

# Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



## PARISH CHURCHES

### Church of the Sacred Heart

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### Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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## 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C | 3 AUGUST 2025

### We are formed by God's grace

This week's readings explore the theme of our enduring inheritance in God. The first reading reminds us that, of earthly treasures: "All is vanity". The psalm counsels us to realise "the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart" and encourages us to keep our gaze fixed on God for "in every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge." The second reading urges us to seek the things that are above, where Christ is, and that "the life you have is hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3).

Vineyard owners in the Barossa Valley recently discovered ancestor vines which were planted between 1843 and 1847. Almost miraculously, these ancient vines are still yielding fruit and, indeed, still producing exquisite wines.

Wine makers often speak of the four essential ingredients of wine-making: the varietal – the specific variety of grape used; the vineyard – soil, climate and related factors; the vintage – the year in which the wine was made; and the vintner – the wine maker's skills and experience. These components are all essential in crafting a wine of quality and distinction. In addition, another critical factor is the aging process – a series of complex chemical reactions over time as the wine is stored. The finest wines will improve with age.

This is a beautiful metaphor for our spiritual journey. Like the intimate intertwining of the various ingredients of wine-making, we are formed and shaped by grace as we open ourselves more and more to God.

In the gospel reading, Jesus tells the parable of the rich man who stores up treasure, but in vain, for he soon dies. Jesus advises the crowd that "a man's life is not made secure by what he owns" (Luke 12:14).

St Benedict always encouraged his followers to be open to ongoing conversion. Growing in God is a process of continually listening. God makes us aware of new insights and ways of being. At times, the process may seem hidden or unexpected. But gradually, we discover our identity and vocation as a follower of Christ.

Throughout his life French artist Paul Cezanne painted a mountain, Mont Sainte-Victoire, in his hometown of Aix-en-Provence in 36 oil paintings and 45 water colours. At different points, he depicted Mont Sainte-Victoire differently, amidst a changing landscape of trees, bushes and houses.

Cezanne's earlier depictions are bold and striking. However, the dramatic quality of his earlier paintings gives way to a gentler, more ethereal depiction as Cezanne matured. Despite the differences, each painting has been praised as a masterpiece of perspective – the mountain seems both near and within our grasp, as well as just beyond our immediate reach. It is a striking image for our lives: we live within the shaping hand of God's grace. Within the depths of our being, God is at work to create our lives as a vintage of exquisite distinction.

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## This week in the Parish

Sunday 3	<b>18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C</b> 8 am – 11 am Holy Door Open 8:00 am - Pilgrimage Walk 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Cuppa/Morning tea
Monday 4	<b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b> 9:30 am - Rosary & Prayers ( <i>see note page 3</i> )
Tuesday 5	8:00 am - Mass 11:00 am - Christian Meditation Group 1:00 pm - Scripture Study Group 6:00 pm - <b>CONFIRMATION Parent Meeting</b>
Wednesday 6	8:00 am - Mass 6:00 pm - <b>RCIA Enquiry night</b> ( <i>see note page 3</i> )
Thursday 7	8:00 am - Mass
Friday 8	<b>St MARY OF THE CROSS</b> 9:30 am - Legion of Mary   Parish Meeting Centre 11:00 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12:00 pm - Mass
Saturday 9	9:00 am - Rosary 4:30 pm - Rosary 5:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 10	<b>19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C</b> 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptism

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

8:30am - 9am after 8am  
weekday Masses.

**ROSARY**  
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Copies of Wednesday Word,  
are available in the Church.

this Friday 8 August  
11 am - 11:50 am

The Parish Office will be closed  
Mondays, from Monday 4  
August, until further notice.

## RECENTLY DECEASED:

## THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

*Names removed after a considerable time. Please assist the Parish Office by advising if you wish names to remain.*

*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.*

*There is an option to tune into Mass at home when you can't join us:*

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Please join with the Pilgrims for a Cuppa  
- Morning tea after 9am Mass  
this Sunday 3 August.

## READINGS | ROSTERS

**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

## ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

## ROSARY STATUE

3/8 Jennv Wallace      10/8 Faith Buchanan



## THE GOOD SHIP HOPE

The Good Ship Hope, the Lismore Diocesan Jubilee Boat has arrived in our parish! This boat connects us across all parts of our Diocese in this Jubilee Year of Hope. The boat will be moored here in Murwillumbah until Monday 18 August.

Designed and constructed by students from Newman Senior Technical College in Port Macquarie, this beautifully crafted boat is much more than a symbol - it represents pilgrimage, unity, and new beginnings as it travels across the Diocese of Lismore. Its presence among us is a powerful reminder of God's guiding hand and the strength we find in walking together in faith.

As the late Pope Francis said: *"We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and farsighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, Pilgrims of Hope."*

## 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**

**ROSARY & PRAYERS** for God's Precious Infants and the Unborn Child - Monday 4 August - 9:30 am - Sacred Heart Church.

Pregnancy Help Line: 1300 139 313

## SAFEGUARDING YOUR CHILDREN

Would parents please keep their children **supervised at all times** in the church and surrounding grounds - including taking them to the bathroom. For their safety, please ensure you can always see them while on Parish grounds.



## JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Pilgrimage, Holy Door, Reconciliation, Prayer, Liturgy, Profession of Faith and Indulgences

## JUBILEE OF YOUTH | 28 July - 3 August

Come Holy Spirit of this Great Southland  
Inspire our entire faith community,  
as we prayerfully discern new horizons for spreading joy  
in the lives and communities of the People of God.

Come Holy Spirit of Youth  
fill the hearts of young people with the hope and love  
of Jesus Christ.

Enliven our community with the creativity, energy  
and joy of youth.

Guide us together, as we strive to offer God's mercy  
to those who feel abandoned or outcast.

Come Holy Spirit of Faith  
empower our community to be courageous.

Unite your people as witnesses of love.  
Walk with us, as we blaze new trails of discipleship,  
Accompanying young people as we renew the Church  
together.

Come Holy Spirit of Vocation  
Stir within young people an awareness of God's call.  
Reveal to us the graces of young people.  
Guide us all, in finding our place and raising our voices  
to build a civilisation of love.

Amen.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Help of Christians, pray for us.  
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, friend of the young, pray for us.  
(Year of Youth 2018 Prayer, ACBC)



If you're available on the first and/or third  
Monday of the month, we warmly invite  
you to come along for a cuppa and a chat.

You'll be most welcome to join with other  
Parishioners who are also trying to adjust  
to this new reality in our life's journey which  
is unfamiliar and, at times, very daunting.

Let's support one another with friendship,  
listening hearts, and shared faith.

📍 Venue: Murwillumbah Services Club

🕒 Time: 10:00 a.m.

📅 Days: First & Third  
Mondays of the Month

Enquiries: Christine O'Brien

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## 18TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME - YR C

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (89)

**R:** In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

**Alleluia!**

## ST. MARY OF THE CROSS

**Solemnity - Friday 8th August**

Mary Helen MacKillop was born in Fitzroy, Melbourne on 15 January 1842. Together with Fr Tenison Woods, Mary founded the Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph in 1867, an Order dedicated to the education of poor children.

An ordinary Australian woman, yet a woman of heroic holiness, goodness, warmth and determination, Mary died on August 8 1909. On October 17 2010 Mary MacKillop, *Saint Mary of the Cross*, was declared a Saint by Pope Benedict XVI.

Mary's motto for life was -

**'Never see a need without doing something about it'**



### NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK | 3-10 AUGUST

An annual week-long celebration dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life and to renewing our prayers and support for those who are discerning these states of life within the Church. NVAW coincides with the liturgical celebrations of the Australia's first saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, and the Patron Saint of Priests, Saint John Vianney.

*It belongs to the mission of the entire Church to care for the birth, discernment and fostering of vocations, particularly those to the priesthood.*

### VOCATION MINISTRY

Our diocese has two young men attending a discernment weekend August 8 -10, for those discerning a possible vocation to the priesthood. Please keep them in your prayers. If you are wondering if God is calling you to priesthood, diaconate or religious life please contact the Director of Vocations (02) 6681 1048 or [vocations@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@lismore.catholic.org.au).

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

**Is a way for people enquiring or interested in becoming Catholic to begin their journey of faith.**

It is a period of reflection, prayer, instruction, discernment and formation.

We are holding two Enquiry Nights:

**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)

## 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.



## INVEST WITH PEACE OF MIND

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