

# *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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## **21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**YEAR C | 24 AUGUST 2025**

### **Entering the narrow gate**

This has been a momentous year for the Christian, and particularly the Catholic community, with the death of Pope Francis and the election of Pope Leo XIV. From the start Pope Leo has stressed that his role as successor of Saint Peter is not to lord it over the Church or the world, but to be at everyone's service.

Pope Leo XIV's focus might prove a helpful backdrop as we strive to understand the teaching of Jesus in this week's gospel. There was a time, not that long ago, when many Catholics tended to feel very superior about their faith and their interpretation of the teaching that "outside the Church there is no salvation". The old joke suggested that Catholics had to be confined to a particular corner of heaven because they believed they were the only ones there!

A similar mentality existed among God's Chosen People in the Old Testament, but note how the Prophet Isaiah in today's first reading warns them not to be presumptuous. The Lord would reach out to everyone: "I am coming to gather the nations of every language." Jesus squarely confronts the same issue, warning those who are tempted to compromise their integrity by turning to evil, thereby failing to respond to his invitation to love and serve his Father. He reminds them that it is no use appealing to claim allegiance because he had once dined with them and he had taught in their streets. Likewise, it is not enough for us to claim that we are Christians and then live contrary to the example Jesus has set before us.

The letter to the Hebrews reminds us that following Christ will demand a lot from us and be painful, but those experiences can teach us a lot and ultimately enable us to imitate Christ, who even as he died on the cross, prayed: "Father, forgive them; they know not what they do."

As in the days of Isaiah and Jesus, in the 21<sup>st</sup> century we are still confronted with the consequences of real evil in the world. Human beings continue to compromise the truth in the belief that they can control the world, not accepting that the world is not theirs, but belongs to God. They remain unmoved by the sufferings of others, their minds closed to the message that God knows no boundaries, but is calling out to men and women of every nation under heaven.

At the same time, we are seeing that forces for good – love and compassion, reconciliation and peace – can still challenge the evil and that those willing to suffer for the truth and enter by the narrow gate can occasionally move mountains. As to how many will eventually enter by the narrow gate? I suggest we leave that to God, while striving with all our hearts to live our own lives without compromise and squeeze in!

Timothy J Buckley CSsR © Magellan Media 2025

# This week in the Parish

Sunday 24	<b>21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C</b> 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptism
Monday 25	<b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b>
Tuesday 26	8:00 am - Mass 11:00 am - Christian Meditation Group 1:00 pm - Scripture Study Group
Wednesday 27	8:00 am - Mass
Thursday 28	8:00 am - Mass
Friday 29	9:30 am - Legion of Mary   Parish Meeting Centre 11:00 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12:00 pm - Mass
Saturday 30	9:00 am - Rosary 10:00 am - Memorial Mass for Joan Kean 4:30 pm - Rosary 5:00 PM - VIGIL MASS   Last week at 5pm 6:00 pm - Share a Meal with MSPC Ignatius & Lisieux Houses
Sunday 31	<b>22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C</b> <b>SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY</b> 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass

**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 29 August  
11:00 am - 11:50 am

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Lindsay Howard-Smith, Joan Kean, Leslie Wallace  
(Michael Wallace's father), John Higgins, Michael Egan

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Maria Procopio, George Dorrough

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Gabrielle Hackenberg, 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  
**Mia Maree McNamara**  
to our faith community.

God loves each one of us  
as if there were only one of us.  
*St Augustine*

## READINGS | ROSTERS

### READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

**21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C**  
Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30  
**22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C**  
Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24;  
Lk 14:1, 7-14

### READING ROSTER

**30/31 Aug | 22 Sunday in Ord Time | Yr C**  
5pm - MSPC tba  
9am - Bernard Nolan

### ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

30/8 - tba  
31/8 - Sienna Alexander

### ROSARY STATUE

24/8 Kay Ryder 31/8 Debbie Kaehler

# Sacred Heart Catholic Parish Murwillumbah

## VISION STATEMENT

We are a Eucharistic community of faith, love and respect,  
living the message of Jesus.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Guided by God's promise to be with us always,  
we seek to be an evangelising, faith filled community  
welcoming all through liturgy, prayer, faith formation and care for others.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

The **next meeting** of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held on **Thursday 4 September at 5 pm.**

The **agenda for the meeting will be set on Thursday 28 August.**

Any matters that you, our Parishioners, would like to be considered for the agenda should be sent by email to [vanessa.hughes@lism.catholic.edu.au](mailto:vanessa.hughes@lism.catholic.edu.au) or placed in the PPC box in the church no later than Wednesday 27 August.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY | 31 AUGUST

*Social Justice Sunday is observed every year on the final Sunday of August. This year's commemoration falls on August 31.*

*The Catholic Church in Australia has a long tradition of commemorating Social Justice Sunday. The Catholic Bishops have issued an annual Social Justice Statement practically every year since 1940.*

*The social justice remarks are made on behalf of the entire bishops' conference in time for Social Justice Sunday. These declarations are issued with the hopes of provoking thought and action throughout the year.*

*Statements will be available next weekend.*

### 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.



### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Wednesday 27 August - **St Monica**

Thursday 28 August - **St Augustine, bishop, doctor**

Friday 29 August - **The Passion of St John the Baptist, martyr**

### CATHOLIC LIFE

The August edition of Catholic Life magazine is available in the Church this weekend. This publication is a Souvenir Edition of Pope Francis and it includes:

- ♦ A reflection on Pope Francis by Archbishop Mark Coleridge
- ♦ Bishop Greg's winter message
- ♦ When the world paused for Francis and Leo
- ♦ Coffs Harbour and Grafton support seasonal workers

Please take a copy home with you or read online.

Go to: [chancery.lismore.catholic.org.au](http://chancery.lismore.catholic.org.au)

Click on main [Diocese of Lismore](http://Diocese of Lismore) website & then click on Catholic Life - read here.







## 21ST SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME - YR C

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (116)

**R: Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through 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.**

**Reconciliation will be available from 5:30 pm - 5:50 pm.**

### 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.**

### All Saints Anglican Church

### BABY SHOW & FETE

**Saturday 6 September**

**Registration 9am | Judging 10am | Entry Fee \$5  
Baby show special | 5 onsite photos for \$45 |  
images sent online**

**Also available plants, cakes, sweets, flowers,  
books, craft, trash & treasure and more!!!**

**Morning tea, drinks and sausage sizzle.**

## Next 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** to share a meal after Mass.

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

## 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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