

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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AUSTRALIA DAY YR C | 26 JANUARY 2025

South Land of the Holy Spirit

The Beatitudes we just heard are at the beginning of the 'Sermon on the Mount'. This sermon provides a picture of a society where the usual expectations of how people relate to each other are turned upside down.

Australia, 'Down Under', is a place to which people have been attracted by a vision of a different future, a future where human beings could relate to each other differently to the old order in their society of origin.

De Quiros, the Portuguese explorer of the 16th Century, set out on a quest for 'Terra Australia del Espiritu Santo', South Land of the Holy Spirit.

I am convinced that 'Australia' is a work of the Holy Spirit, one of whose most distinctive works at Pentecost was the breaking down of ethnic and language barriers between people.

Australia is a place where that Pentecostal impulse is creating a new society. Have we responded to the Holy Spirit perfectly? No. Treatment of the earliest inhabitants of this land was shameful, and is not yet fully remedied as the Lord of the Sermon on the Mount desires.

But, we could pause for a moment and thank God.

For our land abounding in nature's gifts of beauty rich and rare.

For the divine Spirit of Pentecost attracting us to follow Jesus in this South Land of the Holy Spirit.

Fr Michael Tate

AUSTRALIA DAY



God of Australia ...
We bring you our gratitude
for the diversity and wealth
of this land and its people;
for its weathered old mountains,
fertile valleys, and vast plains;
for its riches of mine and agriculture,
forest, and grazing lands;
for the first Australians, who know and love
this continent with an intimate, profound sensitivity;
for the courage, vision and sacrifice
of the early settlers;
for the diverse races who now call Australia home:
for these and all your gifts
we offer you, O Lord, our joyful, thankful hearts.
Amen.
- Bruce Prewer, Australian Prayers

**Mary Help of Christians Patroness of Australia
Pray For Us**

**St Mary of the Cross MacKillop,
Pray For Us**

This week in the Parish

Sunday 26	AUSTRALIA DAY 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Baptisms
Monday 27	Parish Office closed
Tuesday 28	9:30 am - Mass
Wednesday 29	9:30 am - Mass
Thursday 30	9:30 am - Mass
Friday 31	No Mass today
FEBRUARY	
Saturday 1	9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 2	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - YEAR C 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - 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.

PARISH OFFICE:

The Parish Office will be closed

- ♦ Monday 27 January
- ♦ Wednesday 5 February

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Carmel Donnelly

ANNIVERSARIES:

Michael Jandura, Athol Heanes

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.

READINGS | ROSTERS

READINGS FOR TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY:

AUSTRALIA DAY - Year C

Is 32:15-18; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Mt 5:1-12:

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - Year C

Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40:

READING ROSTER

1|2 Feb | Presentation of the Lord | Yr C

6pm - Margaret Mumford

9am - Philomena Zambelli

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 1 February | Jana Lofts

Sun 2 February | Siena Alexander

ROSARY STATUE

26/1 Debbie Kaehler 2/2 Annette Lofts



BAPTISMS:

Please welcome

**Creed Michael Jandura,
Lola Kate Cudmore
& Poppy Ann Cudmore**
to our faith community.

WITH THANKS

We thank Fr Michael Alcock for his pastoral care of our parish over the past month, while Fr Peter has been on annual leave. Fr Peter returns for next weekend's Masses.

ORDINATION TO THE DEACONATE

Please keep Jeff Hood in your prayers over the coming months, as he prepares for his Ordination to the Deaconate in the Parramatta Diocese.

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 is an option to tune into Mass at home when you can't join us:

- Freeview TV - Channel 10 Sunday 6 am

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.**



JUBILEE YEAR 2025 | Pilgrims of Hope

A tradition of renewal

The Church's Jubilee tradition began in 1300 when Pope Boniface VIII called the first Holy Year. Initially celebrated every 100 years, the frequency changed over time, with ordinary Jubilees now observed every 25 years. Extraordinary Jubilees, such as the 2015 Year of Mercy, mark significant moments in the Church's history. The upcoming Jubilee Year includes pilgrimages, the opening of Holy Doors at the four Papal Basilicas in Rome and one in prison, themed events, and the granting of plenary indulgences.

Local celebrations

For the Jubilee, four churches in the Diocese of Lismore — St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore; Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Murwillumbah; St Augustine's Catholic Church, Coffs Harbour; and St Agnes' Catholic Church, Port Macquarie — have been designated as places of hope. People are encouraged to visit these sites to worship, pray, and deepen their relationship with God.

The good ship 'Hope' will also be visiting Catholic schools within the Diocese. The boat is based on the Jubilee logo and is being constructed by students and staff at Newman College in Port Macquarie.

**LEGION OF MARY MARIAN VALLEY BUS TRIP
Saturday 15 February 2025**

The cost is \$30 per couple (bring a friend / plus one) or \$25 per person. (Murwillumbah Auxiliary Legion Members \$15 with Murwillumbah Members - FREE) Book tickets now with Legion Of Mary President | Philomena Zambelli | 0414 201 940

A light sandwich lunch will be included - you are also welcome to bring your own food/drinks/snacks.

DETAILS:

Pick Up Location: Mt St Patrick College...143 Murwillumbah St

Pick-Up Time: 0830 (for 0900 departure) NSW time

Arrival Time at Marian Valley (est): 0930 QLD time

Return Departure Time: 1330 (for 1400 departure) QLD time (We would be at Marian Valley for approx. 4hrs)

Estimated Time to Arrive back in Murwillumbah: 1630 NSW time

Wheelchair Access: NO

BACK TO SCHOOL DATES

MT ST PATRICK COLLEGE

Wednesday 5 February: Yr 7

Thursday 6 February: Yrs 11, 12 & new students

Friday 7 February: Yrs 7-12

MT ST PATRICK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday 6 February: Yrs 1 - 6

Monday 10 February: Kinder commences

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday 6 February: Yrs 1 - 6

Friday 7 February: Kinder commences

Bible Reflection:

"To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." - Micah 6:8



AUSTRALIA DAY - YR C

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (84)

R: The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God.

Alleluia!

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.

INVITATION TO FINAL MASSES

UKI and BARRINGBAR

Please join our Catholic community for the final Masses at St Columba's Catholic Church Uki on Sunday 9 February 2025 at 10 am and St Brigid's Catholic Church Burringbar on Sunday 23 February 2025 at 10 am. Both our Masses will be celebrated by Fr Paul McDonald Vicar General and Fr Peter Wood Parish Administrator.

All are welcome to attend - current and past parishioners, students of both St Joseph's schools and local community members - all are invited to be part of these special moments in history.

Both St Columba's (1911) and St Brigid's (1904) have served their local communities for over 100 years and have witnessed countless Masses, Baptisms, Weddings and community gatherings throughout their history.

Please bring a plate to share for the morning tea after each Mass. If anyone has any special memorabilia they'd like to display at each church for the final masses, please contact the Parish Office.

Please note that there will be NO 9 am Sunday Mass in Sacred Heart Church Murwillumbah on either of these Sundays. The 6 pm Saturday Vigil Mass will be the only Mass in town on these two weekends.

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.

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