

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



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Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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**5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
& FINAL MASS | UKI
YR C | 9 FEBRUARY 2025**

The journey of discipleship

In this week's gospel, we witness the all-too-familiar story of Jesus by the Sea of Galilee calling Simon Peter and other fisherfolk to join him in his mission. Unlike similar call stories in Mark (1:16-20) and Mathew (4:18-22), the journey to discipleship in Luke is not a single moment of decisive conversion but rather a gradual process, marked by repeated encounters, personal challenges, and an evolving understanding of Jesus' identity.

By the time we encounter Simon Peter in this passage, he has already had several meetings with Jesus. Earlier, Jesus performed miracles in Peter's hometown of Capernaum (Lk 4:31-37), healing many who came to Peter's house (4:40-41), including Peter's mother-in-law (Lk 4:38-39).

Peter and his colleagues may have been curious about this miracle worker from Nazareth. However, curiosity alone was not enough to prompt them to abandon their lives and livelihoods. In this later encounter by the lake, Peter and his companions still engaged in their work, weary from an unfruitful night of fishing, are still rooted in the security of their familiar lives.

Jesus enters Peter's boat and asks him to "put out into the deep" (Lk 5:4) which, in Luke is probably meant to be read as both a physical and a spiritual quest. The depth of the lake symbolises a deeper dive into trust and faith, a willingness to venture beyond comfort.

The miraculous catch that follows is not only a sign of Jesus' power but also a revelation for Peter, who, "seized with astonishment" (Lk 5:9), falls to his knees and acknowledges his own unworthiness. This response signifies a transformative moment, one in which Peter's initial curiosity is challenged by the overwhelming presence of the sacred in Jesus.

This passage reminds us that discipleship often requires repeated encounters with the sacred presence in our lives. Each encounter deepens the call, drawing us from curiosity to faith and, eventually, to a committed life of discipleship. It is easy to think that a single moment of conviction or inspiration will suffice to sustain a life of faith. However, Peter's journey suggests that a faithful response to Jesus is nurtured over time, with each encounter inviting us to trust more deeply and let go of our reservations. The call to "leave everything and follow" (Lk 5:11) becomes possible only when Peter has experienced both Jesus' authority and his compassion in a personal and transformative way.

In our own lives, we may find that discipleship also unfolds through a series of invitations to trust, each one a step deeper into relationship with Jesus. We might be drawn to the message of Jesus through curiosity, but it is through ongoing encounters—moments of insight, challenge, or comfort—that we grow into a life of committed discipleship.

Like Peter and his fellow fisherfolk, we come to realise that following Jesus is not merely a call to faith but a call to transformation. We are invited to leave behind the life we know, trusting in the new purpose Jesus reveals, one encounter at a time.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 9	5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C NO 9am Mass today 10:00 am - Final Mass Uki
Tuesday 11	5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 12	5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 13	8:15 am - Mass
Friday 14	NO Mass today
Saturday 15	8:30 am - Legion of Mary Marian Valley Bus Trip 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 16	6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptism

RECONCILIATION
Sunday: 8:30 am - 8:50 am
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.

YEAR OF JUBILEE COMMITTEE

The Pastoral Council are forming a small working committee for the Year of Jubilee. If you interested in being part of this committee, please contact Jenny Wallace 0407 740 428 or the Parish Office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Fr Frank O’Gorman (PP 1975-1988),
Fr James O’Rourke, Wendy Cameron, Mary Lazenby

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Margaret Chiesa, Sue Gallagher, 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:

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C

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

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C

Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26:

READING ROSTER

15|16 Feb | 6th Sunday in Ord Time | Yr C

6pm - Grace Molloy

9am - Bernard Nolan

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 15 February | Rose Seamer & Lily Daly

Sun 16 February | Bonnie Lindsay

ROSARY STATUE

9/2 Paula Thornton

16/2 Trish Jandura



Dear Sacred Heart Parish members,

I just wanted thank each and everyone one who helped my result and recovery during my recent surgeries. Your prayers, thoughts and messages were very much appreciated and I am sure that all this has helped with a benign result and recovery. I will be hopefully back at work in maybe three weeks.

Thanks again as words escape me as to how grateful I am to you all , to my family , many friends and relatives .

A special thanks to Mary of the Cross (Mary McKillop) who has been my favourite saint since I began school at St Columba’s Catholic school at Uki.

God Bless

Libby Varela

Thank you!

CATHOLIC MEN’S GROUP

February morning tea

Wed 19 Feb | 10:00 am | Mbah Services Club

Enquiries: Alex Lever 0458 817 021

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

Please keep Jeff Hood in your prayers over the coming months, as he prepares for his Ordination to the Diaconate 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 2025 | PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Characteristics of the Jubilee

The seven characteristics of the Jubilee are:
Pilgrimage, Holy Door, Reconciliation, Prayer, Liturgy, Profession of Faith and Indulgences.

——— PILGRIMAGE ———



The jubilee calls for us to set out on a journey, to cross boundaries.

When we travel, we not only change place physically, but it can bring about a change in ourselves. Hence, it is important to prepare ourselves well, to plan the route, and learn about the destination.

Literally, a pilgrimage is a journey to visit a holy place, historical churches, religious shrines or other sacred sites. The ultimate purpose of a pilgrimage, however, is not just to see sacred sites (“religious tourism”) but to grow in our faith, become better disciples of Jesus and encounter God more deeply.

In the Bible, Abraham is described as a person on a journey: “Go forth from your land, your relatives, and from your father’s house” (Genesis 12:1).

Jesus’ ministry can also be seen as a journey, from Galilee to the Holy City of Jerusalem. Christ himself calls His disciples to walk this road, and even today Christians are those who follow him and set out after Him.

On the journey there are various routes to choose and places to discover; it is made up of particular sets of circumstances, moments of catechesis, sacred rites and liturgies. Along the way our traveling companions enrich us with new ways of understanding.

Pilgrimage is an experience of conversion, of transforming one’s very being to conform it to the holiness of God.

**** Places of Pilgrimage in our Diocese ****

Bishop Homeming has designated these four churches as shrines for the Jubilee:

St. Carthage’s Cathedral, Lismore

Sacred Heart Church, Murwillumbah

St. Augustine’s Church, Coffs Harbour

St. Agnes’ Church, Port Macquarie

They are designated as places of hope which the faithful are encouraged to visit for worship and prayer.

LEGION OF MARY MARIAN VALLEY BUS TRIP Next 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

Pope’s Intentions for 2025 | February For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ’s mission in the priesthood and religious life.

33RD WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

*“Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful”
(Lk 6:36).*

February 11 is World Day of the Sick, an observation started by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses.

The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes.

People around the world take the time to pray for the sick and for those who work very hard to alleviate the sufferings of the sick on this day. Faith organisations mark this day especially to provide the sick with medicines, food, and spiritual guidance.

As we remember and pray for all those who are sick in this world, we call to mind our mission as men and women who have committed our varied gifts and talents to helping our brothers and sisters who suffer all forms of illness.

Let us not forget the many steps along the way to healing.

Let us be gentle with ourselves when we find that we too have become ill.

Amen.

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR C

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (137)

R: Here am I! Send me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people.

Alleluia!

FINAL MASS | UKI

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (23)- *to be sung*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Remain in my love, says the Lord; all who live in me and I in them will bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

FINAL MASS AT ST COLUMBA'S UKI THIS SUNDAY

It is with a sense of sadness that we close the doors of St Columba's Church at Uki for the final time this weekend. The Church has served the Uki community for 113+ years and witnessed countless Masses, Baptisms, Confirmations, First Communions, Weddings and community gatherings.

There is a real sadness in closing a building that houses so many memories; but there is also room for some pride - for the vision and generosity of our pioneer families who established and built the church and the way it has truly fulfilled its purpose in being a home for faith and community for many generations.

St Columba Pray for Us.

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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