

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

River Street, South Murwillumbah

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C | 11 MAY 2025

Habemus papam

Cardinal Robert Prevost, has been elected
the 267th pope, taking the name Pope Leo XIV.

"For you, I am a bishop, with you, after all, I am a Christian."

The good Shepherd always listens

The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd tenderly carrying a sheep on his shoulders was one of the earliest images of Jesus in Christian art. It was found in the Roman catacombs, the ancient cemeteries outside the city of Rome where the early Christian martyrs were buried. It has remained a much-loved image of Jesus throughout the centuries.

Jesus teaches "I am the Good Shepherd" in this week's reading from the Gospel of John. Hence, this Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday.

In the reading Jesus speaks evocatively of the relationship between the good shepherd and the sheep of his flock. "The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me." The good shepherd knows his sheep so well that he knows them by name! They know him. They listen to his voice. He cares for them. They trust him. He leads them. They follow him. Indeed, the good shepherd, unlike a hired hand, lays down his life for his sheep. It is a relationship of trust, faithfulness, steadfast care and unwavering love.

Jesus goes on to speak just as evocatively of the relationship between himself and the Father: "My Father who has given them [the sheep] to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

The Father and I are one: this is an astonishing claim! Indeed, it will heighten the animosity in those religious authorities who oppose Jesus and escalate the already growing tension that will ultimately lead to his death.

In declaring that "the Father and I are one," Jesus is identifying himself with the God of Israel, the Shepherd whose praises resound in today's Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 99): "God, he made us, we belong to him; we are his people, the sheep of his flock."

That "the Father and I are one" means that Jesus, the good shepherd, is the very image of the Father, as Good Shepherd.

This much-loved image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd and our reading from John's Gospel remind us to keep our eyes on him, to listen to him, to follow him, and to hold firm to our faith and our trust in him. He is truly the Good Shepherd. He has laid down his life for us. His resurrection is the promise of ours. He calls us to live lives of faith, hope and charity, caring for our neighbour and for all creation.

As we prayed in the Responsorial Psalm, let us rejoice and be glad, for "how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age." We are his people, the sheep of his flock. Alleluia.

And on this Mothers' Day, let us also give thanks for our mothers, and for all those people in our lives who have cared for us and shepherded us on life's journey.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 11	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (MOTHER'S DAY) (Good Shepherd Sunday) 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Baptisms
Tuesday 13	11:00 am - Christian Meditation Group 12:45 pm - Scripture Study Group (<i>note page 3</i>) No Mass today 5:15 pm - Baptism Preparation Meeting
Wednesday 14	No Mass today
Thursday 15	No Mass today
Friday 16	9:30 am - Legion of Mary Parish Meeting Centre 10:00 am - Catholic Women's Group (<i>note page 3</i>) No Exposition or Mass today
Saturday 17	10:00 am - Rosary in the Park (<i>note page 3</i>) 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 18	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Baptism

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 5.30 pm - 5.50 pm
Sunday: 8.30 am - 8.50 am

PRIVATE PRAYER

from 4:30 pm before Tuesday
& Wednesday 5:30 pm Mass

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

No Exposition this
Friday 16 May

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Bill Potter, Pope Francis, Mary Willis, Frances Hatton,
Enid Armstrong

ANNIVERSARIES:

Violet Albury, Fr Keith Teefey CSsR, Joy Armour

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Barbara McGrouther, Neville Morrin, Cade Andrassy,
Robert Burton, Marie nee Flack, 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.*

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)

Fr. Peter will be attending the annual Clergy Retreat
in Lismore this coming week. Therefore there are no
weekday Masses in the parish.

St Joseph's Tweed Heads will have Mass Monday to
Friday at 9:10am.

VIGIL MASS TIME – WINTER

PLEASE NOTE: From Saturday 7 June to Saturday
30 August 2025 the Saturday Vigil Mass in Sacred
Heart Church will commence at 5.00pm.

READINGS | ROSTERS

READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year C

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rev 7:9, 14-17;
Jn 10:27-30

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year C

Acts 14:21-27; Rev 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-35

READING ROSTER

17/18 May | Fifth Sunday of Easter | Yr C

6pm - Denise Banner
9am - Christine O'Brien

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

17/5 - Mia Cook & Amelia Bennett
11/5 - Nate Linkins

ROSARY STATUE

11/5 Debbie Kaehler 18/5 Annette Lofts

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion Parent Meeting:
Tuesday 20 May 6:30pm | Sacred Heart Church
Parents of children eligible to make their
First Holy Communion are expected to attend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Sat 21 June | 5pm Vigil or Sun 22 June | 9am

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING COURSES

Safeguarding Courses in the northern region of the Diocese will be held at **St Anthony's Parish, Kingscliff** next Thursday 15 May at 10am.

10am-11.15am

Safeguarding awareness

11.15am-11.45am

Integrity of our common mission

12noon-1.15pm

Mandatory reporting & reportable conduct

All employees, church personnel, volunteers & parishioners are invited to attend.

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR
OUR DIOCESAN BOOK CLUB

MUSTARD SEEDS BOOK CLUB

Small books, big ideas, growing faith

A chance to come together online, as a community, to share our faith as we read *52 Sundays* and other Church Documents.

Our first book club is on the **28th of May, from 7pm-8pm**. We will be discussing the Introduction and Chapters 1-4 from Deacon Anthony's book *52 Sundays*, and a chapter of your choice from Pope Francis' encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*.

All are welcome and no background or formal education in theology is required! Looking forward to seeing you there.

Zoom Meeting ID: 847 3248 5504
Password: WS6wVx

To register interest, contact: Dr Madeline Beveridge, Pastoral Projects Officer, Diocese of Lismore Chancery, 0491 137 854
mbeveridge@lismore.catholic.org.au

Dates:

- 28th May WEDS
- 24th June TUES
- 24th July THURS
- 27th August WEDS
- 23rd September TUES
- 30th October THURS
- 24th November MON

ROSARY IN THE PARK

Saturday 17 May

10am | Budd Park

Followed by shared
refreshments

ALL WELCOME!



SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP

Tuesdays | 1 pm | Parish Admin Centre

ALL WELCOME

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP

May morning tea

Friday 16 May | 10 am | Parish Admin Centre

Enquiries Barbara Cook:

Ph: 026672 3377 Mobile: 0459 955 394

ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME

CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

May morning tea

Wed 21 May | 10:00 am | Mbah Services Club

Enquiries: Alex Lever 0458 817 021

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

FURNITURE/FITTING/ITEMS FROM UKI AND BURRENBAR CHURCHES

If any parishioner is interested in acquiring any items – pews or other furniture items, statues, pictures - from Uki or Burringbar churches, please contact Parish Manager Mary-Ann Thackray by email to mthackray@lismore.catholic.org.au by Friday 16 May.

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL 2025

Last chance to have a say before final decision made on future format!

Email any comments you wish to make to murwillumbah@lismore.catholic.org.au by Friday 16 May.

TODAY IS GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

"I will give you shepherds after my own heart" (Jer.3:15)



Occurring on the fourth Sunday in the Easter Season, Good Shepherd Sunday derives its name from the gospel reading (John 10:1-10) where Christ is described as the "Good Shepherd" who lays down his life for his sheep.

Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal is being held this weekend to assist in the education and formation of our future priests. Envelopes are available.

The Church asks each of us to pray for, or to consider a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Each person in the community has a role to play in encouraging vocations – whether by prayer, encouragement or personal suggestion.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YR C

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (99)

R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

IF SUNG:

R. We are God's people, the sheep of his flock.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!



Happy Mother's Day

A Prayer for Mothers

On this Mother's Day,
we pray for blessings on all women who have loved
and nurtured us throughout our lives.

We give thanks for the mothers who have guided and
protected us, who have taught and encouraged us.

We give thanks for mothers who have passed away,
birth mothers, adoptive mothers, foster mothers,
grandmothers, aunties, sisters,
and for all women who take on a motherly role.

We ask your blessing, dear Lord,
upon mothers who have lost children,
that they may have your continuing strength
and courage.

We ask your blessing too, upon those
who would like to be mothers.

Pour your blessings upon all women here today.

Give them the strength to live the faithful
and loving lives you call them to live.

Protect and guide them. Keep them in your care.

Our Lady, a role model for all women, pray for us.

Amen.

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 (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.



**TURN
DEBT
INTO
Hope**

Turn Debt into Hope webinar

Join us as we celebrate the 10th anniversary of Laudato Si' and the launch of the Turn Debt into Hope advocacy campaign.

| Date: Friday 16 May 2025 | Time: 12-1 pm AEST | Register: caritas.org.au/debt |



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Sacred Heart Parish Murwillumbah – Parish Pastoral Council

Jennifer Wallace – Presentation to Parishioners at weekend Masses | 3-4 May 2025

*We must restore hope to young people,
help the old and be open to the future,
spread love. / Pope Francis*

Thank you, Father Peter and hello everybody.

My name is Jennifer Wallace. I'm the Chair of your Parish Pastoral Council. We work closely with Father Peter listening to the needs of our parish community.

Our mission is to help our parish grow not only in numbers but in faith and love; connecting us with our surrounding communities.

We are a new team; really, we are still in formation but I wanted to share with you some of our goals and ideas for the future of our parish.

One of our strongest desires is to build deeper relationships with our parish schools and their families and to actively involve our children and young adults in the life of the church.

We want to create more ways for them to be seen, heard and included in the spiritual, liturgical and communal life of the parish. We also want our church family to truly know how much they are valued and loved by God and by their fellow parishioners.

As you know we are celebrating the **Jubilee Year of Hope**. This is a moment for our community to come together to reflect on our faith and extend a warm and welcoming hand to all who seek spiritual renewal.

Our church holds unique significance during this Jubilee year as it has been designated as one of the pilgrim churches for our Diocese.

This means we will have the privilege of welcoming pilgrims from near and far, sharing the beauty and the spirit of our parish with them.

We recently had a Mass to mark the start of the Jubilee Year of Hope in our parish with the opening of the **Holy Doors** which saw parishioners from Kingscliff, Tweed Heads and the schools of St Joseph's South Murwillumbah St Joseph's Tweed Heads and Mt St Patrick; and those who just saw our ad in the paper who came from other denominations who felt invited and welcome, join with us for this special occasion. It was great to see the bonds of fellowship across our community.

While our team will be overseeing the necessary planning and coordination of the Jubilee celebrations, we recognise that to truly make this a memorable and meaningful experience we need the support of our entire church community. **We need you!**

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We are forming a Jubilee working group, a team of parishioners who will help us bring this vision to life. There are many ways you can contribute and we welcome all talents and enthusiasm.

Some of the roles we are looking for will include:

- Welcoming pilgrims who visit our church on the first Friday and first Sunday of each month with a warm and friendly presence;
- Crafty hands assisting with items of decorations to enhance the spiritual atmosphere.

All your unique skills and gifts are valued.

This is a wonderful opportunity to be part of something special; to share our faith and to connect with others on a deeper level, to truly build good faith filled friendships. If you feel called to serve, please consider joining our Jubilee team.

We are also encouraging parishioners to become involved in our other parish groups and ministries from the Welcoming teams, Special Eucharistic Ministers, Music Ministry, Hospitality, Outreach, Prayer Groups, Social Groups, Study Groups, Family Groups and more. The "Invitation to volunteer for a Parish Group or to express interest in joining a Parish Ministry" form is available at the Welcome/Hospitality table near the front door of the church - we encourage you to please pick up a form, fill it out and return it to the parish office or leave your completed form in one of the collection plates.

Every group plays a part in helping our parish become a vibrant and welcoming home for all ages there is a signup sheet in your bulletin today or one at the back of the church please feel free to approach myself or another member of the PPC team for any more information we would love to have you on board in any one of our groups

Let's work together to build a parish that reflects our parish's Vision and Mission Statements:

OUR VISION STATEMENT: We are a Eucharistic community of faith, love and respect living the message of Jesus.

OUR 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, and care for others.

Please prayerfully consider joining a group or ministry. Thank you for your time.
God bless you and our Parish.

Jennifer Wallace
Parish Pastoral Council

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“There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.” 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Invitation to volunteer for a Parish Group or to express interest in joining a Parish Ministry

Did you know that our Parish Pastoral Council currently has three groups which parishioners are invited to consider volunteering for?

SOCIAL & HOSPITALITY GROUP: Please consider whether you could work with others to enrich fellowship and fun within our Sacred Heart Parish. Many volunteers are needed – some to be part of the overall planning group and many to help organise and run various events. We are always looking for ideas and activities for all ages and interests – Indoor, outdoor, with or without food, active or not! This group already helps with the provision and service of our monthly Sunday cuppas and organizing Parish picnics and other social get-togethers. Family Groups, Men’s Group and Women’s Groups are all social groups currently operating in the Parish under the umbrella of the Pastoral Council.

CARE & CONCERN GROUP: This special group is still in the planning stages and will be involved in offering support to those in need; helping to raise the spirits and make life easier for those who need support, friendship, a listening ear or practical assistance (e.g. cook a meal; weed a garden, mow a lawn, do some grocery shopping) either regularly or for a short time.
And especially for 2025 ...

2025 JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE GROUP: this group is involved in planning and organizing events & activities for our Parish as a Pilgrim Church in this Jubilee Year of Hope. Please consider joining this group to share ideas noting that the group will only be active for the Jubilee Year. A great opportunity to be involved in a short-term project!

Ideas for new groups are always welcome for consideration.

If you have an idea for a new group, please contact Pastoral Council Chair, Jenny Wallace.

Please return your completed form by placing it in an envelope and leaving it in one of the collection plates at the Church or drop it into the Parish Office during business hours (Mon-Fri 9 am to 3 pm).



VOLUNTEER FOR A PARISH GROUP

To: Fr Peter Wood, PP
Sacred Heart Parish, Murwillumbah 2484

Dear Fr Peter

I would like to volunteer for the following group/s of the Parish Pastoral Council:

☐ Social & Hospitality Group ☐ Care & Concern Group ☐ 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope Group

I understand that some training may be required and a National Criminal History Check and / or a Working with Children clearance may also be necessary.

Signed

Email:

Name (printed)

Phone

Address

A little bit more you might like to know about me:

Sacred Heart Parish Murwillumbah – Parish Pastoral Council

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WHAT IS A PARISH MINISTRY?

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Many are already involved in our parish ministries, but we know some of you might not know about our ministries or how to apply to become involved in a ministry. If you are interested or would like more information, please complete the form below and return it to the Parish Office.



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN A MINISTRY

To: Fr Peter Wood, PP
Sacred Heart Parish, Murwillumbah 2484

Dear Fr Peter

Please consider my request to join the team involved in the following Ministry / Ministries. (Please tick)

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reader | <input type="checkbox"/> Extraordinary Minister of Eucharist | <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Server Acolyte - Adult |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Musician | <input type="checkbox"/> Choir Vocalist | <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Server – Junior Teen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sacramental Programme | <input type="checkbox"/> Baptismal Preparation | <input type="checkbox"/> RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State School Catechist | <input type="checkbox"/> Children’s Liturgy | <input type="checkbox"/> Welcomer at weekend Mass |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home Visitation | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital Visitation | <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing Home Visitation |

I understand that training will be required and a National Criminal History Check and / or a Working with Children clearance may be necessary. Thank you for considering my application.

Signed

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Name (printed)

Phone

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