

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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St. Brigid's Church

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**7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
& FINAL MASS | BURREINGBAR
Yr C | 23 FEBRUARY 2025**

No such thing as too much love

In the Book of Samuel, we find two mortal enemies, David and Saul, in conflict. Saul is the anointed King of Judah and David has been anointed to succeed him. What happens next is an all too familiar human story. David is jealous of Saul's power; Saul is suspicious of David's motives.

How often family feuds and human relations take on these negative forces of jealousy and suspicion, resulting in the breakdown of relationships. We also see this operating at the international level between ethnic groups and nations, resulting in open conflict and even warfare.

To return to the story of King Saul and the yet-to-be appointed King David, there is a glimmer of light. Previously, in a rage, Saul had attempted to kill David by throwing a javelin at him! In this week's story, David has the opportunity to kill Saul, but relents. Choosing not to kill your enemy is a good first step! Even here we note David's motives are not entirely pure. He acts partly out of guilt, fearing divine anger if he was to kill one of God's anointed.

However, fear of God has its role as a pathway to a more authentic and loving life.

Let us now compare this approach to the words of Jesus in the gospel: "Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you". At a logical level, Jesus' reasoning is difficult to dispute: "If you only love those who love you, what thanks can you expect?" No, says Jesus, you must overcome all those narrow views of love and forgiveness: "Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate". Moreover, "don't judge others, don't condemn, always forgive".

We may complain that Jesus is asking too much of us! Surely all this love and forgiveness will be seen as pure weakness, leading us to being eaten up, spewed out and trodden underfoot by our enemies! Yet, something within us knows we must break the cycle of violence and vengeance if we are to achieve peace, harmony and goodwill among people and nations. This is the way of the gospel as lived and proclaimed by Jesus.

This is also the centre-point of Pope Francis' encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* (2020), where Francis uses the parable of the Good Samaritan to insist that love must go beyond tribe, family and nation to include stranger, migrant and refugee. We also note Francis' joint statement with Grand Imam Ahmad Al-Tayeb in Abu Dhabi (2019) which acknowledged that "God has created all human beings equal in rights, duties and dignity, and has called them to live together as brothers and sisters".

In today's world, 'loving your enemy' is best expressed in terms of commitment to dialogue and mutual respect among peoples of diverse religions and cultures. This enables us to open our hearts to become people of love, service and compassion. This way, we allow God's love to enter our lives and world, mindful of Jesus' words: "The amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back!"

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 23	7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C NO 9am Mass today 10:00 am - Mass Burringbar
Tuesday 25	NO Mass today
Wednesday 26	No Mass today
Thursday 27	No Mass today
Friday 28	10:45 am - Opening of the Holy Door (see insert) 11:00 am - Adoration & Reconciliation 12 noon - Mass 12:30pm 7:30pm - Private Prayer & Reflection
MARCH	
Saturday 1	9:30 am - Requiem Mass for Margaret Chiesa 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 2	8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 8:00 am 1:00 pm - Church Doors open 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Parish Cuppa / Morning Tea

RECONCILIATION
Friday 28: 11:00 am - 11:45 am
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.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
this Friday 28 February
11 am - 11:45 am
Church will then be open until 7:30 pm

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Margaret Chiesa

ANNIVERSARIES: Roberto Dusi

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

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:

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:

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C

Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45:

READING ROSTER

1|2 Mar | 8th Sunday in Ord Time | Yr C

6pm - Denise Banner

8am - Kay Ryder

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 1 March | Mia Cook & Amelia Bennett

Sun 2 March | Nate Linkins

ROSARY STATUE

23/2 Lisa Dusi-Fox

2/3 Narelle Gear



PARISH CUPPA | MORNING TEA

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

EVERYONE WELCOME!



SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH



Safeguarding in our parish is a community responsibility. If you believe someone is being harmed please speak to your priest or the Safeguarding Office (02) 6621 9444. There are procedures in place to guide how best to help victims - whether children or adults at risk.

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](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU) channel - 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.

RECONCILIATION

The Jubilee year is a time of reconciliation, offering a "favourable time" for conversion and putting God at the centre of our lives. It calls for the restoration of social justice and respect for the earth, acknowledging God's primacy as the Creator.

The year is made holy through God's grace. Pope Francis emphasized that mercy, as God's way of reaching out to sinners, is not opposed to justice but reflects His offer of love and new life through Jesus Christ's death and resurrection.

Practically, reconciliation involves receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation, rediscovering the value of confession, and experiencing God's forgiveness.

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

Prayer for Jubilee of Deacons

The Jubilee of Deacons has a theme: 'Deacons: Joyful Witnesses of Hope', reminding us that Deacons help bring the hope and love of Christ to a world which has lost hope.

Loving God,

St Paul understood his diakonia as the proclamation of the good news of reconciliation (2 Cor 5:12-20).

May deacons today help bring awareness of the Good News of Jesus to a world in need of hope.

St Paul also wrote that a deacon must have some essential qualities (1 Tim 3:8-13), including that he must be serious, not double-tongued, not a drunkard, not greedy, and must hold the mystery of faith with a clear conscience.

His family life should be exemplary.

May deacons today be given the grace of God to hold to these ideals.

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

St Brigid's Psalm

Brigid, you were a woman of peace,
you brought harmony where there was conflict.

You brought light to the darkness.

You brought hope to the downcast.

May the mantle of your peace cover those
who are troubled and anxious,
and may peace be firmly rooted
in our hearts and in our world.

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 Tesserà (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 Tesserà 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.

BISHOP'S APPEAL | TOWNSVILLE FLOODS

Bishop Greg is appealing for monetary help for those who have suffered in the devastating Townsville floods and has asked parishes to hold a special collection. All money raised will be sent directly to the Townsville Diocese. Appeal envelopes are available in the Church. **Thank you for your continued generosity.**

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR C

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (102)

R: The Lord is kind and merciful.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.**

Alleluia!

FINAL MASS | BURRENGBAR

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 BRIGID'S BURRENGBAR THIS SUNDAY

It is with a sense of sadness that we close the doors of St Brigid's Church at Burringbar for the final time this weekend. The Church has served the Burringbar community for 121+ 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 Brigid 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

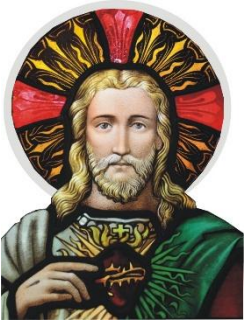
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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Jubilee 2025

Pilgrims of Hope



Sacred Heart Catholic Church Murwillumbah | A Diocesan Pilgrimage Church

Fr Peter Wood and our Parish Pastoral Council extend an invitation to all to join us for the Ceremonial Opening of our Holy Doors on Friday 28 February at 10:45 am.

Following the Opening, you are invited to stay for:

11:00 am Eucharistic Adoration & Reconciliation

12:00 pm Mass

12:30 pm – 7:30 pm - the church will remain open for private prayer and quiet reflection

The Holy Doors will be open on the 1st Friday of each month during the Jubilee Year from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm and includes all day Eucharistic Adoration with Mass celebrated at 12 noon.

The Holy Doors will also be open on the 1st Sunday each month from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm with Sunday Mass at 9:00 am and the opportunity to share a cuppa and a chat from 10:00 am.

All are welcome.

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

Serve with Us in this Jubilee Year | Pilgrims of Hope

*Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess,
for He who promised is faithful | Hebrews 10:23*

As we celebrate the Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope, we are called to be the hands and feet of Christ bringing light and encouragement to others. Our Jubilee Pilgrim Church is on a journey of faith and we need your help to make this pilgrimage meaningful for all.

Ways to serve in Hope:

- Greeters and Ushers: Welcome others with joy and warmth
- Worship and Music Team: Lift hearts in praise and prayer
- Hospitality and Friendship: Strengthen our church family with care and kindness
- Outreach and Charity: Bring hope beyond our walls to those in need

No experience is necessary just a heart ready to serve! Whether you can volunteer occasionally or regularly, your time and talents will make a difference.

Be a Beacon of Hope!

Together, let us make this Jubilee Year of Hope a time of renewal, service and joy.

Sign up today!

- Write your name and contact details on the list at the Hospitality Table; or
- Phone/email the parish office 02 6672 1118 | murwillumbah@lismore.catholic.org.au; or
- Contact Jenny Wallace 0407 740 428.

Please note that training may be required for some roles and/or safeguarding checks may also be required