

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



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Church of the Sacred Heart

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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C | 17 AUGUST 2025

God's fire purifies our hearts

Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ, What do we expect Jesus to bring into our lives? While we may list many things, we surely hope that our Saviour will bring peace and blessings to every one of us as His disciples and to the world.

We believe that our God is Emmanuel, God with us, and that He is almighty and His love everlasting. We believe that He creates us according to His image and likeness; and that He calls each to grow as a person of faith and into the fullness of our humanity.

Alas, what we see happening in our world today are wars, suffering, ongoing violence, increased injustice, inhumane conditions, and destruction of the environment.

In this week's gospel Jesus' teaching seems not to meet our expectations of peace and joy. Indeed, Jesus' words are rather startling. We hear Jesus say, "I have come to bring fire to the earth. . . Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!" It sounds harsh and it unsettles us. Certainly, we know that Jesus himself experienced antagonism, rejection and a violent death.

The fire that Jesus sets on the earth is a purifying fire. It may indeed cause pain and suffering, as it did for Jesus. We are called to live our faith in Jesus Christ, allowing His life to penetrate ours as we continue to witness the gospel, despite whatever difficulties confront us. But Jesus would have us clearly realise that our commitment as His followers will sometimes meet with tension, disagreement, antagonism and even violence. We are to persevere nonetheless, and to hold true and firm to our faith in Jesus and the defence of His teachings.

Jesus continues, "There is a baptism I must receive and great is my distress till it is over." Jesus, having become one like us in all things but sin, knows our human condition very deeply. For love of us and for our salvation, Jesus bore the cross on His shoulders and carried it to His crucifixion, so that we may receive and celebrate new life through His resurrection.

The peace that Jesus wants to share with us is the peace of love coming from God, not like the peace the world offers. It is a peace the world cannot give.

The fire the Lord has brought into the world is the fire that cleanses and purifies us, enabling us to move forward courageously and without fear to share God's love and peace, despite whatever opposition we may encounter.

Jesus brings the Good News that God is always with us. Saint Paul encourages us, "Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith." So, stay firm in our faith and remain united with the Lord, because hope in the Lord never disappoints us.

God bless you all. Amen.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 17	20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptism
Monday 18	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 10:00 am - Widows & Widowers Cuppa & Chat
Tuesday 19	8:00 am - Mass 11:00 am - Funeral Prayers for John Higgins 11:00 am - Christian Meditation Group 1:00 pm - Scripture Study Group
Wednesday 20	8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Catholic Men's Group
Thursday 21	8:00 am - Mass
Friday 22	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9:30 am - Legion of Mary Parish Meeting Centre No Mass or Exposition today
Saturday 23	9:00 am - Rosary 4:30 pm - Rosary 5:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 24	21ST 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 Friday

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sr Teresa Joan Fitzgerald, Bruce Banner, David Gorton,
Iris Burns

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

*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
Pippa Tate McQueen
to our faith community.

DIOCESAN APPOINTMENTS

Bishop Greg Homeming has appointed Fr Michael
Alcock as Parish Administrator of the Tweed Heads
Parish.

READINGS | ROSTERS

READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

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

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C
Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

READING ROSTER

23/24 Aug | 21 Sunday in Ord Time | Yr C
5pm - Margaret Mumford
9am - Philomena Zambelli

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

23/8 - Mia Cook
24/8 - Bonnie Lindsay

ROSARY STATUE

17/8 Pauline Weber 24/8 Kay Ryder



Pilgrims on the Journey



THE JUBILEE BOAT 'THE GOOD SHIP HOPE'



We are Pilgrims of Hope



Hope for the Future



The Jubilee Boat "The Good Ship Hope" is moored in Sacred Heart Church until Monday 18 August. The boat was handcrafted by students from Newman College Port Macquarie and is slowly making its way around the Diocese as part of the Jubilee Year of Hope celebrations.

There have been a number of activities around the boat's stay in the parish for parishioners and our parish school students. On Sunday 3rd August, a short pilgrimage around the Church and school sites was held with school and parish families joining in before celebrating Mass together. School classes have also had opportunities to visit the boat up close in the Church to reflect and pray.



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

0418 787 881

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

20TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME - YR C

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (39)

R: Lord, come to my aid!

IF SUNG:

R. O Lord, come to my aid; do not delay.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

VIGIL MASS TIME

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



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...

PARKING | VIGIL MASS 6 SEPTEMBER ...

Tweed Regional Museum Street Party
Saturday 6 September | 3 pm - 9 pm

The Museum will expand into the surrounding streets for an afternoon of exhibitions, activities, and entertainment for all ages.

Therefore, parking for the 6pm Vigil Mass will be harder to find close to the church. There will be no parking on Queensland Road.

ASPIRE

YOUNG ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION

18-35 yrs old with Bishop Greg Homeming OCD

Monday 18 August

Thursday 11 September

Thursday 2 October

Wednesday 19 November

5:30-6:30pm St Carthage's Cathedral Parish, Lismore

Or join via Zoom | Login: 299 665 7662

More Information:

Sr. Di - 0434 772 867 / youth@lismore.catholic.org.au

Saturday 30 August

5pm Vigil Mass & Share A Meal

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 to share a meal after Mass.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever - Jn 5:51-52

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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