

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - YEAR C

25 DECEMBER 2024

WELCOME TO CHRISTMAS AT THE
SACRED HEART PARISH



Wishing you a Happy and Holy Christmas
and a Peace filled New Year to all
Fr Peter, Fr Anthony, Fr Joseph, Fr Michael,
Mary-Ann, Beth, Barbara, Anna & Erin.
May the peace of Christ find a home in your heart.

READINGS FOR TODAY:

CHRISTMAS VIGIL (*Mass during the Night*)

Is 9:1-7; Titus 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Christmas Day (*Mass at Dawn*)

Is 62:11-12; Titus 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

EVE - VIGIL & MIDNIGHT

(*Missal - Mass during the Night*)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 95)

R: Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Good news and great joy to all the world:

today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

Alleluia!

CHRISTMAS DAY (*Missal - Mass at dawn*)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 96)

R: A light will shine on us this day:

the Lord is born for us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth.

Alleluia!

Welcoming

Children aged 0-5 years and their families
to the Parish



DIOCESE OF
LISMORE

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We are a community on a journey

Children need Church as a **FIRST** step on their faith journey: we welcome every person, no matter their age, social status, ethnicity, or gender.

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Join in!

- Sit close to the front, so your children can see what is happening
- Please join in with the hymns and prayers as you feel comfortable
- If your children need to move around, step outside, or take a break, that's ok! Please accompany them so they are safe.
- If your children make a noise, don't worry about it! It's wonderful that you have joined us.

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Jesus Blesses Little Children



"People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. But Jesus called for them and said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.'" (Luke 18:15-17)

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We gather, we belong

Church is a place where we gather to seek God. God values and loves children and they should be included.



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All are welcome

You are **welcome** here.
You **belong** in this community.
You can **worship** God with us.

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Questions?



If you have any questions please feel free to ask your priest, a fellow parishioner, or usher.
We are glad you could join us to share the Good News about Jesus.



Bishop Greg Homeming's CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2024

For a brief time, each year our thoughts turn from the business and worry of life to a newborn child in a manger. In the silence of Christmas night, we hear the secret hopes of our hearts and rekindle the trust and gaze of our childhood. The past is gone, if only we could fashion our future from the joy of Christmas. This is a season of hope in which we are called to believe in goodness, truth and beauty. Moreover, we are challenged to believe in ourselves and each other.

As we look at the crib we tend to identify with the baby. Curiously we do not associate with Mary or Joseph, and certainly not with the shepherds or the wise men. The baby Jesus carries our hopes, our fears and our future. He does not threaten us, we are not afraid of him. God comes into the world as a baby so that he can grow with us. We can also grow with God. Jesus shares each of our pains, difficulties and joys. In the baby, God and humankind are one. Jesus comes into the world to show us how to believe in ourselves and each other with confidence.

Take some time to pray. In prayer we are moved by Christmas. Suddenly joy becomes part of us, and we begin to see life with greater optimism and hope. This is the miracle of Christmas. May you be gifted with the spirit of Christmas.

With my prayers and wishes this Christmas and New year.

+ Greg

Bishop Greg Homeming OCD

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Sr Ursula O'Dwyer, Brian Sullivan, Brian Gillett, Henryk Drewek, Ian Konrad, Joy Rose, Rita Anderson, Maree Loughman, Michael Collins, Evelyn McGuinness, Marie Ensbey, Terry Twohill

ANNIVERSARIES:

John Irby, Tony Simpson, Vera Paine, Doss Dodds, William Wood

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Libby Varela, Marie (George Flack's sister), 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.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to 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.

CHRISTMAS DAY SPECIAL COLLECTION

This year at our Christmas Masses, we will be Having a special collection for Wedgetail Retreat, our local Palliative Care Hospice.

Envelopes are available at all Christmas Masses for this collection.

CHRISTMAS MASS FROM THE VATICAN

His Holiness Pope Francis will celebrate Midnight Mass in St Peter's Basilica on Christmas Day. This will be telecast on ABC 1 commencing 9:30am (EST) on Christmas Day.

It can also be viewed live on the internet, through the websites of Vatican TV and The Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN).

WITH THANKS AND APPRECIATION

Fr. Peter would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the life of the Parish during the past twelve months. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.



Merry Christmas

Tuesday 24 Dec **CHRISTMAS EVE - VIGIL**

6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Midnight - Mass

Wednesday 25 Dec **THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS DAY)**

9:00am - Mass

Please note: there are no weekday Masses this week

Saturday 28 Rosary - 9:00 am
Rosary - 5:30 pm
6:00pm - Vigil Mass

Sunday 29 **THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

Rosary - 8:30 am
9:00 am - Mass



PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE:
The Parish Office is closed
until 9am Monday 6 January 25.
Phones and emails will be
monitored throughout the
holiday period.



THE HOLY YEAR will begin Christmas Eve and conclude January 2026.

On Christmas Eve, Pope Francis will open the Holy Door to begin the Jubilee of Hope. Every major moment of Jubilee 2025 will be made available worldwide, with the Vatican Media offering audio streams and video live and on demand through its *Vatican News* portal and on YouTube.

The live streaming will allow millions of faithful to join in prayer, watching high quality images with commentary and reports in several languages, including sign language. Thanks to the complete and accessible coverage, it will be possible to participate, in real time and on demand, in the main events of the 2025 Jubilee, immersing oneself in a true spiritual journey enriched with educational, cultural, and historical content.

JOSEPHITE CALENDARS

2025 Josephite Calendars are on sale
in the Church. \$10.00 each.

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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 (APOSTLES' CREED)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
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.