

# 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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## 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C | 27 JULY 2025

### Praying though not always receiving

There are two versions of the Lord's Prayer in the gospels. The shorter version is Luke 11:1-4, and the longer version is Matthew 6:9-11. The two versions are addressed to different ethnic groups. Luke is writing for Gentile Christians who had not learned to pray like their Jewish counterparts whom Matthew addresses in his Gospel.

The Lord's Prayer is Jewish in structure and content and there are similar texts that observant Jews pray daily. An early Christian text from the mid to late first century, called the 'Didache' or 'Teaching of the Apostles', is a compendium of Christian practices which encourages Christians to pray the Lord's Prayer three times a day.

Luke presents Jesus at prayer more than any other evangelist, so it is not surprising that one of his disciples asks the Lord to teach them how to pray. Jesus obliges and the prayer he teaches is composed of five petitions. Praise of God, openness to the fullness of the kingdom of God, a request for daily nourishment, forgiveness from God and by one another, and seeking God's protection in challenging times.

The parable of the insistent friend reminds us of the need for persistence in prayer. However, persistence does not guarantee our desired outcome, so how do we respond when God does not give us what we want. The challenge in persistent prayer is to pray with hope and expectation rather than presumption. The Lord always responds to our prayer but not necessarily in the way that we hope.

Moses prayed that he would enter the promised land with the people he had led for forty years, but this did not eventuate. King David prayed and fasted for seven days that his son would live, but he died. Jeremiah prayed that Jerusalem would not be destroyed but it was. The apostle Paul prayed for the removal of an affliction he called "a thorn in his side" but it never went away.

These biblical examples are reminders that God is not like some cosmic vending machine where we put in our request and our selection appears as we wish. God is not someone we can manipulate, but a loving God who sees beyond our immediate needs and gives us the strength to continue in good and difficult times.

The response to the psalm of the day is, "Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me." Let us imitate the psalmist by not only asking for what we desire but also by giving thanks to God for what has happened in our lives and how God's response has "increased the strength of my soul."

The overall emphasis of the different sections of the gospel is on continuing to grow in our relationship with God who can be understood as a loving and caring parent who always wants what is best for us even if it is not always what is on our wish list.

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# This week in the Parish

Sunday 27	<b>17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C</b> <b>FIFTH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY</b> 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptism 11:00 am - Baptism
Tuesday 29	8:00 am - Mass 11:00 am - Christian Meditation Group 1:00 pm - Scripture Study Group
Wednesday 30	<b>NO Mass today</b>
Thursday 31	<b>NO Mass today</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>	
Friday 1	<b>6:00 am - Adoration &amp; Holy Door Open</b> 9:30 am - Legion of Mary   Parish Meeting Centre 11:00 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12:00 pm - Mass
Saturday 2	9:00 am - Rosary 4:30 pm - Rosary 5:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 3	<b>18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C</b> <b>8 am – 11 am Holy Door Open</b> <b>8:00 am - Pilgrimage Walk (see note page 3)</b> 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Cuppa/Morning tea

<b>RECONCILIATION</b> Saturday: 4.30 pm - 4.50 pm Sunday: 8.30 am - 8.50 am <b>PRIVATE PRAYER</b> 8:30am - 9am after 8am weekday Masses. (Subject to change - depending on activities in the Church) <b>ROSARY</b> The Rosary is prayed on Saturday morning at 9:00 am. As well as half an hour before each weekday & weekend Mass <b>WEDNESDAY WORD</b> Copies of Wednesday Word, are available in the Church. <b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b> this Friday 1 August 6 am - 6 pm
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**New Parish Office Hours**  
The Parish Office will be  
closed Mondays, from Monday  
4 August, until further notice.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Barbara McGrouther, Corey  
Hancock, Hope Lamont, John Lulham

## ANNIVERSARIES:

Kevin O'Keefe, Rita Rogers, Lloyd Roberts, Eva Sterling

## THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Albert Albertini, Maive Collett, Narelle Martin, Pam  
Willock, Patrick Fox, George Flack, Margaret Traves,  
Lorraine Green, David Burke, 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](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU) channel - 9:00 am -  
[youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU)



## BAPTISM:

Please welcome  
**Isaac John Carroll &  
Katherine Winter Frost**  
to our faith community.

## READINGS | ROSTERS

### READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

**17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C**  
Gen 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

**18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C**  
Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11;  
Lk 12:13-21

### READING ROSTER

**2/3 August | 18 Sunday in Ord Time | Yr C**

**5pm** - Christine Wightley  
**9am** - Mary-Ann Thackray

### ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

2/8 - Grace Severs  
3/8 - Bonnie Lindsay

### ROSARY STATUE

27/7 Rhoda McPherson  
3/8 Jenny Wallace



## SACRED HEART PARISH PILGRIMS OF HOPE SUNDAY 3 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, back to the Sacred Heart Church and through the Holy Doors for 9am Mass.

What to expect:

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

**Meeting Point:** Church entrance 8 am

Light refreshments after 9am Mass

**EVERYONE WELCOME**



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This weekend we welcome Mrs Lew Wallace, from our Catholic Mission Diocesan Office, to speak at both Masses.

**Thank you for your prayerful support and generosity.**



Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic?

**R.C.I.A.**

## INVITATION TO ALL WHO WOULD LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH

**RCIA | The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults | A Journey in Faith**

The **RCIA** programme provides a setting where the Catholic faith can be explored and the journey of faith can be celebrated within the local Church community.

The RCIA Programme begins with an Enquiry Night to assist:

- ♦ Those who might be considering joining our Catholic community.
- ♦ Those who would like to know more about the RCIA programme.
- ♦ Those parishioners who are interested in supporting our candidates.
- ♦ Those who wish to know more about their Faith.

Enquiry night dates are:

**Wednesday 6 August | 6pm | Sacred Heart Church**

**Thursday 14 August | 6pm | Sacred Heart Church.**

If you are interested to learn more about the Catholic Faith, please phone Parish Office 6672 1118 or email: [murwillumbah@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:murwillumbah@lismore.catholic.org.au)

## 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+)



Closing date  
5 August

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

For more information see posters in Church.

## MURWILLUMBAH PHILHARMONIC CHOIR

*Presents*

### AN AUGUST AFTERNOON OF SONG

*Featuring*

Magnificat Excerpts by John Rutter  
Bohemian Rhapsody | Day By Day | Tonight  
| Send In The Clowns and much more

**2:30 pm Sunday 3 August**

**St Joseph's Catholic Church  
Tweed Heads**

Tickets at Door (Cash/Card)

Adults \$20 - Students/Concession \$15

Primary School Children Free

*Light refreshments will be served after the concert*

## Fifth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

The theme of the day is:

**'Blessed are those who have not lost hope'**  
(Sirach 14:2)

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, established in 2021, is becoming a tradition that teaches our communities to increasingly put Grandparents and the Elderly at the centre, not in an extraordinary or occasional way, but in a regular and structural way. It is a pedagogy that teaches us to recognize their irreplaceable role as keepers of memory, witnesses of faith and teachers of life.



## 17TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME - YR C

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (137)

**R: Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!**

### CONGRATULATIONS

to Fr Peter Wood who is celebrating  
the 15th Anniversary of his Ordination  
to the Priesthood this Wednesday 30 July.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

In Luke's gospel Jesus says "Mary has chosen the better part", when she is sitting at His feet, listening.

We need adorers of the Blessed Sacrament to fill the roster at the back of the church for our next 12 hour Exposition Day on Friday the first of August. Please consider spending an hour choosing "the better part".

"Cast all your anxieties on the Lord who cares for you".  
(1 Peter 5:7)

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

#### Confirmation Parent Meeting

**Tuesday 5 August | 6 pm | Sacred Heart Church**

Baptised children in Year 3 or older are eligible to make their Confirmation. Parents who have children making their Confirmation this year will need to attend this meeting.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

**Wednesday 3 Sept | 6:00 pm | Sacred Heart**

### 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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