

# *Sacred Heart Catholic Parish*



## **PARISH CHURCHES**

### **Church of the Sacred Heart**

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

### **Our Lady of Perpetual Succour**

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## **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**YEAR C | 25 MAY 2025**

### **Learning to be at peace with God**

We are still in the Easter season celebrating a new creation. But John's gospel takes us back before the Easter event as we hear another part of the farewell spoken by Jesus before his death.

Jesus seeks to give his disciples hope in the face of what is to come. Of course, they don't know what's coming, but at this moment he says to them that, if they love him, they will keep his word and Jesus and 'my Father' will make their home with them.

It's quite breathtaking, revealing to us an intimacy we're unexpectedly invited to share in. And that home is being made whenever we are present to one another, not using one another, or fantasising about one another, but are able to be with each other.

Jesus then speaks out of this love when he says that the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in his name, will reveal everything, deepening our understanding of what has been said to us. And more, Jesus continues to reveal the great generosity of God and gives his peace to us, a peace quite unlike what the world offers.

The emphasis isn't on stopping hostilities, which is what we understand peace to mean in international affairs, or closer to home, or a peace of mind which brings with it the 'power of inner peace', crucial and helpful as they might be at moments. But rather it is a peace centred on relationship, on a person, on Jesus Christ, on one another.

As we learn to love one another, to be with each other, through the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus and the Father come to be with us, to live in us. And the peace this love brings is not a DIY peace, but a gift to be received. We can't simply will it into being, or program it; we have to learn to receive it. That's the part we find difficult. Letting go of our old, comforting habits.

Often, we prefer to hold tight to what we know because letting go seems risky. But that's what Jesus is speaking of: trusting in God's love, this peace, as revealed in him and made real in our lives by the Holy Spirit. This is the intimacy we're invited to share in, where 'on the far side of my letting go is myself in God'.

It's the vision revealed to us in the second reading from the Apocalypse where 'the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the Temple' and we live in them, opening our hearts in praise, as in the psalm. It reminds us that, empowered by the Holy Spirit, there will be decisions to be made, and work to do, to enable the Good News of God's love to be heard.

But now, in the light of Easter, we know, as do the disciples in the first reading, nothing can prevent God making a home with us.

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# This week in the Parish

Sunday 25	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptism
Tuesday 27	10:00 am - Requiem Mass for Bill Potter No Christian Meditation today 12:45 pm - Scripture Study Group ( <i>note page 3</i> ) NO Mass this afternoon
Wednesday 28	5:30 pm - Mass   Fr Anthony Lemon
Thursday 29	8:15 am - Mass
Friday 30	9:30 am - Legion of Mary   Parish Meeting Centre 11:00 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12:00 pm - Mass
Saturday 31	<b>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
<b>JUNE</b>	
Sunday 1	<b>The ASCENSION of the LORD</b> 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:00am - Parish Cuppa/Morning Tea

**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**  
this Friday 23 May  
11 am - 11:50 am

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Bill Potter, Pope Francis

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Bishop Patrick J Farrelly (Third Bishop of Lismore),  
Allan Grant, Kelvin Godwin, John Twohill

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Maive Collett, 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](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU) channel - 9:00 am -  
[youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU)



## BAPTISM:

Please welcome  
**Harper Louise Kilcoyne**  
to our faith community.

"Reconciliation means working together to correct  
the legacy of past injustice." - Nelson Mandela

## READINGS | ROSTERS

### READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

#### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year C

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23;  
Jn 14:23-29

#### The ASCENSION of the LORD - Year C

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53

### READING ROSTER

#### 31 May/1 June | Ascension of the Lord | Yr C

6pm - Christine Wightley  
9am - Bernard Nolan

### ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

31/5 - tba  
1/6 - Bonnie Lindsay

### ROSARY STATUE

25/5 Paula Thornton 1/6 Trish Jandura

### VIGIL MASS TIME – WINTER

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

### WEEKDAY MASS - TIME CHANGE

From Tuesday 3 June the weekday Mass time for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will change from 5:30pm to 8:00am.

Friday Mass time remains unchanged at 12 midday.

## **NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK RECONCILIATION: A JOURNEY TOGETHER**

A time to reflect, to listen and to walk together.

It reminds us that healing begins when we face the past with honesty and look to the future with respect and care.

This week, we remember the strength and wisdom of First Nations peoples. We honour their stories, cultures and deep connection to this land. Their voices matter.

Let this week inspire us all, to listen more, to learn more and to love more deeply, because when we walk together, with open hearts and minds, we can build a future that's fair, united and strong.

Now more than ever, we must keep going - together.

### **RETIREMENT OF FATHER MICHAEL BRADY**

We offer our prayers and best wishes to Fr. Michael Brady as he retires as parish priest of St. Joseph's Parish, Tweed Heads, this weekend.

Fr. Michael was ordained 7 April 1989 and has served in various parishes in the Diocese including the past 20 years in Tweed Heads. He also served in our Murwillumbah Parish in 1989 prior to & after his Ordination, as Deacon and Assistant Priest.

We thank God for his ministry and pray that God will bless him with peace and comfort as he enters his well-earned retirement.

### **Legion of Mary Rosary In The Park**



Despite the dismal weather on Saturday we still held Rosary in Budd Park for our beautiful country. Six of us prayed the rosary and shared refreshments and fellowship afterwards.

## **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  
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#### **Dates:**

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

### **SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP**

Tuesdays | 1 pm | Parish Admin Centre

## **Mt St Patrick's Primary School Trivia Night**

**Saturday 28 June | Gilbey Centre**

Yeehaw! Saddle up Folks! Dust off your boots and cowboy hats for a fun-filled evening of trivia, laughs, prizes, and a good ol' country vibe.

Tables of 8, or come along as a couple, or with a few friends and we'll find you a table.

Doors open at 6pm for a 7pm start.

Book using the QR code below.



## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YR C

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (66)

**R. O God, let all the nations praise you.**

**IF SUNG:**

**R. Let the peoples praise you, O Lord,  
let all the peoples praise you.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**All who love me will keep my words, and my  
Father will love them and we will come to  
them. Alleluia!**

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES...

This weekend we welcome our First Holy Communion candidates, as they begin their instruction for Holy Communion.

This will take place over the next four weeks and First Holy Communion will be celebrated at **5pm Mass on Saturday 21 June & 9am Mass on Sunday 22 June.**

Please keep Fr Anthony in your prayers as he celebrates his 32nd Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on 28th May.

## Vocations Prayer Champions

The Diocese of Lismore vocations team is seeking vocations prayer champions. All the baptised share the vocation to be missionary disciples but some in the church are called to other vocations for building up missionary disciples. We want women and men who will join in prayer each day for an increase in these other vocations. This year our focus in prayer will be the priesthood. We want you to register as a vocation's prayer champion. Prayer champions agree to pray at 9am or 6pm (both if you want) for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. At the designated time each prayer champion recites one Glory Be, one Hail Mary, one Our Father for the intention of an increase in priestly vocations.

You can register at [vocations@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@lismore.catholic.org.au) or 02 6681 1048. Leave your first name, parish and your chosen time. We will let you know how many people are in prayer with you at that time.

*Deacon Anthony Gooley. Director of Vocations.*

## 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.

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