

# Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



## PARISH CHURCHES

### Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

### Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

River Street, South Murwillumbah

## PARISH STAFF

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## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE | YEAR C

**23 NOVEMBER 2025**



The Parish carpark will be **CLOSED** to all traffic from Monday 24 November until further notice as contractors commence the next stage of parish remediation works on the retaining wall and church grounds.

## Our Lord, our King

We come to the last Sunday of this liturgical year, and our year-long celebration of all the wonders that God has done for us culminates in the feast of Christ the King. Crowning the liturgical year, we profess and rejoice that Christ is King of the Universe, Lord of all creation, and that he is Lord of our lives, individually and communally.

On this feast, we also rejoice that, unlike the monarchies, dictatorships and governments that come and go in the world, Christ the King reigns forever. But today's feast challenges us to think about what it means to say that Christ is King.

We remember that, after his arrest, on the night of his trial, Jesus is taken to be examined by the governor, Pontius Pilate. In the course of their conversation, Pilate asks Jesus if he is indeed a king. In John's Gospel, Jesus replies that his kingdom is not of this world (Jn 18:36)). Jesus' response clearly implies that he is a king, but he stresses that his kingship is not the kind that the world has come to know in the course of human history.

Indeed, Jesus' whole life attests to the fact that his kingdom is definitely not of this world. His kingship brooks none of the trappings of power, majesty or wealth which worldly kingship readily claims and jealousy guards for itself. His kingship also firmly rejects the methods of coercion, violence and abuse of power that worldly power so often wields.

The events of Jesus' passion and death following his arrest demonstrate that his crown is made not of jewels but of thorns; he wears no rich finery; indeed he is stripped of his clothes; he is mocked and tortured; his hands and feet pierced with nails; he is crucified; he dies battered and bloodied; his throne is a cross. Even when he rises from the dead, his resurrected body bears the wounds of his suffering, born for love of us.

Rather than power as the world exercises it, rather than power over people, the power of Christ's kingship is the power of love. It is a love that is all-embracing and steadfast. It is a love that refuses to be anything but love, even in the face of violence and rejection. It expresses itself concretely and consistently in the virtues of hospitality, compassion, patience, gentleness, and kindness (as described by the apostle Paul in 1 Cor 13), and in an unswerving concern for justice and for the welfare of others, especially the most vulnerable. This is "the mind of Christ" (Phil 2: 5-8) that we, his disciples, are called to make our own.

The feast of Christ the King surely challenges us to be especially attentive to the ways in which we exercise power in our dealings with others – be it in our family or our community or our workplace – that it be true to the example of Christ our King.

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# This week in the Parish

Sunday 23	<b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - C</b> <b>Vinnies Christmas Appeal</b> 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptism 11:00 am - Baptisms
Monday 24	<b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b>
Tuesday 25	8:00 am - Mass 11:00 am - Christian Meditation Group 1:00 pm - <b>Advent Study Group</b>
Wednesday 26	8:00 am - Mass
Thursday 27	8:00 am - Mass
Friday 28	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 29	7:00 am - <b>Working Bee for Carnival</b> 9:00 am - Rosary 4:00 pm - <b>CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL</b> 4:30 pm - Rosary 5:00 pm - Vigil Mass 7:00 pm - <b>NATIVITY TABLEAU</b>
Sunday 30	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year A</b> 7:00 am - <b>Working Bee for Carnival</b> 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 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

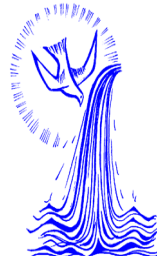
this Friday 28 November  
11 am - 11:50 am

**Change of time:**  
**VIGIL MASS Saturday**  
**29 November | 5 pm**



## WEDDING:

Please pray for God's blessing on  
**Giacomino Skarpona & Janaina Guedes Soares**  
who were married in the  
Sacred Heart Church this weekend.



## BAPTISM:

Please welcome  
**Lennox Jordan Southgate,**  
**Ruby Joy McKittrick**  
**& Harper Mae Davie**  
to our faith community.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Peter Ainscough, John van den Broek

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Ian Konrad, Angela Guinea, Dennis Rawson, Michael  
Bowe

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Fr Joseph Guinea, 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

## 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)

## READINGS | ROSTERS

### READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

#### CHRIST THE KING - YR C

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

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YR A

Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

### READING ROSTER

#### 29/30 Nov | First Sunday of Advent - A

5pm - tba

9am - Jennifer Morgan

### ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

29 Nov - tba

30 Nov - Bonnie Lindsay & Scarlett Walker

### ROSARY STATUE

23/11 Jennifer Wallace

30/11 Faith Buchanan





## 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



## St Vincent de Paul Society | Mary MacKillop Conference Murwillumbah CHRISTMAS APPEAL

*At Christmas instead of hampers, we give to those on our Christmas list, **GIFT CARDS or VOUCHERS** to enable them to purchase gifts, toys and festive food.*

**Please consider donating any of the following:**

- ♦ **Gift cards or vouchers** – especially on outlets where gifts, toys or something special can be purchased;
- ♦ **Money** – can be left in a specially marked envelope for the Conference at Parish or Vinnies shop, or on a collection plate at Mass;
- ♦ **Donate online** to <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-appeal>. **WHEN YOU REACH THE OPTION ASKING FOR 'COMMENTS OR CONFERENCE NAME' please write "Murwillumbah 43-427" so your gift stays in this area.**

To give us time to get Christmas help to those who need it, we hope most gifts will be received by the end of November. Monetary donations over \$2 are tax deductible (but not giftcards).

Thank you very much for anything you are able to do.

Christine O'Brien, President, Mary MacKillop Conference




## Children's Liturgy Returning – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

We are delighted to announce that Children's Liturgy will begin again on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent | Sunday 30 November 2025

All children (preschool and primary school) are invited to join us for a simple age appropriate celebration of God's Word during the 9 am Sunday Mass in the Parish Hall.

The children will return to Mass before the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

**We look forward to welcoming the children back to Children's Liturgy as we begin the beautiful season of Advent together.**

## CHRIST THE KING - YR C

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (121)

R: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

### 'In Holy Stillness'

#### 2025 Advent Resource

**In Holy Stillness** is a beautifully presented resource containing short daily reflections from the First Sunday of Advent through to Christmas Day.  
**\$8 each | available from the Church & Parish Office**

### Advent Study Group

#### 'In Holy Stillness'

4 x Tuesdays | 25 Nov-16 Dec | 1 pm | Parish Office

*All are Welcome!*



## 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**

### CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL UPDATE ...

- Raffle tickets are available at the Church or Parish Office. Please return by this Friday 28th.
- Help is needed for the Working Bees on Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th November from 7 am.

### JOSEPHITE CALENDARS

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

### 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.

## ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY

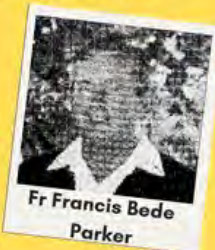
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Fr Eamon Phillip  
Leonard



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Fr Francis Bede  
Parker



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at the back of the church OR drop into  
our school or Parish Office.



Place your **labeled envelope** of hard copy  
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#### MORE INFO:

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