

# *Sacred Heart Catholic Parish*



## **PARISH CHURCHES**

### **Church of the Sacred Heart**

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

### **Our Lady of Perpetual Succour**

River Street, South Murwillumbah

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## **PARISH STAFF**

### **Administrator**

Fr. Peter Wood

### **Parish Manager**

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Beth Gorton

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Principal: Mr. Gavin Dykes

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## **THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA | YEAR C**

**9 NOVEMBER 2025**

### **Seeing the world with new eyes**

The celebration of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (the official cathedral of the Diocese of Rome) one thousand seven hundred and one years ago in 324AD) is an occasion to reflect on the architectural symbolism of a church.

The most foundational elements of a functioning church are surely the altar, the tabernacle, and the baptismal font. There is wide variety as regards their architectural style and location in the building. Typically, the baptismal font is placed at the entrance at the back of the church and the altar in an elevated section in the front of the church, called the sanctuary.

The tabernacle, flanked by a perpetually burning candle, is often beyond the altar, perhaps above the high altar against the eastward wall, if your church is old enough to have one. It may be placed in its own chapel somewhere else in your church. If you are seated in a pew in the nave, the main body of the building, you can probably locate each of these three items. To understand their significance, we must look at them from a symbolic or sacramental perspective.

The baptismal font: The story of creation begins with waters. They represent uninhabitable, unformed reality, chaos, death, and ultimately nothingness. God restrains darkness with light, separates the waters, and permits dry land to appear. He's making a domain in which life can appear and ultimately human life with which he seeks to partner to complete his creation purpose. Baptism restarts that original purpose. It reestablishes your partnership with God, bringing you into Eden where the New Adam and Eve, Jesus and his mother, are now, giving you a place and a role in their new world.

The altar: An altar is a little mountain. And a mountain is the high place where heaven and earth are brought together. When you enter liturgical space, you move through the waters to the mountain. In other words, you make passage through the act of creation! And what happens on the altar is the sacramental accomplishment of the goal of creation, a real foretaste of the world's purpose.

The tabernacle: This box takes its name from the tent in which the presence of God resided in the center of Israel's camp as they made their pilgrimage through the desert after passing through the waters of the Red Sea in their miraculous deliverance from Egypt. In your church, it holds the reserve sacrament, the consecrated bread which is the sacramental presence of God made flesh. The tabernacle contains the tangible promise of God's commitment to liberate the whole world through humanity united to himself. It is opened at the apex of the mass when this promise is renewed between God and you.

If you ponder these architectural items from the sacramental viewpoint, you will begin to see the world with new eyes. The church, in its most basic elements, is a microcosm of creation. Its architecture is meant to teach you the deepest truths about the world's beginning and purpose.

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# This week in the Parish

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| Sunday 9     | <b>THE DEDICATION of the LATERAN BASILICA - YEAR C</b><br>8:30 am - Rosary<br>9:00 am - Mass<br>10:15 am - Baptism                                                                                                   |
| Monday 10    | <b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b>                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Tuesday 11   | No Mass today<br>11:00 am - Christian Meditation Group<br>12:00 pm - <b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b><br>1:00 pm - Scripture Study Group<br>5:30 pm - Baptism Preparation Meeting                                         |
| Wednesday 12 | No Mass today                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Thursday 13  | No Mass today                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Friday 14    | <b>8:00 am - Mass</b><br>9:30 am - Legion of Mary   Parish Meeting Centre<br>NO Eucharistic Adoration<br>11:30 am - Funeral prayers - John van den Broek<br>No 12 noon Mass today<br>6:00 pm - Parish Choir practice |
| Saturday 15  | 9:00 am - Rosary<br>5:30 pm - Rosary<br>6:00 pm - Vigil Mass                                                                                                                                                         |
| Sunday 16    | <b>33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C</b><br>8:30 am - Rosary<br>9:00 am - Mass                                                                                                                                   |

**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.

Clergy Conference: Fr Peter will  
be away this week at the Clergy  
Conference therefore there will  
be no Masses until Friday.  
Mass will be celebrated each day  
at Tweed Heads at 9:10am.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

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

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Terry Twohill, Richard Leape

### 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

*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  
**Adeline June Barlow**  
to our faith community.

Be built up like living stones, into a spiritual house,  
a holy priesthood. | 1 Peter 2:5

## READINGS | ROSTERS

**READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:**  
**DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA**  
Ezek 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17;  
Jn 2:13-22

**33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR C**  
Mal 3:19-20; 2 Thess 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

### READING ROSTER

**15/16 Nov | 33rd Sunday in Ord Time - C**  
6pm - Barbara Grant  
9am - Philomena Zambelli

### ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

15 Nov - Leah Gorton & Nadia McGarry  
16 Nov - Sienna Alexander & Beau Clarkson

### ROSARY STATUE

9/11 Dana Fuller  
16/11 Rhoda McPherson

# Sacred Heart Parish Christmas Raffle

supporting the pastoral works of the Parish

## Cash Prizes

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



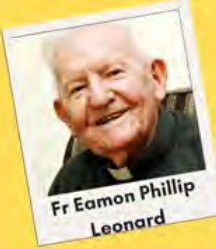
We ask that all families and staff in our parish schools support the parish by buying a book or two of raffle tickets  
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for details on how to purchase cash tickets  
Parish Office T 6672 1118

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These are the only images we have.



email memories and scanned photos directly to [smurp@lism.catholic.edu.au](mailto: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

**JOSEPHITE CALENDARS**  
2026 Josephite Calendars are on sale  
at the Parish Office. \$10.00 each.

### CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL NEWS...

- Donations of **prizes for Cent Auction** must be at the Parish Office by **3pm Friday 21st November**.
- Also accepting filled bottles for the **Bottle Stall**.
- Don't forget to plant seedlings, cuttings for **Plant Stall**.

### 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**



### 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

### The Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

This feast is celebrated annually on 9 November. It commemorates the dedication of the Basilica of Saint John Lateran, the mother church of all churches. Inside its sanctuary, the Pope has his *cathedra*, or chair, thus making it the Pope's Cathedral Church as Bishop of Rome.

## THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA - YR C

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (45)

R: The waters of the river gladden the city  
of God.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**I have chosen and sanctified this house, says  
the Lord, that my name may remain in it for  
all time.**

Alleluia!

## NOVEMBER - HOLY SOULS

November is a special time for praying for the dead.

During this month people traditionally request  
"November 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 yellow cards (at the Church entrance) and  
placing the card on the Church noticeboard.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

***"Greater love has no one than this:  
to lay down one's life for others."***

*John 15:13*

On Tuesday 11 November, we pause to  
remember the men and women who  
gave their lives in service to others.  
Their courage reminds us that peace is  
never something to be taken for granted - it is a gift  
built on sacrifice, hope and the desire for a better  
world. We honour not only those who served in times  
of war, but also those who continue to serve today.

*Heavenly Father, we remember the courage of those  
who gave their lives in service to others. May their  
sacrifice inspire us to act with courage, bring hope to  
those in need and work for peace in our world.*

*Amen.*



## 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.

## MURWILLUMBAH PHILHARMONIC CHOIR



*Presents*

FROM **BRITTEN TO QUEEN**

*Featuring*

Rejoice In The Lamb by Benjamin Britten  
Bohemian Rhapsody by Queen (Freddie Mercury)  
Pie Jesu  
The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face  
You Are The Sunshine of My Life  
and much more

*Special guest artist Phil Eizenberg*

16 November 2025 2.30pm (DST)  
All Saints Anglican Church,  
Byangum Road, Murwillumbah

Tickets at door \$20  
Concession/Students \$15  
Children free - Cash or Card

Light refreshments served after concert.  
Enquiries 0439004701



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