

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C | 10 AUGUST 2025

To be human is to be blessed

This week we hear Jesus offer a stinging warning. Be vigilant! Live your life like servants awaiting the return of their master! But *do not be afraid*, he says, *for your Father is pleased to give you the Kingdom*.

In the midst of it, Jesus repeats a word three times. Did you catch it? It is also in the responsorial psalm. The word is ***blessed***. You could say *blessed* is one of Jesus' favourite words. In his great charter for the definitive way to be human, the Sermon on the Mount, he awards the status of *blessed* to those who don't appear very *blessed* at all (the persecuted, the peacemakers, the meek, the mourning, the poor in spirit...).

In Catholic life *blessed* is probably most often repeated in the Hail Mary: '*blessed art thou among women...*' Priests *bless* the people with the sign of the cross. Parents *bless* their child when she is sick or when dropping her off at school. When someone sneezes, people say, 'God *bless* you!' or just '*Bless* you!' What are we saying when we say *blessed*? More importantly, what was Jesus saying when he did?

We've established that *blessed* is everywhere in our spiritual and ordinary lives and that the same was true for Jesus himself. The word, quite literally, goes back to the very beginning. On the first pages of Scripture, in Genesis, God creates the world by separating light from darkness, water from land, and so on. You are probably not surprised that our word is there.

It appears precisely three times. (God loves that number; He also likes *seven*, which is three doubled + one, with the one signifying abundance, surplus, *blessing*, just as three is two + one, surplus, *blessing*...) God *blesses* the birds and fish on day five and humanity on day six: so creatures of the sky, the sea, and the land are *blessed*. But what are they *blessed* with?

The story is plain: *fruitfulness, abundance*, the capacity to *fill* the creation with *life*. Humans, who are a kind of a unifying bridge joining the sky and sea on the land, are given a special *blessing* on top of abundance and life: they are blessed with *rule* or *dominion*. On day six, humans are themselves presented as a +, a more, a teeming abundance beyond what God has already created.

Sky, sea, and finally, those peculiar *land* creatures are *blessed* with the energies of abundance, life, and then rule. The final act of *blessing* occurs on the seventh day, when God *rests* from his work. The creation tale establishes the meaning of our word for the entire story to follow that culminates in Jesus. *Blessed* means to be *given* a share in God's power of abundance, life, and ultimately rule.

And that is what Jesus offers us. It is what *rest* signifies in Genesis and what *Kingdom* means in the gospel. *Blessed* means to be truly, fully and definitively human, in accord with God's original and final purpose.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 10	19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptism
Monday 11	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday 12	8:00 am - Mass 11:00 am - Christian Meditation Group 1:00 pm - Scripture Study Group 5:30 pm - Baptism Preparation Meeting
Wednesday 13	8:00 am - Mass
Thursday 14	8:00 am - Mass 5:30 pm - Vigil Mass (Assumption) 6:00 pm - RCIA Enquiry night (see note page 3)
Friday 15	The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 8:00 am - Mass SH - <i>Please note: change of time</i> 9:30 am - Mass MSPC school Mass 12 noon - Mass Mt St Patrick Primary school & St Joseph's Primary school
Saturday 16	9:00 am - Rosary 4:30 pm - Rosary 5:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 17	20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptism

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

No exposition this week

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Michael Egan, Barbara McGrouther, Corey Hancock, Hope Lamont

ANNIVERSARIES: Carmel O'Reilly, Harry van den Broek, Mary Roberts, Margaret Guinea, Dominic Guinea, Teresa Palmer, Greg Guinea

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Joan Kean, Bill Guinea, Albert Albertini, Maive Collett, Narelle Martin, Pam Willock, Patrick Fox, George Flack, Margaret Traves, Lorraine Green, David Burke, Paul Calvino, Fr Anthony Lemon

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
Koa Stephen Devine
to our faith community.

'Make space in your life to receive Jesus.'

- Pope Leo

READINGS | ROSTERS

READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C
Wis18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C
Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

READING ROSTER

16/17 Aug | 20 Sunday in Ord Time | Yr C
5pm - Barbara Grant
9am - Christine O'Brien

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

16/8 - Grace Severs
17/8 - Nate Linkins

ROSARY STATUE

10/8 Faith Buchanan 17/8 Pauline Weber

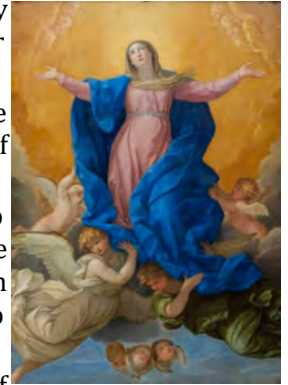
THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY FRIDAY 15TH AUGUST

Friday 15 August the Church celebrates the Feast Day of the Assumption of Our Lady when according to our faith, the Holy Mother, "having completed her course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory".

Although defined as an article of faith by Pope Pius XII just over half a century ago, the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven has been accepted from back to the earliest of Christian times.

The Assumption signals the end of Mary's earthly life and marks her return to heaven to be reunited with Jesus. While the bodies of both Jesus and Mary are now in heaven, there is a difference between the Assumption and the Resurrection. Where Jesus arose from the tomb and ascended into heaven by his own power, Mary's body was taken up to heaven by the power of her Son.

For this reason we use different words to describe each event. One is the Ascension of Christ and the other, the Assumption of Mary.



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

SACRED HEART PARISH

Thurs 5:30 pm | Vigil Mass

Friday 8:00 am | Mass

12 noon | Mass with Mt St Patrick Primary
& St Joseph's Primary (school Mass)

KINGSCLIFF PARISH

7:30am & 9am (school) - St Anthony's, Kingscliff

9:15am (school) - Sts. Mary & Ambrose, Pottsville

TWEED HEADS PARISH

Thurs 14 Aug - Vigil - 6:00 pm - St Joseph's Church,
Tweed Heads

Fri 15 Aug - 9:10 am (school) - St Joseph's Church,
Tweed Heads

Holy Days of Obligation for Australia

are 15th August (Assumption) and 25th December (Christmas). A Holy Day is simply a solemnity celebrated like a Sunday, that is, with obligation.

VIGIL MASS TIME

PLEASE NOTE: From Saturday 6 September 2025 the Saturday Vigil Mass in Sacred Heart Church will commence at 6.00pm.

CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

August morning tea

Wed 20 August | 10:00 am | Mbah Services Club

Enquiries: Parish Office 6672 1118

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME



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 21 August | 6 pm

Contact: Bernard Nolan 0419 023 108 | 02 6672 3733
Chris Gallagher 0428 416 288

Saturday 30 August 5pm Mass & Supper

Mt St Patrick College students and teachers from **Ignatius** and **Lisieux** Houses will join us for Mass Saturday 30 August. Parishioners are then invited to join the students from **Ignatius** and **Lisieux** for morning tea after Mass.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH



Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Lismore Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process.

For further information please phone the Lismore Office of the Tribunal on **66217 288** or email tribunal@lismore.catholic.org.au

19TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME - YR C

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (32)

R: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

We warmly welcome the children and families preparing for the

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Welcome & Instruction - 9/10 August
Confirmation Instruction - 16/17 August
Confirmation Instruction - 23/24 August
Confirmation Instruction - 30/31 August
Retreat Day - Wednesday - 3 September

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Wednesday 3 September | 6:00 pm



LEGION OF MARY to Jesus through Mary 27 September

Each year the Legion hosts a retreat day. This is usually held at Kingscliff but this year it will be in Brisbane in The Valley. We will have a pilgrimage: care pooling to Varsity Lakes train station then on to the Valley. The venue is 100m from the station. More info to come later...

BAPTISM PREPARATION If you are considering having your child baptised please phone the Parish Office (0266721118) for enquiries and to book in for the Baptism Preparation Meeting.

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held this Tuesday 12 August at 5:30 pm in Hall / MSPC Library.

Billings LIFE invites you to join a special one-hour webinar during **Natural Fertility Awareness Week**.

If you are dreaming of growing your family join us to discover how the **Billings Ovulation Method®** can support your journey to pregnancy.

To register and to find more information please go to: <https://events.humanitix.com/boost-your-baby-odds-naturally-with-the-billings-method>

An invitation email will be sent to prior to the webinar on **Monday 18th August**.

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

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.

Our next Enquiry Night is this **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

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.



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