing of what we think rule and reign is. The Kingdom is not accomplished by might, strategy and self-interest, but by humility, self-sacrifice and love. Strength, wealth, good looks and smarts get you nowhere! Jesus tells us frankly: "Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the Kingdom of God like a child, will not enter it."

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 6	27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Parish Morning Tea
Monday 7	Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Office Closed 9:30 am - Rosary & Prayers (see note below)
Tuesday 8	5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 9	11:00 am - Funeral Prayers for Colin Brooks 5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 10	8:15 am - Mass
Friday 11	9:30 am - Legion of Mary Parish Meeting Centre NO Exposition today 12 noon - Mass with Fr Anthony
Saturday 12	10:00 am - Rosary In The Park (see note page 3) 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 13	28TH 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

There is NO Exposition
this week

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Laurie Pratt Snr, Fr Arthur Stidwell MSC, Louise van den Broek, Colin Brooks, Ben Goddall, Des Thornton.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Hugh McLeod

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:

27TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME - Year B

Gen 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16:

28TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME - Year B

Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-27:

READING ROSTER

12/13 Oct | 28th Sunday in Ord Time | B

6pm - Barbara Grant

9am - Jan Bruce

ROSARY STATUE

6 October | Annette Lofts

13 October | Paula Thornton



PARISH CUPPA | MORNING TEA

Please join us for a Cuppa | Morning tea
after 9am Mass this Sunday 6 October.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

ROSARY & PRAYERS for God's Precious Infants

and the Unborn Child - Monday 7 October -
9:30 am - Sacred Heart Church.

Pregnancy Help Line: 1300 139 313

**PLEASE NOTE | The Parish Office will be CLOSED
Monday's during the month of October.**

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 12 October | Jana Lofts

Sun 13 October | Sienna Alexander

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)

Volunteers needed for rosters – (i) Welcomers and (ii) Offertory Procession

We would like to reintroduce rosters for welcomers and for offertory processions at weekend Masses.

We acknowledge and thank Barbara Grant, Beth Gorton and Deirdre Hulton who, together with myself, have been undertaking the welcomer duties and organising people for the Offertory at each weekend Mass for some considerable time now.

What's involved?

Welcomers / Mass Hospitality Team

Before Mass

Welcomers are asked to arrive at the Church 20-30 minutes before Mass start time to welcome parishioners and visitors in to the church and to offer a Parish Bulletin and hymn sheet/book to each person. Ideally at least one person remains at the welcome table until the Liturgy of the Word commences.

Placing the money from the collection plates into money bags and putting the bags into a special location as Mass commences (the rostered Acolyte or Parish Manager collects the money after Mass).

We recommend two people per Mass to welcome everyone into the Church – one of whom must be an adult.

After Mass

Tidying up the hospitality table after Mass as people return bulletins and hymn sheets.

Offertory Procession

Ideally two or more people; often from the same family or friendship group.

Taking the gifts of bread and wine from the Credence Table located in the middle of the church up to meet Father at the sanctuary steps at the appropriate time in Mass and then returning to your seat.

We invite you to add your name to one or both lists if you and partner/family/friends would like to be involved. The list is available at the back of the church. Alternatively contact the Parish office to advise which roster you'd like to be added to.

If you are interested in other ministries e.g. reading or music/choir; or in joining the roster for our monthly Sunday Cuppa team – please speak to one of our Parish team and we can talk to you more about what's involved as some training/practice may be involved.

If you are new to the parish and interested in joining a Family Group, please speak to me about how to join a Family Group.

The rosters will be prepared in the Parish Office and be circulated on a quarterly basis.

Thank you for your continued support of the Parish through these activities.

Mary-Ann | Parish Manager

2024 CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL & NATIVITY TABLEAU Saturday 30 November *Only 8 weeks to go!*



As we continue with our planning and preparation, we need your help please.

How can you help to make the Carnival a success?

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.

Raffle tickets will be available soon.

Thank you all for your continued support of this special Parish event.

CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

October morning tea

Wed 16 Oct | 10:00 am | Mbah Services Club

Enquiries: Alex Lever 0458 817 021

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP

October morning tea

Wednesday 23 Oct | 9:30 am | Parish Office

Enquiries Barbara Cook:

Ph: 026672 3377 Mobile: 0459 955 394

ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME



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 and share a meal with us - it might be just what you need! Your first dinner is on us.

South Tweed Sports Club | Thurs 17 Oct | 6 pm

Contact:

Bernard Nolan 0419 023 108 | 02 6672 3733

Chris Gallagher 0428 416 288

SAVE THE DATE...

THANKSGIVING MASS

for Fr Anthony Lemon

9 am Mass | Sunday 3 November

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (127)

R: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia!

LEGION OF MARY

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

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. Contact Trish Jandura for more information.

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.



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,

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

Keeping the faith: What happens when a priest is absent?

Sunday Mass has always been and will continue to be central in Catholic life and worship, but what happens when a priest is unavailable?

Supporting parishes

Providing parishes with the resources, protocols and processes for lay-led liturgy is a key part of the Renewal Journey. Kurt Challinor, Principal of St Joseph's Primary School in Alstonville, leads the lay-led liturgy team. "We're working collaboratively with parishes across the Diocese to discern their immediate and future needs in supporting lay-led liturgies," explains Kurt.

He notes that while these liturgies provide a spiritual outlet, they are not a replacement for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. "It's important for communities to know the difference between the two because they are very different."

Feedback from parishes has been instrumental in shaping what form of support they need for lay-led liturgies. A recent survey had a 90% response rate, highlighting the diverse realities. "Some parishes have been doing this for years, while others are just beginning to explore it," Kurt shares.

While lay-led liturgies cannot replace the Eucharistic celebration presided over by a priest, they ensure that parishioners continue to gather, worship, and receive Holy Communion. "We come together in the hope of celebrating the Liturgy of the Eucharist in the future," says Kurt.

Through the Renewal Journey, parishes across the Diocese are ensuring that the spiritual growth of communities continues, even when a priest isn't available.

To read the full new article visit the Diocese of Lismore website news section.

Sharing our Journey

Please email us at 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 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