

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C | 16 NOVEMBER 2025

Cometh the day

This week's readings are referred to as *apocalyptic*. While 'Hollywood' and video games portray *apocalyptic* through images of widespread destruction, catastrophic events or zombie attacks, the original meaning refers to uncovering or unveiling in order to impart wisdom, meaning, and hope to people.

Like all biblical references to the future, such apocalyptic descriptions are symbolic in nature. They are meant to inspire believers to find whatever good they can from life's inevitable suffering. Contrary to what some people think, they don't point to specific historical occurrences, nor are they predictions of events taking place in our own time. Rather, they are meant to urge us on with perseverance and fidelity.

The prophet Malachi predicts: "the day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble". Yet, for the righteous, it will be a day of healing. Luke presents Jesus announcing: nations at war, family divisions, and various natural disasters. For individuals, there's also an expectation of persecution, hatred and even death. Yet, in the midst of the turmoil, promises for those who remain steadfast: "your endurance will win you your lives" and "not a hair of your head will be lost".

Jesus warns his disciples there will be challenging times ahead – for himself, his followers and the nation. Yet, in the midst of all this, he offers hope that "the end is not so soon." He urges his followers, and us, not to be fooled by so-called 'saviours and messiahs' spouting empty promises and false predictions. He implores us to remain resolute and forever focused on the gospel.

The gospel shines an insightful light upon the great efforts we put into building up visions, plans or structures only to have them torn down by circumstances; whether by natural disasters, accidents or the negligence and malice of others. We're encouraged to reflect on such realities, with Jesus cautioning us to invest our time, talent and resources in God's Kingdom and its values, which cannot be destroyed.

There's a verse in Marty Haugen's hymn "*Gather us in*," that says: "Not in the dark of buildings confining; not in some heaven light years away. But here, in this place, new light is streaming, *now* is the kingdom, *now* is the day." This is precisely what Jesus is saying. We must live God's Kingdom *now*, not just as something that will happen at some future date. While God's Kingdom is not fully established, it does have a solid foothold in our world.

Jesus is offering us the vision of an ending and a new beginning; a vision of God's Kingdom and a different kind of temple where Jesus is the cornerstone. Jesus understands that every temple is temporary, every system we create will collapse, every cause, every framework that we construct will disappear and disappoint, except His!

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 16	33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptism 11:00 am - Baptisms
Monday 17	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 10:00 am - Widows & Widowers Cuppa & Chat
Tuesday 18	8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Parish Men's Group 11:00 am - Christian Meditation Group 1:00 pm - Scripture Study Group
Wednesday 19	8:00 am - Mass
Thursday 20	8:00 am - Mass
Friday 21	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9:30 am - Legion of Mary Parish Meeting Centre 11:00 am - Eucharistic Adoration 12:00 pm - Mass 6:00 pm - Parish Choir practice
Saturday 22	9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 23	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - C Vinnies Christmas Appeal 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptism 11:00 am - Baptisms

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

this Friday 21 November
11 am - 11:50 am

To be near God is my
happiness, to place my hope in
God the Lord. | Psalm 72:28

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

John van den Broek, Fay Bryant, Bernard Maye,
Carmen Dawson

ANNIVERSARIES:

Fr John Fitz-Walter

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

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



BAPTISM:

Please welcome
Braxton Piccini-Lulham,
Hugo Jeffery Brooks,
Rue Vincent Brooks
& Stevie Louise Watson
to our faith community.

READINGS | ROSTERS

READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR C

Mal 3:19-20; 2 Thess 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

CHRIST THE KING - YR C

2 Sam 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

READING ROSTER

22/23 Nov | Christ The King - C

6pm - Denise Banner

9am - Bernard Nolan

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

22 Nov - Ted Cornale & Amelia Bennett

23 Nov - Nate Linkins & Bailey Clarkson

ROSARY STATUE

16/11 Rhoda McPherson

23/11 Jennifer Wallace

Sacred Heart Parish Christmas Raffle

supporting the pastoral works of the Parish

Cash Prizes

1st prize \$1,500 | 2nd prize \$500 | 3rd prize \$250



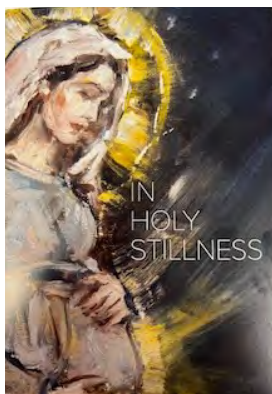
We ask that all families and staff in our parish schools support the parish by buying a book or two of raffle tickets
Tickets \$2 ea | book of 5 tickets \$10

buy tickets online now:

<https://rafflelink.com.au/2025-parishchristmas>

Don't want to buy online?

Contact the Parish Office or your School Office
for details on how to purchase cash tickets
Parish Office T 6672 1118



In Holy Stillness ~ 2025 Advent & Reflection Resource

'Advent comes to us each year as an invitation. It beckons us into season of quiet anticipation and deep longing for God's presence among us, the birth of God-with-us.

As we journey together in the grace of this Jubilee Year, Advent's invitation has a particular resonance of renewal and liberation. We are called, as pilgrims of hope, to pause amid the busy rhythms of our lives and to enter a *holy stillness* that opens our hearts to God-with-us.

In a waiting filled with hope, may we hear the voice of Christ and see his face, crying out as we do, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

An excerpt from the Foreword by Mark Coleridge, Archbishop Emeritus, Brisbane Archdiocese

\$8.00 each | available from the Church and Parish Office

WIDOWS & WIDOWERS

'CUPPA & CHAT'

1st & 3rd Monday of month

Mon 17 Nov | 10 am | Mbah Services Club

Enquiries: Christine O'Brien 0418 787 881

ALL WIDOWS & WIDOWERS

CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

November morning tea

Wed 19 Nov | 10:00 am | Mbah Services Club

Enquiries: Bernard Nolan 0419 023 108

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

JOSEPHITE CALENDARS

2026 Josephite Calendars are on sale
at the Church & Parish Office. \$10.00 each.

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL NEWS...

- Raffle tickets are now available at the Church or Parish Office.
- Donations of **prizes for Cent Auction** must be at the Parish Office by **3pm this Friday 21st November**.



THE CATENIANS GOLD COAST TWEED CIRCLE

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

We meet on 3rd Thursday of each month. 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 20 Nov | 6 pm

Contact:

Bernard Nolan 0419 023 108 | 02 6672 3733

Chris Gallagher 0428 416 288

33RD SUNDAY IN ORD TIME - YR C

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (97)

R: The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia!

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY
are searching for memories and photos of



These are the only images we have.



email memories and scanned photos directly to smurp@lism.catholic.edu.au



Write your memory down, sign your name on it, and place it in the St Joseph's box at the back of the church OR drop into our school or Parish Office.



Place your **labeled envelope** of hard copy photos at the St Joseph's school or Parish office, or in the St Joseph's box at the back of the church, for an ASAP return.



MORE INFO:
Contact: St Joseph's (02) 66721867



Vinnies Christmas Appeal



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Our Murwillumbah St Vincent de Paul Mary MacKillop Conference will launch its 2025 Christmas Appeal next weekend (22/23 November) - there will be information on how you can help to make Christmas brighter for many local families. Thanks to all those who support the Society's work in our community.

**This Christmas, help stop poverty
becoming the new normal.**



ANNUAL GENERAL REUNION

OF LEGION OF MARY

Saturday 6 December

9:30 am Rosary | 10 am Mass

Followed by a light luncheon in

Parish Hall/MSPC Library and a guest speaker.

Enquiries: Philomena Zambelli 0414 201 940

ALL ARE WELCOME

NOVEMBER - HOLY SOULS

During the month of November people traditionally request "Masses" for deceased relatives & friends. Envelopes for these Masses are in the Planned Giving pack of envelopes or on the table at the Church.

Please ensure all names are clearly printed.

Prayers during November may also be requested for deceased relatives and friends by writing their names on the cards provided and placing it on the Church noticeboard.

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.



Diocesan
Investment
Fund

Interest Rate - 3.40%

**For further information and our current interest rate,
please visit our website www.dif.org.au or contact us on 1800 802 516**

Jubilee of Hope - Parish Food Donation Legacy

Sharing Hope, Nourishing our Community

As part of our Jubilee of Hope, Sacred Heart Parish is beginning a lasting Food Donation Legacy to support those in need through the Community Centre Food Pool.

This ongoing initiative is a way for our parish family to live out our call as a Jubilee Pilgrim Church — sharing hope, generosity, and compassion with our neighbours.



How you can help:

Please bring along non-perishable food items to place in the Jubilee of Hope Food Basket located near the Welcome Table in the church. Your kind donations will be delivered regularly to the community centre to assist local families and individuals.

Suggested items:

- Tinned foods – soups, vegetables, fruit, baked beans
- Pasta, rice, cereals, instant noodles
- Long-life milk and juice
- Tea, coffee, biscuits
- Toiletries and basic household items

Together, let's make this a living legacy of hope that continues well beyond our Jubilee year — a sign of Christ's love alive in our parish & community.

"Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up" Galatians 6:9

Items from Country Churches that are looking for a new home... if you are interested in rehoming any of these items please contact the Parish Office during office hours 9 am to 3 pm Tuesday to Friday

