

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

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Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C | 13 JULY 2025

Being neighbourly

The late Pope Francis reflected on the Parable of the Good Samaritan as a “ray of light” for our contemporary world where people too often fail to respond to the needs of the poor and vulnerable. Francis presented the Samaritan – whom he called “a stranger on the road” – as a symbol of fraternity and social friendship creating “a culture of encounter” that builds bridges of love among all people [“Fratelli Tutti”, No. 2].

We need to recall that Jesus tells this story of the “stranger on the road” in answer to some questions put to him by a Jewish lawyer. Wanting to know what the greatest commandment is, Jesus tells him “to love God and your neighbour”. Then he wants to know who his neighbour is? Jesus notes that neither the priest nor the Levite respond with love and care for the victim, most likely a fellow Jew.

We might miss a major point of this story if we fail to note how much Jews and Samaritans hated each other. Yet here we have the much-despised Samaritan being put to the Jewish lawyer as the pinnacle of human behaviour. So, when Jesus asks him which of the three – priest, Levite or Samaritan – was most neighbourly to the victim, he could but only reply “the one who shows him mercy”. Jesus then is quick to tell him: “Go and do likewise”!

In other words, Jesus tells his fellow Jew that he needs to become more like the non-Jewish Samaritan! In further reflection on this parable, Pope Francis challenged us all to become true neighbours to one another by actively engaging in the forming of positive relationships with people across age, race, nationality, ethnicity or religion. We are all called to build community at local and concrete levels especially with the poor, the suffering and those on the margins of society.

In other words, for Francis the parable of the Good Samaritan – or story of “the stranger on the road” – was much more than an example of someone who is kind and caring of a wounded victim. Rather, it is the parable and story that calls upon all human beings to overcome their selfish interests, myopic views and personal prejudices that pit us against others. In particular, as human beings and especially as Christians, we are called to lift up the lowly, care for those who suffer and even place our own lives on the line to protect innocent victims of corruption, selfishness and greed.

For Pope Francis, part of our love of neighbour was also reflected in our love and respect for our natural environment on planet earth. While nations that pollute the world are becoming increasingly wealthy, poorer countries are the major victims of climate change.

This is clearly evident in our own part of the world in the Southern Pacific. Let us stop, reflect and change our behaviour in order that all the world’s peoples become more neighbourly in respect of one another and the natural environment.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 13	15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C
	8:30 am - Rosary
	9:00 am - Mass
	10:15 am - Baptism
	11:00 am - Baptism
Tuesday 15	8:00 am - Mass
	11:00 am - Christian Meditation Group
Wednesday 16	8:00 am - Mass
	9:00 am - Inspiring Day with MITCH (note page 3)
Thursday 17	8:00 am - Mass
Friday 18	9:30 am - Legion of Mary Parish Meeting Centre
	12:00 pm - Mass
Saturday 19	9:00 am - Rosary
	4:30 pm - Rosary
	5:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 20	16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C
	8:30 am - Rosary
	9:00 am - Mass
	10:15 am - Baptisms

RECONCILIATION
 Saturday: 4.30 pm - 4.50 pm
 Sunday: 8.30 am - 8.50 am

PRIVATE PRAYER
 8:30am - 9am after 8am
 weekday Masses.
*(Subject to change - depending
 on activities in the Church)*

ROSARY
 The Rosary is prayed on
 Saturday morning at 9:00 am.
 As well as half an hour before
 each weekday & weekend Mass

WEDNESDAY WORD
 Copies of Wednesday Word,
 are available in the Church.

Please note:

- ♦ There is no Adoration on Friday during school holidays
- ♦ There is no Scripture Study Group on Tuesday during the school holidays

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Lulham, Anthony
 Giacomini, Patricia King, Fr Michael Brady

ANNIVERSARIES:

Barry Charman, Nathan Bewes, Patrick Guinea,
 Patricia Fernon, Peter Reid, Terry Belmont

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Maive Collett, Barbara McGrouther, Narelle Martin,
 Pam Willock, Patrick Fox, George Flack, Margaret
 Traves, Lorraine Green, David Burke, Malcolm Reid,
 Paul Calvino, 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)



BAPTISM:

Please welcome
**Adeline Maeve Cross
 & Grayson Hunter Neinert**
 to our faith community.

CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

July morning tea

Wed 16 July | 10:00 am | Mbah Services Club

Enquiries: Alex Lever 0458 817 021

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

READINGS | ROSTERS

READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C
 Deut 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C
 Gen 18:1-10; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

READING ROSTER

19/20 July | 16 Sunday in Ord Time | Yr C
 5pm - Denise Banner
 9am - Bernard Nolan

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Altar server roster will resume weekend 26/27
 July

ROSARY STATUE

13/7 Igor Izaszec & Gosia Lachtera
 20/7 Dana Fuller



For women like Sharon, who must choose between feeding their children or selling their crops to survive, and Grace, who risked her life traveling 160km for safe childbirth, hope comes through Sr Jane and Kayula. Through sustainable farming, Sr Jane helps women provide for their families. At the Chilonga Mission Hospital, Kayula ensures mothers and babies receive the dignity and care they deserve.

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope to the people of Zambia.



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Lismore Diocese Youth Ministry

Fr Joy D'Souza, Diocesan Youth Director

Our Youth Ministry network continues to meet monthly, bringing together parish youth coordinators, Chancery staff, Sr Di, Deacon Anthony Gooley (Director of Vocations), and invited guests. These gatherings are a space for collaboration, sharing ideas, and strengthening the mission of youth ministry across our Diocese.

Looking ahead, we're preparing to send young people and leaders from our parishes to several major events, including the Ignite Conference (September), the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (December), and YA Camp (December). More information about Ignite and YA Camp will be available soon.

We are also currently advertising for a **Diocesan Youth Ministry Team Leader**. This is a full-time role, based at the Chancery, that will support me in coordinating youth ministry across the Diocese. This position will work closely with parish communities to grow and lead local initiatives. You can find the job ad on Seek here: <https://shorturl.at/PkBjB>

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for our young people.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE SETS

If not collected yet, please pick up your Planned Giving envelopes for 2025-2026. Envelopes not collected this weekend at Mass will be available for collection from Parish Office from Monday.

If you are new to the Parish and would like to participate in our planned giving program, please contact the Parish Office. We welcome your support of the parish.

More parishioners are finding the EFT option for planned giving convenient and have opted not to receive a printed set of envelopes.

EFT bank A/C details are:

Collection – FOR OUR PARISH | BSB: 062 580 | Account No: 0090 4506

Account Name: Catholic Church Murwillumbah

Collection – FOR OUR CLERGY | BSB: 062 580 | Account No: 0090 5461

Account Name: Presbyterium Account Murwillumbah Parish

Please include your surname or Planned Giving number as a reference on your deposits.



THE CATENIANS GOLD COAST TWEED CIRCLE

Join the Catenian Association, enjoy the benefits of membership and form long lasting friendships. We meet on 3rd Thursday of each month. Why not come along to one of our meetings and share a meal with us - it might be just what you need! Your first dinner is on us. No pressure to join if it's not for you.

South Tweed Sports Club | Thurs 17 July | 6 pm

Contact:

Bernard Nolan 0419 023 108 | 02 6672 3733

Chris Gallagher 0428 416 288



MT ST PATRICK COLLEGE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED NOW

READERS AND WRITERS

FOR THEIR TRIAL HSC EXAMINATIONS

For more information contact:

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CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Sunday 27 July | 2 pm | St Mary's Chapel

(behind St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore)

Celebrant: Fr Erick Quinteros

At a Charismatic Healing Mass, we pray for the extraordinary power and inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

INSPIRING DAYS WITH MITCH

Founder of Make Jesus Real (MJR)

Peter Mitchell (Mitch) a distinguished speaker, educator, and the founder of MJR. With over 60 years experience in writing, developing, and teaching values-based Catholic education, Mitch is widely known for his inspiring presentations, his practical, heart-centered approach and the effective strategies he shares to engage both children and adults in recognizing God in everyday life.

INSPIRING TALKS | SPIRITUAL INSIGHTS
Wednesday 16 July | 9am - 11am | Kingscliff

15TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME - YR C


RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (68)

R: Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!**



Mustard Seeds Book Club

Small books, big ideas, growing faith


A warm invitation to all interested parishioners to join us for our online book club - Mustard Seeds.

We will be discussing Chapters 9-13 from Deacon Anthony's book *52 Sundays*, and a chapter of your choice from Pope Francis' encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*.

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

Zoom Link: <https://rb.gy/ppp046>

Next meeting: Wednesday, 30th July, 7-8pm



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

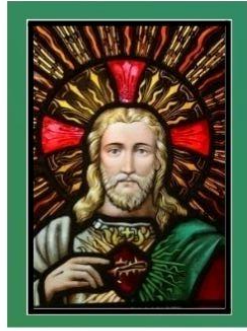
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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SACRED HEART PARISH

MURWILLUMBAH

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

SUNDAY
3RD
AUGUST



The Sacred Heart Parish invites all children and their families to join us for a gentle and joyful pilgrimage for the Jubilee in faith, hope and community.

We will walk as a Parish community around the Mt St Patrick school block and back to the Sacred Heart Church.

We will then walk through the Holy doors together for 9am Mass.

Everyone welcome - children, Parents, Grandparents, Godparents and friends.

What to expect:

- Prayer reflection stations
- Scripture moments and blessings
- Time to connect with God and one another.



Meeting point: Church entrance @ 8:00am

*Leaving the church @8:10am



Light refreshments after 9am Mass

More information please contact the Parish Office: 6672 1118



To celebrate the Jubilee Year, the Diocese of Lismore invites artists of all ages to participate in a special art prize and exhibition.

Traditional art has shaped the Catholic Church for centuries, conveying belief, teaching, and devotion. From mural paintings to stained glass, religious art has drawn people closer to God. This competition continues that tradition, offering a space for artists to respond creatively to the Jubilee's theme of *Hope*.

“Art, especially paintings and music, are a special place in which we have time to be with ourselves and experience God. This year, is the Jubilee Year in which we are asked to take time to be with God and so, this competition gives people the opportunity to step away, and in their creativity, experience the power of God. I am pleased to announce this competition, and I look forward to seeing the works of artists across the Diocese.” – Bishop Greg Homeming

CLOSING DATE
5 August 2025

Create with Hope

2025 Jubilee Art Prize

Celebrate the Holy Year by expressing
the theme of **Hope** through art.

Prizes awarded for each category:

- 0–5 years
- 6–8 years
- 9–12 years
- 13–17 years
- 18+ adults
- Group (2 or more people)
- Photography (Under 17 and 18+)

Entries will be displayed at the
4 pilgrimage churches across the
Diocese to select finalists.



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