

# 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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## STS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

YEAR C | 29 JUNE 2025

### Our early church martyrs

In this week's gospel reading (Matthew 16:13), Jesus asks His disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?". The disciples offer various answers, including that some believe Jesus to be John the Baptist, Elijah, or Jeremiah.

However, when Jesus presses further, asking, "But what about you? Who do you say I am?", it is Simon Peter who responds emphatically, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

This confession of faith is a pivotal moment in the gospels. Peter, inspired by divine revelation, recognises Jesus not just as a prophet but as the long-awaited Messiah, the Son of God. Jesus' response to Peter's declaration is both affirming and momentous. He tells Peter, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven." Jesus then declares that Peter is the rock upon which He will build His Church: "And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."

The name "Peter" itself comes from the Greek word *petros*, meaning "rock," which establishes a direct connection to Jesus' words. The passage continues with Jesus giving Peter the "keys of the kingdom of heaven," granting him authority to bind and loose on earth, as it will be in heaven. This confers a unique leadership role on Peter in the early Church, establishing his primacy and special role among the apostles. The roles of Saints Peter and Paul in the early Church are central to understanding the growth and spread of Christianity. Both apostles are foundational figures, each contributing uniquely to the establishment of Christian teaching and community.

Peter is often considered the first pope of the Roman Catholic Church, based on the belief that Jesus entrusted him with the authority to lead His Church. Peter's leadership and his martyrdom in Rome further solidify his position as a central figure in Christian tradition.

Peter's role as the rock upon which the Church is built signifies stability, continuity, and faithfulness in Christ's mission. The Church sees Peter's authority, symbolised by the keys of the kingdom, as essential in guiding the faithful and preserving the integrity of Christian teaching.

While Peter was the leader of the early Church, Paul was the great missionary who brought Christianity to the Gentiles. He too was martyred. Paul's letters (Epistles) form a significant portion of the New Testament, shaping Christian doctrine, ethics, and theology. His conversion from Saul, a persecutor of Christians, to Paul, an ardent missionary, serves as a powerful testimony to the transformative power of Christ. Paul's deep theological insights, especially concerning grace, salvation, and the nature of the Church, made him instrumental in spreading Christianity beyond its Jewish roots.

Though Peter and Paul had different missions, their combined efforts were crucial to the growth and establishment of the early Church. Their martyrdoms – both in Rome, under the reign of Emperor Nero – are commemorated each year on 29 June.

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# This week in the Parish

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| Sunday 29   | <b>STS PETER AND PAUL - YEAR C</b>  |
|             | 8:30 am - Rosary  |
|             | 9:00 am - <b>Mass</b>   |
|             | 10:15 am - Baptisms   |
| <b>JULY</b> |   |
| Tuesday 1   | <b>10:00 am - Requiem Mass for Patricia King</b>                                  |
|             | 11:00 am - Christian Meditation Group   |
|             | 1:00 pm - Scripture Study Group   |
| Wednesday 2 | 8:00 am - Mass  |
| Thursday 3  | 8:00 am - Mass  |
|             | 11:00 am - Requiem Mass for Fr Michael Brady<br>(St Joseph's Church, Tweed Heads) |
| Friday 4    | <b>6:00 am - Adoration &amp; Holy Door Open</b>                                   |
|             | 9:30 am - Legion of Mary   Parish Meeting Centre                                  |
|             | 12:00 pm - Mass   |
| Saturday 5  | 9:00 am - Rosary  |
|             | 4:30 pm - Rosary  |
|             | 5:00 pm - Vigil Mass  |
| Sunday 6    | <b>14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C</b>                                      |
|             | 8:30 am - Rosary  |
|             | 9:00 am - Mass  |
|             | 10:00 am - Cuppa   Morning Tea  |

**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.

**EXPOSITION OF THE  
 BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
 this Friday 4 July  
 6 am - 6 pm

Please note: The Scripture Study Group, held on  
 Tuesday's, will not meet during the school holidays.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Anthony Giacomini, Patricia  
 King, Fr Michael Brady, Judy Thackray, Sr Aileen Larkin  
 RSM, Fr Peter Karam

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Sylvia Lazenby

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Susan Kean, Maive Collett,  
 Barbara McGrouther, Cade Andrassy, Robert Burton,  
 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)



## BAPTISMS:

Please welcome  
**Hayley Mae Walsh  
 & Levi John Courtney**  
 to our faith community.

## WEDDING:

Please pray for God's blessing on  
**Lucas Mumford & Courtney Dean**  
 who were married this weekend.



## READINGS | ROSTERS

### READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

#### STS PETER & PAUL - Year C

Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18;  
 Mt 16:13-19

**14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C**  
 Is 66:10-14; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

### READING ROSTER

**5/6 July | 14th Sunday in Ord Time | Yr C**  
 5pm - Tim Waugh  
 9am - Mary-Ann Thackray

### ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

5/7 - Grace Severs  
 6/7 - Sienna Alexander

### ROSARY STATUE

29/6 Susan Kean 6/7 Evelyn Cook

## St Vincent de Paul Society

### Mary MacKillop Conference

#### Murwillumbah



### 2025 WINTER APPEAL

Living in poverty is much harder in winter than in the warm summer months. Here in Murwillumbah our Mary MacKillop Conference sees and assists a wide range of ages - singles, couples, sole parents and families with children. Many are either in or facing homelessness, and very often those who do have somewhere to live are experiencing severe rental stress - so there is little or no money left for food or other essential living expenses after paying rent.

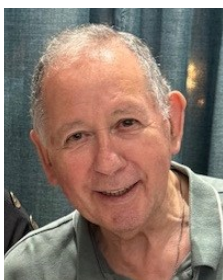
As we launch the 2025 Winter Appeal this weekend, we acknowledge with huge gratitude the generosity with which our community has responded in the past. Please consider donating again - the onset of winter means great hardship for many, and we are able to make things a bit better for those who seek our help. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible - but if you would like this, please make sure your name and address is provided.

At the Vigil and 9.00am Masses this weekend there will be a **"Bucket Collection"** for those who may be able to assist.

**Envelopes are available** for those who may like to donate later. They can be left at the Parish Office or placed on a collection plate at Mass.

**Donate online:** [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au) - BUT when you reach the option asking for 'Comments or Conference Name' please write **"Murwillumbah 43-427"** SO YOUR GIFT STAYS IN THIS AREA.

**Thank you very much for anything you are able to do.**



### Fr Michael Brady 24 May 1950 - 21 June 2025

Fr Michael Brady, Parish Priest Emeritus of Tweed Heads, died peacefully on Saturday 21 June at Tweed Valley Hospital.

Fr Michael Brady was born in Carlton Victoria. After studying at

St Paul's National Seminary Kensington, Fr Michael was Ordained a Deacon in 1987. In 1989 Fr Michael worked in the Murwillumbah Parish prior to his Ordination to the Priesthood in April 1989. Following his Ordination he was re-appointed to Murwillumbah as Assistant Priest.

He was in his 37th year of priesthood.

For the past two decades he has been Parish Priest of the Tweed Heads Parish.

**The Mass of Christian Burial for Fr Michael will be celebrated at St Joseph's Catholic Church Tweed Heads, on Thursday 3 July at 11am.**

## 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**

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE SETS

Thank you to everyone who donates financially to the Parish and Clergy Fund. Your continued support is much appreciated and helps us not just to keep the lights on but your donation enables us to strengthen our Parish mission to love God; to love others and to grow disciples in our local community.

**Planned Giving envelopes for 2025-2026 are ready for collection this weekend.**

We invite anyone who is not part of our planned giving program to consider supporting your Parish in this way. This can be by a weekly or monthly EFT via your bank or by weekly envelope giving. For further information please contact the Parish Office. Thank you again for your generous support of our parish and our priests.

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.*

### SAVE THE DATE:

- ♦ **Inspiring days with Mitch** | 16 July | Kingscliff
- ♦ **Charismatic Healing Mass** | 27 July | Lismore
- ♦ **Jubilee Walk** | Sunday 3 August
- ♦ **Legion of Mary Retreat Day** | 27 September

More details later...



## STS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (33)

**R:** The Lord set me free from all my fears.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!**

### PETER'S PENCE APPEAL 28/29 JUNE



Peter's Pence Appeal, which goes back to Medieval times, supports Pope Leo XIV's mission from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education and peace.

Peter's Pence also support a range of charities which bring aid and comfort to the poor, children, families, the elderly, the marginalised, victims of war and natural disasters, refugees and migrants.

Envelopes are available in the Church this weekend.

## SEA FARER'S SUNDAY



STELLA MARIS

Sea Sunday is the day set by many Christian Churches to remember, celebrate, pray for seafarers and their families and give thanks for their lives and work.

Seafarers work tirelessly in the high seas throughout the year bringing us more than ninety percent of the goods we need. In the Catholic Church, Sea Sunday is supported by Stella Maris (formerly The Apostleship of the Sea) around the world.

## 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.

## INVEST WITH PEACE OF MIND

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