

# 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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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT | YEAR C 1 DECEMBER 2024

### The coming of the kingdom

At the year's end, God comes – Christ is coming – as a baby at Christmas, coming into the dailiness of our lives, and at the end of time. It may seem odd at the beginning of Advent to hear Jesus speak of the second coming, but when Jesus says we're to watch and stay awake, he doesn't say it to play on our fears. Instead, he calls us to be alert to the signs of God's presence in our lives, encouraging us to have faith in God who is present in the person with whom we are talking, and in the smallest act, though we may only come to understand this sometime later.



As we grow in our faith, his coming 'with power and glory' will seem less a fearful prospect than the moment of our liberation.

One way we can prepare for it, says Jesus, is not to let the cares of life overwhelm us. But what might we say to the woman with a life-threatening illness who said recently: 'My mental health is an ongoing battle because I live in the unknown. I'm scared every time I get sick. I live in fear.'

Her words speak to us whenever we find ourselves adrift in the unknown, where nothing makes sense anymore and everything we've done to secure our future is called into question. Often our fears are disabling, and we wonder where we might find help to face them. This is what Jesus is offering us in the gospel, the gift of himself; and receiving it, in turn we're asked to give it away. It's what the vivid, apocalyptic language of the gospel seeks to do: to help us be more aware of God's presence in our lives.

As we gradually grow into this awareness through prayer and our being with one another, when God's kingdom is revealed in its glory at the end of time, we will find ourselves able to stand with confidence before the Son of Man and we will be with God forever. This is the liberation of which Jesus speaks.

In the first reading, while the false prophets speak only of doom and gloom in the face of exile and what seems like impending disaster, Jeremiah re-assures the people that God will remain true to his promises and send them a ruler of honesty and integrity. Enabled to face what is happening, alert to God's presence, the prophet discovers there, not simply an end, but a new beginning.

In the second reading, Paul describes the life we're called to live in preparation for Christ's coming again. Whatever our differences, loving one another in a community of hope reveals the life of Christ to us and to 'the whole human race.'

Whenever this happens, God's kingdom is made real on earth, as in heaven. It's the coming of the kingdom both now and in the future: it's the promise of Advent.

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# This week in the Parish

Sunday 1	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - C</b> 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Parish Cuppa   Morning Tea
Monday 2	9:30 am - Rosary & Prayers (see note below)
Tuesday 3	10:00 am - <b>Advent Study   Hope Reigns</b> 5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 4	No Mass today
Thursday 5	No Mass today
Friday 6	6:00 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:30 am - Legion of Mary   Parish Meeting Centre No Mass today
Saturday 7	9:30 am - Legion of Mary Annual General Reunion 2:00 pm - Wedding   Sacred Heart Church 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 8	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - C</b> 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass

**PRIVATE PRAYER**  
from 4:30 pm before Tuesday  
& Wednesday 5:30 pm Mass

**RECONCILIATION**  
Saturday: 5.30 pm - 5.50 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,  
are available in the Church.

**EXPOSITION OF THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
First Friday  
6 am - 6 pm

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Maree Loughman, Michael Collins, Evelyn McGuiness,  
Marie Ensby, Terry Twohill, Trish Rickard

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Marie (George Flack's sister), Rita Anderson,  
Narelle Martin, Pam Willock, Patrick Fox, George Flack,  
Margaret Traves, Lorraine Green, 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:

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year C

Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thess 3:12 - 4:2;

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36:

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year C

Baruch 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6:

### READING ROSTER

#### 7 | 8 Dec | Second Sunday of Advent | C

6pm - Denise Banner

9am - Christine O'Brien

### ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 7 December | Yasmin van Rossi

Sun 8 December | Nate Linkins

### ROSARY STATUE

1 Dec | Igor & Gosia      8 Dec | Dana Fuller

## PARISH CUPPA | MORNING TEA

Please join us for a Cuppa | Morning tea  
after 9am Mass this Sunday 1 December.

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**



## ANNUAL GENERAL REUNION

### OF LEGION OF MARY

Saturday 7 December

9:30 am Legion Prayers | 10 am Mass  
A light luncheon in Parish Hall/Library to follow.

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

## 'MASS OF ANOINTING'

10AM | SATURDAY | 14 DECEMBER

All Parishioners Are Welcome.

## 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)

# THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL & NATIVITY TABLEAU



The Tableau is a wonderful way to begin the season of Advent and to remind us that Christmas is about the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Sincere thanks to all who helped in any way to make the Christmas Carnival such a wonderful occasion. Its success always depends on the combined effort of many in our Parish community - the Parish schools, various groups and individuals all working together.

**It is very much appreciated.  
Well done!**

## ADVENT WREATH

Within the four weeks of the Advent season, the Church's liturgy draws attention to different facets of how God's plan has been revealed in Christ, is now revealed in every Mass we celebrate, and that Christ will be revealed in all his glory at the end of time.

For each Sunday of Advent, we take our focus for the Advent Wreath from our Advent traditions. Like the people of the Old Testament we live in **hope** for the fullness of the revelation of Christ the Messiah when he will come in glory to judge the living and the dead.

## LIGHTING THE CANDLE - PRAYER

Fr Peter:

All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever.

**Amen.**

*All Sing:* O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
who orders all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show,  
and teach us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come again and with us ever dwell.  
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## Hope Reigns | 2024 Advent Resource

Short daily reflections through until Christmas Day.  
**\$8.00 each | available from the Church & Parish Office**

## Advent Study Group | Hope Reigns

Tuesdays | until 17 Dec | 10 am | Parish Office

*All are Welcome!*

## Advent Online Retreat...

This Advent, The Catholic Guy is inviting people around the world to join a weekend Advent Mission Event online Retreat on 7-9 December and accessible online for all of Advent.

To find out more, the website link is: <https://TheCatholicGuy.com/missionevent>

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

### CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL

**Tuesday 24th December**

**6 pm | Murwillumbah | Fr Michael Alcock**

6 pm | Kingscliff | Fr Paul McDonald

6 pm | Pottsville | Fr John Darbyshire

6 pm | Tweed Heads | Fr Nicolas Maurice

8 pm | Tweed Heads | Fr Michael Brady

**Midnight | Murwillumbah | Fr Peter Wood**

Midnight | Tweed Heads | Fr Michael Alcock

### CHRISTMAS DAY

**Wednesday 25th December**

7:30 am | Pottsville | Fr Paul McDonald

8 am | Tweed Heads | Fr Nicolas Maurice

**9:00 am | Murwillumbah | Fr Peter Wood**

9 am | Kingscliff | Fr Paul McDonald

## CHILDREN AT MASS

### ARE A BLESSING



We wish to assist in creating an experience that will support both you and your little ones to connect more deeply with the beauty and grace of the Mass.

In the past, we have enjoyed providing Children's Liturgy. If you would like this to start up again OR you have other ideas please place them in the suggestion box.





## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - C

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (24)

**R:** To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

**IF SUNG:**

**R:** To you I lift my soul, O God.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.**

**Alleluia!**

### Christmas Carnival 'Evaluation' Meeting

Tuesday | 17 December | 4:00 pm

Parish Administration Centre

### HOOR OF GRACE - LEGION OF MARY

Sunday 8 December | Noon - 1pm

St Joseph's Church Tweed Heads

All parishioners are welcome!

### VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Please consider donating any of the following:

- ◆ **Gift cards or vouchers** – especially on outlets where gifts, toys or something special can be purchased;
- ◆ **Money** – can be left in a specially marked envelope for the Conference at Parish or School offices or Vinnies shop, or on a collection plate at Mass;
- ◆ **Donate online** to <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-appeal> **BUT WHEN YOU REACH THE OPTION ASKING FOR 'COMMENTS OR CONFERENCE NAME'** please write **"Murwillumbah 43-427"** so your gift stays in this area.
- ◆ **A QR code is on the church noticeboard** – using this QR code will take you straight to donations for Mary MacKillop Conference Murwillumbah



Thank you very much for anything you are able to do.  
Denise Banner, President, Mary MacKillop Conference

## 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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