

# Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



## PARISH CHURCHES

### Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

### Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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## 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C | 31 AUGUST 2025

**This week we welcome  
The Most Reverend Gregory Homeming,  
Bishop of Lismore,  
to our Parish as he celebrates the  
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

## O Lord, it's hard to be humble

On December 5, 2018, at the memorial service for US President George H W Bush, long time friend and former Republican Senator for Wyoming, Alan Simpson, remarked: *"Those who travel the high road of humility in Washington DC are not bothered by heavy traffic!"*

The line was met with laughter - and with a moment of reflection - in the Washington National Cathedral, packed with many who'd spent their careers climbing over the top of others to get to the top, scratching backs, doing deals, and cultivating 'useful' relationships for personal gain, while walking the seductive halls of power and politics in Washington DC. Sadly, very little has changed; not only in the political landscape, but across many areas of society. Humility, however, is an important virtue for authentic Christian self-understanding.

In this week's Old Testament reading, Ben Sirach advises his son to conduct his business affairs with humility and to make wisdom and reflection hallmarks of his life: "The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly." Then in the gospel, Jesus advises his audience to avoid seats of honour and posh guest-lists at parties, recommending humility to the leading Pharisees.

Humility means knowing who we are, and in relation to God and others; it means self-estimation according to truth. Talk to new parents about the wonder and awe they feel at the birth of a baby, the fruit of their love. Yet, they also sense a far greater mystery at work. We can't be overwhelmed by the beauty of creation or the wonder of human life, while at the same time remain under an illusion of our own superiority or self-sufficiency.

The reality of our own gifts and achievements, of God's grace and blessings at work in us, also give us confidence. We recognise our limits, but also our gifts. Our self-worth ought to reflect reverence for God who created us. Humility doesn't mean weakness. Rather, it means that we're self-aware and self-confident, comfortable in the presence of others, without feeling threatened.

Humility means being honest about ourselves, resisting flattery, admitting mistakes, and recognising others' accomplishments, while also rejecting false humility or self-loathing, and appreciating our achievements or God's achievements in us.

When Jesus tells people to practice humility, even at the dinner table, he's not saying be unconcerned with excellence and honours. Otherwise, his story about the humble man being promoted makes no sense.

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# This week in the Parish

Sunday 31	<b>22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C</b> <b>SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY</b> 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
Monday 1	<b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b> 9:30 am - Rosary & Prayers 10:00 am - Widows   Widowers Morning Tea
Tuesday 2	8:00 am - Mass 11:00 am - Christian Meditation Group 1:00 pm - Scripture Study Group
Wednesday 3	8:00 am - Mass 9:30 am - Confirmation Retreat - Sacred Heart 6:00 pm - <b>CONFIRMATION</b>
Thursday 4	NO 8 am Mass today
Friday 5	<b>6:00 am - Adoration &amp; Holy Door Open</b> 9:30 am - Legion of Mary   Parish Meeting Centre 12:00 pm - Mass
Saturday 6	9:00 am - Rosary <b>5:30 pm - Rosary</b> <b>6:00 PM - VIGIL MASS</b>
Sunday 7	<b>23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C</b> <b>FATHER'S DAY</b> 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Parish 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 5 September  
6:00 am - 6:00 pm

**CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL  
PLANNING MEETING**  
Thursday 11 September | 5pm  
Parish Administration Centre

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Marj Seddon-Bryant nee Kearney (mother of Julie Schiller), Gregorio Santillan, Lindsay Howard-Smith, Joan Kean, Leslie Wallace, John Higgins

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Fr D'Arcy McCarthy, Jason Cook, John Quan, Maria Procopio

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Gabrielle Hackenberg, Bill Guinea, Albert Albertini, Maive Collett, Narelle Martin, Pam Willock, Patrick Fox, 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)

**ROSARY & PRAYERS** for God's Precious Infants and the Unborn Child - Monday 1 September - 9:30 am - Sacred Heart Church.  
Pregnancy Help Line: 1300 139 313

## READINGS | ROSTERS

### READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

**22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C**  
Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24; Lk 14:1, 7-14

**23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C**  
Wis 9:13-18; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

### READING ROSTER

**6/7 Sept | 23 Sunday in Ord Time | Yr C**  
6pm - Grace Molloy  
9am - Kay Ryder

### ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

3/9 - Grace Severs  
4/9 - Nate Linkins

### ROSARY STATUE

31/8 Debbie Kaehler 7/9 Annette Lofts

## TODAY IS SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

### *Signs of Hope on the Edge*



On this Social Justice Sunday, Australia's Bishops invite us to seriously consider our Christian responsibility to those who are in homelessness and mental ill-health. Like Jesus, we are to "offer service...to our sisters and brothers created in the image of God."

Yet it is more than practical assistance or knowing about situations and causes of poverty. We are called to get to *know* the names of people and to hear their stories. God is love, and love notices, listens and responds to each person uniquely.

As pilgrims of hope in this Year of Jubilee, we walk as equals with each other, and work towards a society of dignity and inclusion for all. Let us build a culture of encounter with those living in homelessness and mental ill-health. Let us find and be *'Signs of Hope on the Edge.'*

As Pope Francis said in a homily on the 23rd September 2016, it is "*not just seeing, but looking; not just hearing, but listening; not just passing people by, but stopping with them; not just saying 'what a shame, poor people!'*, but allowing yourself to be moved with compassion; *"and then to draw near, to touch and to say: 'Do not weep' and to give at least a drop of life"*.

Limited copies of the Social Justice Statement are available in the church today. For further details, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website: [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)

### Top End Youth

'Top End Youth' is an initiative to combine the three parishes of Kingscliff, Murwillumbah and Tweed Heads. It is a bold and inspiring Catholic youth ministry initiative designed to unite, uplift, and ignite faith in the young people of our parishes. At a time when many young people are searching for meaning, connection, and belonging, Top End Youth seeks to offer a space where they can encounter Christ, build authentic friendships, and grow as confident missionary disciples within the life of the Church.

**WHEN:** 19<sup>th</sup> September 5:00pm

**WHERE:** 16 Pearl St, Kingscliff NSW 2487 (St Anthony's Parish, Kingscliff)

Contact: [topendyouth@outlook.com](mailto:topendyouth@outlook.com)



### PARISH CUPPA | MORNING TEA

Please join us for a Cuppa  
| Morning tea after 9am  
Mass next Sunday 7 Sept.

**EVERYONE  
WELCOME!**



### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

In Luke's gospel Jesus says "Mary has chosen the better part", when she is sitting at His feet, listening.

We need adorers of the Blessed Sacrament to fill the roster at the back of the church for our next 12 hour Exposition Day on Friday the first of August. Please consider spending an hour choosing "the better part".

### WIDOWS & WIDOWERS 'CUPPA & CHAT'

1st & 3rd Monday of month

Monday 1 September | 10 am

| Murwillumbah Services Club

Enq: Christine O'Brien 0418 787 881

**ALL WIDOWS & WIDOWERS**

**WELCOME**

### FATHER'S DAY COLLECTION FOR SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS SUNDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

Next weekend there will be a special collection for the support of Sick and Retired Priests in the Diocese. Envelopes will be provided and can be placed on the Collection plates.

Thank you for your support.

### St Vincent de Paul Society

#### Mary MacKillop Conference, Murwillumbah

**SINCERE THANKS** to all who have contributed in any way to the 2025 WINTER APPEAL.



The generosity of our Parish and school communities has been amazing, and will make a real difference for many who are experiencing hardship.

Donations may be made at any time. Envelopes are available in the Sacred Heart Church and can be returned to the Parish Office or placed on a collection plate at Mass - or donate online at [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. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Thank you very much for your wonderful support.



## 22ND SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME - YR C

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (67)

R: God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!



This Wednesday evening 3 September, Bishop Gregory Homeming will administer the **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** to twenty-six children in our Parish.

Thank you to parents, teachers and catechists who helped prepare the children for this sacrament, and to our parish community, for the prayers and support that you offered the children and their families.

### VIGIL MASS TIME

Next 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.**

Murwillumbah Philharmonic Choir  
presents

### TREASURED MEMORIES

### A WEDGETAIL FUNDRAISING CONCERT

**Saturday 6 September | 2:00 pm**

**Jessie McMillan Hall, Murwillumbah**

Tickets at the door

Adults \$20 - \$15 Concession

Light refreshments served after the concert

## WELCOME

### MSPC Ignatius & Lisieux Houses

This weekend we welcome Mt St Patrick college students and staff from **Ignatius House** and **Lisieux House** who are joining us at the Vigil Mass this Saturday 30 August & they invite you to join them for a bite to eat in the Parish Hall/MSPC Library afterwards.

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

### (APOSTLES' CREED)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.  
Amen.

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We do great things, deserving of honour, but not for worldly praise. In humility, Jesus abandoned the exaltation of heaven for the earthiness of living among us. In humility, Jesus reached out to the poor, the women, the sick and the outcasts. In humility, Jesus freely gave his life for us.

Jesus calls us to humility: to know the truth of ourselves, to be in right relationship with one another and with God, and to allow ourselves to be lifted up by God.

"For everyone who exalts themselves will be humbled, but whoever humbles themselves will be exalted."

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