

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

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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD YR C | 2 FEBRUARY 2025

A child to light up the world

Have you ever wondered what God looks like? Various images might come to mind, but why not turn to the person next to you who is made in the image and likeness of God? But, what if God looks like this baby? A child whose crying wakes us and worries us at moments as we hold them close, a child who depends on us for life.



Forty days after Christmas, Mary and Joseph travel to Jerusalem, where she is to present herself and her child, as the Law required. But there, in the Temple, something unexpected happens. They are amazed at what Simeon and Anna have to say about their baby, but it's not clear to them what it might mean – how could it be? – because God's ways often upend our way of doing things.

Before he utters his prophetic words, Simeon takes this baby in his arms and gives praise to God. That's what we're asked to do: to take Him in our arms, take God to heart, and give thanks. But often we're not too sure about this. We're open to it, but we hesitate, and Simeon reveals why, when he speaks of Him as being rejected by many in Israel and of a sword piercing Mary's soul.

Perhaps we find it difficult to imagine His birth and His death at the same time. Indeed, we may prefer to put any thought of the cross out of our minds for a while and think fondly of the baby in his crib or his mother's arms.

Of course, none of us is anticipating grief, but when grief enters our lives, how to respond? As the aunt of a baby who died soon after birth once said, "It's tough to believe that we will emerge from the darkness." Later she reflected, "In each of us we harbour both the living and the dying Christ." Recalling her words on first seeing her niece - "You are so beautiful. I love you so much" – she realised that's what God says to us ... always.

Taking to heart her words, when we hear of the Lord suddenly entering his Temple, not in power and might, as in the first reading, but in weakness and need as a baby, we see in this child a light to enlighten the world.

This child is our salvation. So today, which is also known as Candlemas Day, we might light a candle and give thanks for His coming amongst us. For He comes to free us from our fear of death, as the second reading says, so that, in time, we may find ourselves sharing the gift of His life with others. We're invited to take Him into our hearts and accompany Him as He grows in maturity, wisdom and grace.

Whatever the future holds, God is with us.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 2	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - YEAR C 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Parish Cuppa Morning Tea
Monday 3	9:30 am - Rosary & Prayers (see note below)
Tuesday 4	9:30 am - Mass
Wednesday 5	Parish Office Closed 9:30 am - Mass
Thursday 6	9:30 am - Mass
Friday 7	6:00 am - 1:00 pm Exposition (see note page 3) 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm Exposition (see note page 3) NO Mass today
Saturday 8	9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 9	5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C NO 9am Mass today 10:00 am - Mass Uki

RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 5.30 pm - 5.50 pm

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 this Wednesday 5 February.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mons. Jerome O'Rourke (PP 1964-1975),
Colin Reeve, Pat Grant

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Les Daley (father of Ray), 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:

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - Year C

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

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C

Is 6:1-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11:

READING ROSTER

8|9 Feb | 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Yr C

6pm - Tim Waugh

No 9am Mass today

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 8 February | Grace Severs

No Sunday Mass in Sacred Heart

ROSARY STATUE

2/2 Annette Lofts

9/2 Paula Thornton



WEDDING:

Please pray for God's blessing on
Stephen Conroy & Juliet Bayawa
who were married in the
Sacred Heart Church this weekend.



PARISH CUPPA | MORNING TEA

Please join us for a Cuppa | Morning tea
after 9am Mass this Sunday 2 February.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

ROSARY & PRAYERS for God's Precious Infants
and the Unborn Child - Monday 3 February - 9:30 am -
Sacred Heart Church.

Pregnancy Help Line: 1300 139 313

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

JUBILEE YEAR | PILGRIMS OF HOPE



THE JUBILEE LOGO

The four figures represent all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples. The lead figure holds the cross. It is not only the sign of the faith, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need.

There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolising that life's pilgrimage does not always go smooth, that's why we should pay special attention to the lower part of the cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into the waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope.

Whether by local pilgrimages or daily acts of kindness, the 2025 Jubilee Year provides everyone, as Pilgrims of Hope, to be united in faith and strengthened by God's enduring love.

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

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: 8:30 am (for 9 am departure) NSW time

Arrival Time at Marian Valley (est): 9:30 am QLD time

Return Departure Time: 1:30 pm (for 2 pm departure) QLD time (We would be at Marian Valley for approx. 4hrs)

Estimated Time to Arrive back in Murwillumbah: 4:30 pm NSW time

Wheelchair Access: NO

WELCOME HOME



This weekend we welcome home Fr Peter from his annual holidays.

We hope Fr Peter had a nice rest and is ready for a busy year.

Fr Peter also celebrates his birthday this week. Don't forget to wish him

'Happy Birthday'.

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.

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple - also known as Candlemas - commemorates where Simeon, a devout man awaiting the Messiah, recognises Jesus as the Saviour for both Jews and Gentiles. Simeon praises God, declaring that Jesus is a light to the Gentiles and the glory of Israel. He also prophesies that Jesus will cause both the rise and fall of many in Israel, and that Mary will experience great sorrow. The prophetess Anna also praises God on seeing the child and began to speak of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

This event, The Presentation, is a proclamation of Christ - Messiah and Priest, Lord and Saviour, the light who dispels sin and darkness.

For this reason, traditionally at least since the seventh century, candles have been blessed at Mass on this day to be used throughout the year, hence coining the term 'Candlemas'.

The feast also reminds us of our own baptism, when we were presented to God, given the name 'Christian', and received the light of Christ to guide us in our faith.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Handyman - General Maintenance (Casual)

An opportunity exists for a handyman to work on a casual basis approx. 2 days /week (flexible) for St. Anthony's Parish, Kingscliff.

Work would involve general maintenance, mowing/gardening and some cleaning of both churches and associated buildings in the parish.

Enquiries to: Paul Crouch, Parish Business Mgr.

Email: parkings@bigpond.com

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - YR C

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (23)

R: Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**This is the light of revelation to the nations,
and the glory of your people, Israel.**

Alleluia!



THANK YOU!

Sincere thanks to all who contributed in any way to the St Vincent de Paul Society's Christmas Appeal – how generous you are!

The amazing support of parishioners, Parish schools, local businesses and the broader community enabled Mary MacKillop Conference Murwillumbah to distribute very substantial Christmas support to **72 local families!** By pure coincidence this is the same number as we assisted last year.

Many donations of both money and gift cards were anonymous - please know that your generosity made a REAL DIFFERENCE to how these families could celebrate Christmas.

Our Conference Members wish you all God's good blessings for 2025.

Please consider whether God may be calling you to continue the work of Jesus as a member of the Mary MacKillop Conference. If you'd like to know more, please phone Denise on 0409 243 147

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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