

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

| YEAR C | 19 OCTOBER 2025

In solidarity with Jesus

The determined widow in this week's parable encourages us to persist in prayer. She was not

deterred by the judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. Instead, she

demonstrates what St Therese of Liseux described as a "surge of the heart": a trust and

confidence in God who knows what we need and who draws close to us.

Indeed, when we pray, we need not speak much at all; but merely let ourselves be still before God and let God nourish us. St Alphonsus Ligouri advised us to "speak with familiarity and confidence as to your dearest and most loving friend. In return, God will speak to you – not that you will hear audible words in your ears, but words that you will clearly understand in your heart."

But the gift of prayer goes beyond intercession. In prayer, we discover a clear vision of our deepest identity – both of who we are and whose we are – and of who we are called to be and what we are called to do. Being aware of how God is at work in our lives awakens within us a response to be a prophetic presence in the world. We are not content to act within the limits of our current reality, but are inspired to move towards that vision of who we are called to be.

We are invited to enter ever more deeply into the mystery of God – into a divine presence and purpose larger than our finite frames of reference. We are drawn into the ongoing work of God within us, throughout the world and, indeed, in the whole of creation. In this way, prayer awakens us and inspires us to act, to make a difference by bringing about justice, mercy and wholeness.

As a sixteen-year-old, Monsignor Enrique (Kike) Figaredo, a Spanish Jesuit who has spent his life

working with victims of landmines in Cambodia, once prayed on a Holy Thursday at a Taizé monastery

for God to enlighten him with his life's direction. He said he was "looking for Jesus, like a

madman". He heard within his heart Jesus saying to him, "Don't go crazy. If you want to know me,

I live with others. My face is that of people. If you look for me, look for me in people." This realisation inspired him to dedicate his life to victims of landmines.

Known as the Bishop of the Wheelchairs, Monsignor Figaredo wears a crucifix which he describes as the wheelchair crucifix. One of the legs of the crucified figure is shorter than the other. This wheelchair crucifix is a symbol of the victims of landmines; of Jesus in solidarity with people who suffer from landmines; and of God entering into the suffering of his people and illuminating their lives. Kike, as Monsignor Figaredo is affectionately known to Cambodians, says the wheelchair is his sacrament. It is where human suffering meets the beauty of God's love.

God is intimately present with his people and his love transforms every human experience.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 19	29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C MISSION SUNDAY 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptism
Monday 20	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 10:00 am - Widows & Widowers Cuppa & Chat
Tuesday 21	8:00 am - Mass 11:00 am - Christian Meditation Group 1:00 pm - Scripture Study Group
Wednesday 22	8:00 am - Mass
Thursday 23	8:00 am - Mass
Friday 24	9:30 am - Legion of Mary Parish Meeting Centre 11:00 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12 noon - Mass
Saturday 25	9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 26	30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass with MSPC Lucan & Assisi

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

Salvatore Procopio

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



BAPTISM:

Please welcome
Lucy Kirra Kline
to our faith community.

Oops ... we forgot to include this last week! Sorry!! The two winners of the Legion of Mary prizes of an overnight stay for 2 people at Marian Valley Retreat Cabins are Paul Calvino and Malcolm Reid. Thank you to all for your continued support of 12- hour Eucharistic Adoration on first Fridays.

READINGS | ROSTERS

READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C

Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tim 3:14 - 4:2; Lk 18:1-8

30TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME—Yr C

Sirach 35:12-14,16-19; 2 Tim 4:6-8,16-18; Lk 18:9-14

READING ROSTER

25/26 Oct | 30th Sun in Ord Time | Yr C

6pm - Margaret Mumford

9am - Jan Bruce

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

25 Oct - Ted Cornale & Mia cook

26 Oct - Sienna Alexander

ROSARY STATUE

19/10 Susan Kean

26/10 Evelyn Cook

Note change to: Sunday 26 October
MSPC LUCAN & ASSISI COLOUR HOUSES
9 AM MASS & SHARED MORNING TEA

Mt St Patrick College students and teachers from Lucan and Assisi Houses will join us to celebrate 9 am Mass on Sunday 26 October.

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

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Wear your green and aqua in support of Lucan and Assisi.

***Into The Deep* 4 DAYS OF CAMPING, WORSHIP & PEACE**

4 DAYS OF CAMPING, WORSHIP & PEACE

We're in the beautiful Selah Valley Estate for the weekend, camping in pristine bushland with your mates, hearing inspiring preaching and worship.

It's the perfect way to cap off your year.

Where... Selah Valley Estate,
110 Youngs Road, Limpinwood

When... 12-15 December

This is an 18 + event

Register at... <http://igniteyouth.com/yafestival>

**Invitation to All
Widows & Widowers of
Our Parish**

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

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ALL WELCOME

- ♦ **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP**
Tuesdays | 11 am | Parish Admin Centre
- ♦ **SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP**
Tuesdays | 1 pm | Parish Admin Centre



An Invitation to Join the Sacred Heart Parish Choir!
Are you passionate about singing? Do you play a musical instrument?

We are joyfully extending an invitation to all parishioners who wish to deepen their connection to our faith community and enhance our worship services through the gift of music.

Whether you're a seasoned vocalist, a talented instrumentalist, or just someone who loves to sing,

we would love for you to lend your voice and talent to the Sacred Heart Parish Choir.

Joining the choir is a wonderful way to serve the church, connect with fellow parishioners, and enrich our liturgies.

All levels of experience are welcome!

Practice Schedule

When: Every Friday evening

Time: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Where: Sacred Heart Church

Come share your musical gifts! If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please speak with our Pastoral Associate, Barbara Grant after Mass, or reply to this invitation at barbara.grant@lism.catholic.edu.au

We look forward to making beautiful music with you!

29TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME - YR C

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (120)

R: Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives
of our heart.**

Alleluia!

2025 HSC EXAMS

Please remember in your prayers all Year 12 students as they continue their

Higher School Certificate examinations.

Prayer for HSC students

During the HSC exams, give our students the strength to complete their exams to the best of their ability.

Help them to remain calm and to think and write clearly so that they remember the things which they have learned and studied.

Give them the opportunity to show what they know and to have acceptance of their efforts after the exam.

We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

NATIONAL LITURGY AND MUSICAL CONFERENCE | 1-3 Oct

Pilgrims of Hope: New Life for Our Liturgy

Our Pastoral Associate, Barbara Grant, recently represented our parish at the inspiring "*Pilgrims of Hope: Transformed through Sacrament and Song*" conference in Adelaide.

Barbara was enriched by powerful presentations from theologian **Fr. Ricky Manalo** on the history of sacred music, and scholar **Rita Ferrone** on the transformative journey of faith. She also attended practical workshops focused on enhancing key areas of parish life, including **Baptism, RCIA, Prayer**, and using **Art in Evangelisation**.

Barbara gained valuable knowledge in areas like **Baptism, RCIA**, and **Worship Music**, and will be presenting her takeaways at the next **Parish Pastoral Council meeting**. We look forward to seeing how these new ideas enrich our life together as a parish!



L-R: Barbara Grant (Murwillumbah); Sharyn & Peter McConnell; Pat & Kathy Twohill (Tweed Heads); Archbishop of Adelaide Patrick O'Regan; Fr Paul McDonald; Catherine Holliday (Kingscliff)



SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH



Safeguarding in our parish is a community responsibility. If you believe someone is being harmed please speak to your priest or the Safeguarding Office (02) 6621 9444. There are procedures in place to guide how best to help victims - whether children or adults at risk.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY | 19 OCTOBER

Hear Pope Leo XIV's special message
from Vatican News:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-10/pope-leo-xiv-take-part-in-world-mission-sunday-videomessage.html>

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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