

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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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YR C | 16 FEBRUARY 2025

To be evergreen with God

The banksia, unlike many other Australian native plant species, is not destroyed by bushfires. In fact, the fire's extreme heat and smoke helps it regenerate. The heat, as well as the chemicals from the smoke and ash, trigger the opening of the banksia's woody seed cases which releases the seeds within. These seeds are dispersed and subsequently germinate in rich soil.

It is also significant to note that, in addition to its fire-resistant properties, the banksia trees are an important life-nourishing habitat for threatened species, such as black cockatoos, chuditch and western ringtail possums. The banksia's surprising impetus for growth and regeneration offer valuable insights for our own journeys through life.

A common thread running through this week's readings is God's invitation to us to grow into the fullness of life. In the first reading, the prophet Jeremiah describes those who trust in the Lord as being: "like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream ... its leaves stay green." The psalm describes the one whose delight is in the law as being like: "a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season."

The second reading speaks of Jesus' resurrection and the promise of ours. Our gospel reading reminds us that we shall be filled, nourished, satisfied, and brimming with joy, whatever adversities we might face.

While it may be easy to respond positively to continual growth when life is going well, it is often difficult to remain hopeful when we encounter life's crushing experiences. How do we continue to tap into God, the source of our lives, when hope seems lost or destroyed in life's bushfires?

Benedictine mystic Hildegard of Bingen used the term "viriditas," meaning God's greening power, to describe the divine life force. She explained that, deep within nature, there is the innate potential to grow towards the fullness of life, as well as a capacity for healing and wholeness. God invites us to open ourselves to this divine capacity each day. To be closed to growth is to be closed to God, the source of our life.

Jesus reminds us that "the kingdom of God is within you" (Luke 17:21). Our capacity to heal, recover and grow, lies deep within each of us, although sometimes hidden from our eyes. Those who have experienced a major illness or other devastating experiences will appreciate this.

Iconographer Robert Lenz OFM explained that, when we try continually to keep moving towards God, even if we should fall, we fall *towards* God or even *into* God. Indeed, we are not defined by our failures and setbacks, but by our capacity for growth and greening, even when we fail.

In ordinary time, the liturgical colour, green, symbolises growth and hope. It reminds us of God's greening power. Amidst the ordinariness, the setbacks and the struggles of our daily lives, let us look towards God and to each other to remind us to continually be open to God. Within him, we are always evergreen.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 16	6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptism
Monday 17	Parish Office closed
Tuesday 18	5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 19	5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 20	8:15 am - Mass
Friday 21	NO Mass today
Saturday 22	The Chair of St Peter, apostle 9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 23	7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C NO 9am Mass today 10:00 am - Mass Burringbar

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.

Can you help?

A parishioner is seeking to borrow/hire/buy a baby capsule for a new baby for a couple of months. If you can help phone Gladys 0459 384 695

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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:

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C
Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26:

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C
1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38:

READING ROSTER

22|23 Feb | 7th Sunday in Ord Time | Yr C

6pm - Louis Staunton

NO 9am Mass today

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 22 February | Yasmin van Rossi

NO Sunday Mass in Sacred Heart

ROSARY STATUE

16/2 Trish Jandura

23/2 Lisa Dusi-Fox



BAPTISMS:

Please welcome
Emilia Belle Maslen
to our faith community.

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

ASH WEDNESDAY | 5 MARCH

MASS TIMES:

7:30 am - Sacred Heart Church

5:30 pm - Sacred Heart Church

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
- Bishop Greg continues to online-stream Sunday Mass on the [Diocesan YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU) - 9:00 am - [youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU)

Characteristics of the Jubilee

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

——— HOLY DOOR ———

The Holy Door is of special significance: it is the most powerful sign of the Jubilee, since the ultimate aim of the pilgrim is to pass through it.

The opening of the door by the Pope constitutes the official beginning of the Holy Year. Originally, there was only one door, at the Basilica of St. John Lateran, (the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome). Later, to allow as many pilgrims as possible to take part, the other Roman Basilicas opened their holy doors.

In crossing the threshold of the Holy Door, the pilgrim is reminded of the passage from chapter 10 of St John's gospel: **"I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture."** Passing through the Holy Door expresses the decision to follow and be guided by Jesus, who is the Good Shepherd. The door is a passageway that ushers the pilgrim into the interior of a church. For the Christian community, a church is not only a sacred space, to be approached with respect, with appropriate behaviour and dress, but it is a symbol of the communion that binds every believer to Christ: it is a place of encounter and dialogue, of reconciliation and peace, and the place of the community for the faithful.

There are 36 events throughout the Jubilee Year highlighting special aspects of church life. This weekend it is the Jubilee of the Artists.

Prayer for Jubilee of Artists

*Oh Lord, my God, when I, in awesome wonder,
consider all the works thy hands have made.*

*I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder:
thy power throughout the universe displayed.*

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

**We praise you, Creator God,
and thank you for the marvels of the universe
which stir us to wonder.**

**Bless artists by whose gifts we see
the beauty which is truth, the key to the mystery
and the call to transcendence.**

**May the work of their hands lead Christian
communities to that infinite Ocean of beauty
where wonder becomes awe, exhilaration,
unspeakable joy.**

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The National Centre for Evangelisation has prepared
a brief resource for each event:
nce.catholic.org.au/events/jubilee-2025-pilgrims-of-hope*



Bishop Greg's Lenten Talk Series continues...

The Jubilee Year of Hope

Bishop Greg's talks will be held on Mondays at 6pm at St Mary's Chapel:

Monday 10 March

Monday 17 March

Monday 24 March

It will be available to view on the YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/c/LismoreDioceseAU>

All are most welcome!

DO YOU PRAY THE ROSARY?

If so, have you considered becoming an auxiliary member of the Legion of Mary?

An auxiliary member is a praying member of the Legion who recites the daily rosary and the prayers in the Tessera (Leaflet of the Legion)

Auxiliary members support active members by praying daily for the intentions of Our Blessed Mother. Auxiliary membership is open to priests, religious and the laity.

For more information and a copy of the Tessera please contact Philomena Zambelli on 0414201940.

2025 LENTEN PROGRAMME 'Start Anew In Christ

Short daily reflections for Lent, Holy Week and to Easter Sunday.

Start Anew In Christ is a 6-week reflection resource that can be used during Lent by individuals and groups. Each day's reflection is inspired by a text of Scripture from the day's Gospel reading, followed by a Reflection, Discussion Questions and concludes with a Prayer.



You are invited to join us for prayer and reflection during the weeks of Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday 5 March.

If you would like to be a leader, please nominate preferred day and time, with name and phone number on the sheet provided. Please note Parish Administration Centre is available to hold Lenten Group meetings.

Lenten books are available at the Church or Parish Office. \$8 each.

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR C

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (1)

R: Happy are those who hope in the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia!

INVITATION TO FINAL MASS BURRINGBAR

Please join our Catholic community for the final Mass at St Brigid's Catholic Church Burringbar next Sunday 23 February at 10 am. The Mass 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 the Burringbar Convent school and local community members - all are invited to be part of this special moment in history.

St Brigid's (1904) has served the local community for over 120 years and has 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 for the final mass, please contact the Parish Office.

Please note that there will be NO 9 am Sunday Mass in Sacred Heart Church Murwillumbah next Sunday 23 February. The 6 pm Saturday Vigil Mass will be the only Mass in town on that weekend.

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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