

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

| YEAR C | 12 OCTOBER 2025

It is a question of manners

How often have you encouraged your young children to say 'thank you' after they are given something? Saying 'thank you' is a common courtesy that is used almost without thinking. Yet it's much more than a courtesy.

When you give your children food or a gift, or do something for them, you do so without question because you love and care for them. Your giving is an expression of your relationship with them.

So too for saying 'thank you'. It is the relationship that is most important. Saying thanks is a personal acknowledgment of what you have done for them, sometimes with considerable effort on your part. Saying 'thank you' implies that I am not taking for granted what you have done for me. It can be very annoying if we feel others are taking for granted what we do for them.

Even Jesus may have been annoyed with the nine lepers who did not return to say thank you for being cured. The word translated as 'lepers' does not refer to the disease that is known today as leprosy. It did not exist at that time in Palestine. But the disfiguring skin disease suffered by these 10 people meant they were isolated from their families and communities and could not even approach Jesus. How distressing this must have been for all concerned.

Jesus sent all 10 lepers to the Jewish priests, because only after the priests had formally verified they were cured would they be able to return to their homes and families. Soon after setting off to see the priests, they realise they've been cured, but it is only the Samaritan who returns to thank Jesus. This Samaritan must have been doubly isolated, suffering from this disease – being ritually unclean – and belonging to a heretical religion and tribe. Jews were not supposed to have any contact with Samaritans because they had separated from the Jewish people and established their own temple worship.

How excited and overcome with emotion was this Samaritan, 'praising God at the top of his voice' and throwing himself at the feet of Jesus. The other nine disappeared, but the Samaritan enters into an intense personal relationship with Jesus. Being cured is really a springboard into a deeper relationship.

St Luke is telling us something significant. It is the most excluded and marginalised of the group who responds to Jesus, while the other nine, Jesus' own co-religionists, have taken the gift but ignored the giver. By thanking God and falling to the ground before Jesus, the Samaritan is relating with God on an entirely new level. He is not only cured but, as Jesus remarks, it is his faith that has saved him.

For us too, saying thanks to God for all the gifts of life and love around us will surely enrich our relationship with God.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 12	28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass
Monday 13	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday 14	10:00 am - Parish Men's Group (see note page 4) 11:00 am - Christian Meditation Group 1:00 pm - Scripture Study Group 5:30 pm - Baptism Preparation 5:30 pm - Parish Dinner (see note page 3)
Wednesday 15	8:00 am - Mass
Thursday 16	8:00 am - Mass
Friday 17	9:30 am - Legion of Mary Parish Meeting Centre 11:00 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12 noon - Mass
Saturday 18	9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 19	29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptism

RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 5.30 pm - 5.50 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**
Friday 17 October
11 am - 11:50 am

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Helen Bartesko, Val Bonny, Chris Dennis Jnr, Donny O'Connor, Rose Wright, Pat Ryder, Fr Frank Mulcahy

ANNIVERSARIES:

Tom Bugden, Margaret Grant, Phil & Brian Lazenby

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Anne Daley, 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 channel](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU) - 9:00 am - [youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU)

MASS OF THE ANGELS

10.00am Saturday 8 November
Sacred Heart Church

A special Mass for families to remember their children who have died at, or before birth, or as young children.

READINGS | ROSTERS

READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

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

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C
Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tim 3:14 - 4:2; Lk 18:1-8

READING ROSTER

18/19 Oct | 29th Sun in Ord Time | Yr C

6pm - Barbara Grant

9am - Kay Ryder

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

18 Oct - Leah Gorton & Nadia McGarry

19 Oct - Bonnie Lindsay & Bailey Clarkson

ROSARY STATUE

12/10 Philomena Zambelli 19/10 Susan Kean

"BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER"

Fr Peter and the Parish Pastoral Council invites all to join together for a Parish Community Dinner to be held on **Tuesday 14 October from 5:30 pm** at **Murwillumbah Services Memorial Club**.

Book a table and bring the family.

Phone and book your table for family and friends directly with the Services Club on 6672 1388.



LEGION OF MARY ANNUAL RETREAT BRISBANE 2025

Saturday 25 October **MSPC **LUCAN** & **ASSISI** COLOUR** **HOUSES**

6PM MASS & SHARE A MEAL

Mt St Patrick College students and teachers from **Lucan** and **Assisi** Houses will join us to celebrate the Vigil Mass on Saturday 25 October.

Parishioners and students from **Lucan** and **Assisi** are then invited to share a meal after Mass.

EVERYONE WELCOME!



Christmas Carnival

OPEN MIC AFTERNOON

4:30 pm to
6:00 pm

on outdoor stage
during the carnival

Keen to perform?

All ages welcome

For more info and/or to add
your name to the performance
list, contact

MSP Primary-Miss Harris
STJ Primary-Mrs Hughes
MSP College- Miss Molloy
Parish-Mary-Ann T

by 3 pm Friday 21 November

28TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME - YR C

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (97)

R: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

October morning tea

Wed 15 October | 10:00 am | Mbah Services Club

Enquiries: Alex Lever 0458 817 021

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

PRAYER SPONSORS FOR MSPC HSC STUDENTS

Mt St Patrick College is asking for Prayer Sponsors for Year 12 students during their Higher School Certificate examinations.

The HSC exams commence this Thursday 16 October.

Prayer cards with student names are available this weekend.

Thank you for your prayers.

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.

Contacts: Lauren 0414 640 431 | Jo 0407 706 454

UPDATE ON THE SALE OF BURRENBAR AND UKI CHURCH SITES:

Real Estate Agents P Smith & Son have commenced marketing for the sale by private tender of Burrenbar 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.

A Church that sets no limits to love, that knows no enemies to fight but only men and women to love, is the church that the world needs today.
-- Pope Leo XIV "Dilexi Te" ("I Have Ove You")

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.

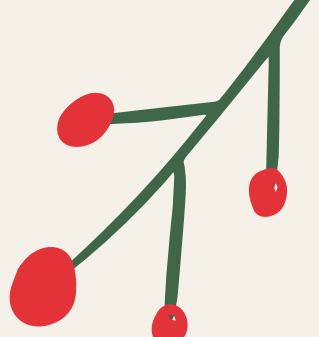
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



INVEST WITH PEACE OF MIND

www.dif.org.au Phone 1800 802 516 Paying 3.65%

Agents: ALG/Egan Simpson Solicitors, 15 Prince Street, Murwillumbah.



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

It's only **7 weeks** until the
Sacred Heart Parish
Christmas Carnival and Tableau



Time for us all to put on thinking caps
about what we can do to ensure a successful carnival.

IF YOU CAN HELP IN ANY WAY PLEASE CONTACT THE
PARISH OFFICE or YOUR SCHOOL OFFICE

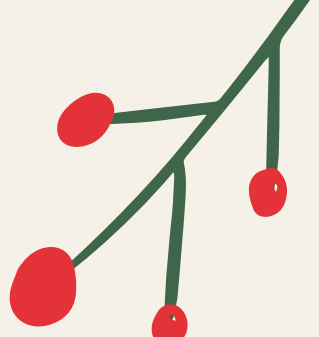
How can you help? Check out next page for ideas ...



The Christmas Carnival
will be held on
Saturday 29 November 2025
from 4 pm

Mass will be celebrated at 5 pm
and the Tableau presented
onstage in the
Gilbey Centre at 7 pm





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How can you help?

DONATE ITEMS

Craft stall - any & all craft /art/sewing items

Plant stall - potted plants, potting mix, cuttings

Cent auction - donate items for prizes

Bottle Stall - donate filled bottles, clean empty bottles,
or small items / lollies to help fill bottles

Cake Stall - bake/make for the day;
or donate ingredients for others to bake

VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME

Helpers needed for planning, set-up and on the night

BUY RAFFLE TICKETS

Buy Parish Raffle Tickets (available soon)

SPREAD THE WORD!



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