

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C | 4 MAY 2025

Sharing a meal with mates

This week's gospel presents a scene so familiar that we can almost picture it happening on an Aussie beach. After all, what's more Australian than a feed of fish and chips by the water after a long day?

Up until this point in John's Gospel, we've seen the apostles wrestle with their faith, their doubts, and their relationship with Jesus. And now, in this final chapter, we find them back where they started - on the water, fishing. It's a moment of comfort and familiarity after the chaos of the crucifixion and the uncertainty of the resurrection. For all the theological significance of Jesus' victory over death, this chapter reminds us that faith is lived out in the ordinary, in the everyday moments of life.

It's easy to imagine these blokes - seasoned fisherfolk - working through the night, casting their nets, waiting, hauling them in, and finding nothing. We know that feeling of frustration, whether it's a fruitless fishing trip or a tough day at work. Then, as dawn breaks, a figure on the shore calls out, "Try the other side." It's such a classic Aussie moment - someone watching from the beach, offering a bit of unsolicited advice! But in this case, the suggestion works. The nets fill to breaking point, and suddenly, they recognise him: it's Jesus.

Peter, ever the impulsive one, throws himself into the water, desperate to get to Jesus. The others, more practical, bring in the boat. Jesus is on the beach, cooking breakfast. There's something so ordinary, yet so intimate about it. Jesus, the risen Son of God, isn't making grand speeches or manifesting dazzling displays of power. He's just cooking fish on the coals and inviting his mates to share a meal. It's reminiscent of so many beachside barbecues, a reminder that God meets us not only in the miraculous but also in the simple, shared moments of life.

The meal isn't just about food; it's about reconciliation. Peter, who had denied Jesus three times, is now given the chance to affirm his love three times. "Do you love me?" Jesus asks. It's a tough question, but one filled with grace. Each time Peter answers, Jesus commissions him: "Feed my sheep." It's a reminder that faith isn't just personal - it's lived out in service to others.

For Australians today, this passage speaks deeply to our sense of mateship, shared meals, and life by the water. We know what it's like to gather with friends after a long day, to sit by the shore, to share food, and to talk about the things that matter.

John 21 reminds us that Jesus is there in those moments too—not distant, not unreachable, but present in our everyday lives, calling us to follow him. Just like the apostles, we are invited to bring what we have, to sit with him, and to share in his work of love and reconciliation –and often in the very ordinary situations of life, in the office, in the home, or on the beach.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 4	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 8 am – 1 pm Holy Door Open 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Parish Cuppa Morning Tea
Monday 5	9:30 am - Rosary & Prayers (see note below)
Tuesday 6	11:00 am - Christian Meditation Group (note page 4) 12:45 pm - Scripture Study Group (note page 4) 5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 7	5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 8	8:15 am - Mass
Friday 9	9:30 am - Legion of Mary Parish Meeting Centre 11:00 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12:00 pm - Mass
Saturday 10	9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 11	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (MOTHER'S DAY) (Good Shepherd Sunday) 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Baptisms

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 9 May
11am - 11:50 am

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Pope Francis, Mary Willis,
Frances Hatton, Enid Armstrong, Lorraine Birch

ANNIVERSARIES:

Bishop John Joseph Carroll (Second Bishop of
Lismore)

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Barbara McGrouther, Neville Morrin, Cade Andrassy,
Robert Burton, Libby Varela, 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)

ROSARY & PRAYERS for God's Precious Infants
and the Unborn Child - Monday 5 May - 9:30 am -
Sacred Heart Church.

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:

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year C

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year C

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

READING ROSTER

10/11 May | Third Sunday of Easter | Yr C

6pm - Louis Staunton
9am - Jan Bruce

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

10/5 - tba
11/5 - Bonnie Lindsay

ROSARY STATUE

4/5 Kay Ryder 11/5 Debbie Kaehler



PARISH CUPPA | MORNING TEA

Please join us for a Cuppa | Morning tea after 9am Mass this Sunday 4 May.

EVERYONE WELCOME!



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.

GENTLE REMINDER



As we head into winter and cold & flu season, we gently remind those who are kneeling and/or receiving *Communion* on the tongue to please wait until the end of the Communion line.

Thank you for your consideration of others in our parish community.

FURNITURE/FITTING/ITEMS FROM UKI AND BARRINGBAR CHURCHES

If any parishioner is interested in acquiring any items – pews or other furniture items, statues, pictures - from Uki or Barringbar churches, please contact Parish Manager Mary-Ann

Thackray by email to

mthackray@lismore.catholic.org.au

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.

Welcome & Instruction 1 - Sat 24 & Sun 25 May

Instruction 2 - Sat 31 May & Sun 1 June

Instruction 3 - Sat 7 & Sun 8 June

Instruction 4 - Sat 14 & Sun 15 June

Retreat Day - Friday 20 June | Parish Church

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

**Saturday 21 June | 6pm Vigil
or Sunday 22 June | 9am**

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING COURSES

Safeguarding Courses in the northern region of the Diocese will be held at **St Anthony's Parish, Kingscliff on 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.

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 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.*

SAVE THE DATE! Rosary in the Park

Budd Park

Sat 17 May | 10 am

Followed by shared refreshments

THE MONTH OF MAY

In celebrating the annual cycle of Christ's mysteries, the Church honours with special love Mary, the Mother of God, who is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son.



The month of May includes several Marian Feasts and is a special time of honour and devotion to Mary.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YR C
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (29)

R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;
he has shown pity on all people.**

Alleluia!

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Christian Meditation Group
Tuesdays | 11am
Parish Administration Centre
ALL WELCOME

SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP

Tuesday's | 12:45 pm
Parish Administration Centre
ALL WELCOME

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.

~2025~
MT ST PATRICK
COLLEGE PRESENTS



WEDNESDAY 7TH MAY, FRIDAY 9TH MAY,
Saturday 10th May
7.30pm @ the Gilbey Centre.
Tickets on sale in April

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Sacred Heart Parish Murwillumbah – Parish Pastoral Council

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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: _____

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WHAT IS A PARISH MINISTRY?

Ministry is about giving of ourselves and our time, talents and resources to bless and help others; living our 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 formation and care for others.

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)

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|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reader | <input type="checkbox"/> Extraordinary Minister of Eucharist | <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Server |
| <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 |

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