

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

| YEAR C | 5 OCTOBER 2025

Our duty to trust

As the gospel makes clear, faith is never an abstract notion, it's how we live our lives. The apostles ask Jesus to 'increase our faith' as a specific response to what he has just said about forgiving one another.

Trust is central to the gospel and to our faith, which is to say our lives. And the faith that Jesus speaks of isn't blind; it's a way of *seeing* one another, as a woman reminded me recently when she spoke of coming to befriend a man sitting on the footpath outside Coles.

And as happened when Vinnies began its soup van service: On the first night they ran into Billy Morgan four times. On the fourth occasion a volunteer asked him if there was anything else they could give him or do and he replied, 'Your friendship is enough'. He had told her – ever so clearly – what they were all about. It wasn't simply that they had something to give him, but he had something to give them.

Billy and the woman outside Coles remind us that faith isn't something we have or don't have. It's not something we possess but is given to us in relationship. So, when Jesus speaks of a mulberry tree obeying you, there's no magic formula involved; he's simply speaking of the power of faith made real in our relationship with God.

Yet it seems wherever we look these days, there's a general loss of trust which undermines our trust in one another and ensures, perhaps, that the one thing binding us together is money. We give so we might get in return, and often this becomes our model for relationship. Where it exists, a society may begin to fragment, all the more so a church, because a church community is founded in the gift of relationship – it's where we learn to trust one another and God.

As we do, we begin to see the connection between faith and service, which Jesus speaks of in the second part of today's gospel. We're invited to join a group, so we go along, and gradually our lives change. Our faith begins to deepen, almost unawares, as we practise what's been called 'the spirituality of turning up.'

Later, we may come to understand that it's our trust in the person who asked us and in Jesus which brought us to live in this way, doing 'all you have been told to do.' It's not that God is indebted to us for what we do, but we're indebted to God for enabling this. Like the disciples we're discovering that faith and service are inextricably linked.

Today's first reading, the psalm and the second reading all speak of trusting in God, whatever happens in our lives. This is the precious gift we're entrusted to look after, the gift of God's self in Jesus, and we do this by giving it away. Trusting in Jesus enables us to do what God entrusts to us – it's our duty and our life.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 5	27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 111th MIGRANT & REFUGEE SUNDAY 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Parish Cuppa Morning tea 11:00 am - Baptism
Monday 6	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 9:30 am - Rosary & Prayers (see note page 4)
Tuesday 7	Our Lady of the Rosary 11:00 am - Christian Meditation Group 12:30 pm - Memorial Mass for Pat Ryder
Wednesday 8	8:00 am - Mass 11:00 am - Funeral Prayers for Rose Wright
Thursday 9	8:00 am - Mass 11:00 am - Funeral Prayers for Donny O'Connor 5:00 pm - Christmas Carnival Meeting
Friday 10	9:30 am - Legion of Mary Parish Meeting Centre 12 noon - Mass
Saturday 11	10:00 am - Rosary in the Park (see note page 4) 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 12	28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 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**
No Exposition this
Friday 10 October

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Chris Dennis Jnr, Donny
O'Connor, Rose Wright, Pat Ryder, Fr Frank Mulcahy

ANNIVERSARIES:

Bernadette Kelly

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

*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
MJ Robert McIlveen
to our faith community.

READINGS | ROSTERS

READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C
Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14;
Lk 17:5-9

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C
2 Kg 5:14-17; 2 Tim 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

READING ROSTER

11/12 Oct | 28th Sun in Ord Time | Yr C

6pm - Mike Brennan
9am - Bernard Nolan

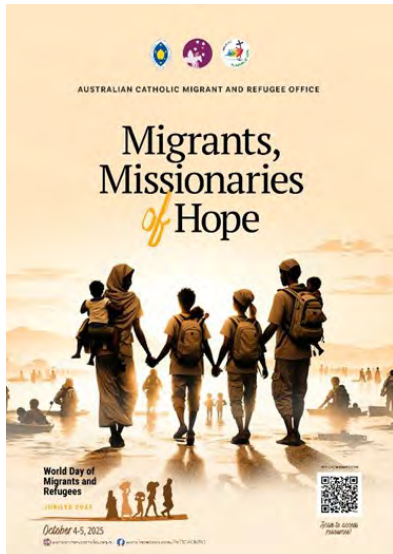
ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Altar server roster will resume Term 4.

ROSARY STATUE

5/10 Narelle Gear
12/10 Philomena Zambelli

Today is **MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY** **Migrants, Missionaries of Hope**



This year we celebrate the 111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) and the Jubilee of Migrants this weekend in October. The theme is: **Migrants, Missionaries of Hope.**

For this day, Pope Leo has written his first message. He makes direct reference to the fact that so many in the world today are experiencing *"frightening scenarios and the possibility of Global devastation."* This is making so many people go on the move either as Migrants or Refugees.

Pope Leo writes about the great courage of such people. He says, *"In a world darkened by war and injustice, even when all seems lost, Migrants and Refugees stand out as messengers of hope."* We all know of Refugees and Migrants in our own personal lives here in Australia where this is so true. Taking time to sit back and listen to some of their wonderful stories generates a great sense of hope and an appreciation of their courage. For this reason, they are among the great evangelisers and leaders of faith in our Jubilee Year of Pilgrims of Hope.

Clearly Migrants and Refugees need our help. We need their help. Perhaps our help is more of a material kind and their help is more of a spiritual kind. The Pope concludes his message by saying, *"I wish to entrust all who are on the journey, as well as those who are working to accompany them, to the maternal protection of the Virgin Mary, comfort of migrants."*

Excerpt from Message of Archbishop Christopher Prowse,
Chairperson | Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry

UPDATE ON THE SALE OF Burringbar AND UKI CHURCH SITES:

Real Estate Agents P Smith & Son have commenced marketing for the sale by private tender of Burringbar and Uki church sites with advertising online and in the Tweed Valley Weekly from this week until 30 October. Tenders will close at 5 pm on Friday 31 October.

Please note:

- ♦ There is no Adoration on Friday during school holidays
- ♦ There is no Scripture Study Group on Tuesday during the school holidays



Shape the future of the Diocese **Join the Diocesan Pastoral Council**

Bishop Greg is re-establishing the Diocesan Pastoral Council - clergy, religious, and laity working together to support the Mission of the Church.

Nominations are now open! Closing date is 10 October.

We're looking for people of prayer, discernment, and passion for the Church's Mission. Your voice matters, walk with us in hope.

To nominate, visit: www.bit.ly/LismoreDPC

International Exhibition **THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES** **OF THE WORLD**



A 15 year old Italian teenager who documented Eucharistic miracles online before passing away in 2006. Now sainted, his work continues to inspire millions.

Discover 130+ Eucharistic miracles in a powerful exhibition by St. Carlo Acutis. The exhibition will also include the opportunity to venerate a relic of St. Carlo Acutis.

20-26 Oct | Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall. St Brigid's Primary School, Wiangaree Street entrance, Kyogle

Opening & Talk: Monday 20th October | 9am

More than an exhibition – join us for Mass, talks, and Adoration throughout the week. All welcome.

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27TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME - YR C

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (94)

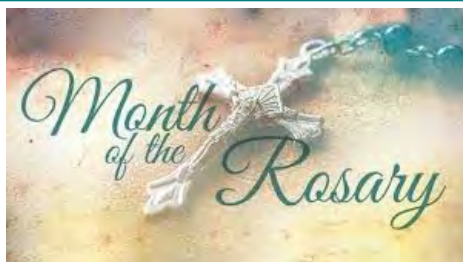
**R: If today you hear his voice, harden not
your hearts.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**The word of the Lord stands for ever;
it is the word given to you, the Good News.**

Alleluia!



ROSARY IN THE PARK

Saturday 11 October 2025

10:00 am | Budd Park

South Murwillumbah

The Legion of Mary invites parishioners and friends
to Rosary in the Park. Refreshments to follow.

Enquiries : please contact Philomena Zambelli

PRAYER SPONSORS

FOR MSPC HSC STUDENTS

Mt St Patrick College is asking for Prayer Sponsors for
Year 12 students during their Higher School Certificate
exams. The HSC exams commence Thursday 16
October. **Prayer cards with student names will be
available shortly. Thank you for your prayers.**



THE CATENIANS GOLD COAST TWEED CIRCLE

Join the Catenian Association, enjoy the benefits of
membership and form long lasting friendships.

This month we are meeting on 2nd Thursday of
October. 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 9 Oct | 6 pm

Contact:

Bernard Nolan 0419 023 108 | 02 6672 3733

Chris Gallagher 0428 416 288



PARISH CUPPA | MORNING TEA

Please join us for a Cuppa |
Morning tea after 9am Mass this
Sunday 5 October.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

ROSARY & PRAYERS for God's Precious Infants and
the Unborn Child - Monday 6 October - 9:30 am -
Sacred Heart Church.

Pregnancy Help Line: 1300 139 313

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the
soul that seeks him | *Lamentations 3:25*

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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Renewal Journey

Newsletter 1 - 24 September 2025

Welcome

Welcome to the first Renewal Journey newsletter. In this edition we share news on the return of the Diocesan Pastoral Council, youth ministry, regional parish collaboration, lay-led liturgy resources, and preparations for the 2028 Eucharistic Congress. Join us as we walk together in faith and renewal.

Diocesan Pastoral Council

Bishop Greg Homeming OCD has issued a Pastoral Letter about the re-establishment of our Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC). The DPC exists to support the bishop in his pastoral leadership and his threefold ministry of teaching, sanctifying, and governing the People of God entrusted to his care. In particular, the role of the DPC is to study and weigh those matters that concern the pastoral works of the diocese.

The council will involve 9 lay representatives from across the three deaneries, as well as other appointed and ex-officio members. We are accepting nominations until 10 October. You can nominate yourself, or someone else. Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee, with final appointments made by Bishop Greg.

Youth Ministry

There has been a lot of activity in Youth Ministry, under the guidance of **Fr Joy D'Souza OCD**, Diocesan Youth Director. These achievements include:

- **Zac Parnell** has been appointed as Diocesan Youth Ministry Coordinator and will start in December.
- The Diocesan Youth Council is soon to be appointed by **Bishop Greg**. The role of the Youth Council is to develop a Pastoral Plan for Youth Ministry, focusing on the 18-35 year age bracket.
- Support for Ignite Conference (Brisbane), ACYF (Melbourne), and YA Festival (Murwillumbah).
- Regular meetings of the youth network, which collaborate on an operation level about Youth Ministry initiatives in parishes and the diocese.
- Top End Youth establishing in Kingscliff, Murwillumbah and Tweed Heads parishes
- Participation in the Jubilee Art Prize.



Regional Parish Collaboration

The Northern Cluster continues to meet on a regular basis and are collaborating in a number of ways, such as Top End Youth Ministry, as well as areas relating to parish organisation and administration.

Fr Peter Wood, Parish Administrator, Sacred Heart Parish Murwillumbah: "You might feel hesitant to begin with, but you've really got to take a risk, to see how this process will evolve, I'm sure there will be benefits not just for your own parish, but for other parishes in your area... it's so great that we can come together for something like this, as we look into the future and we look at working, not in isolation, but together."



The working party continues to meet with parishes and attend Deanery meetings and looks forward to accompanying more parishes through the process in 2026.

Lay Led Liturgy

We have been preparing an online short course with Dayton University's VLCFF, as well as formalising a handbook to share with parishes about the Diocesan norms for Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest. The working party will be tabling these documents at upcoming Deanery and Council of Priests meetings for feedback.

2028 Eucharistic Congress

Plans are well underway for the 2028 Eucharistic Congress in Sydney. Stay tuned for more information about the launch in early 2026!

