

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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PLEASE NOTE:

- ♦ All weekend Masses until late January/early February will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, South Murwillumbah.
- ♦ There will be NO weekday Masses in January. Mass is celebrated at Tweed Heads at 9:10 am each week day.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD | YEAR A 11 January 2026

WELCOME ...

This weekend we welcome Fr Michael Nilon. Fr Michael will be celebrating weekend Masses for the next two weekends while Fr Peter is on annual leave. We thank Fr Michael and please make him welcome!

Bringing joy to others

Father Anthony had a reputation of being a 'giant' among the Redemptorists and in the Church. He was a highly respected missionary priest, preacher, confessor, teacher, author, and spiritual director.

My experience of Anthony was not as a 'giant'. I never saw him stand. I never saw him walk. I never saw him celebrate Mass. I never heard him preach. My experience of Anthony was as a beloved confrere, confined to bed battling Parkinson's disease and suffering greatly from its effects.

One memory of Anthony will always remain with me. I was saying goodbye to him one day before going away for work. He said to me, "Thank you for spending time with me, otherwise I would be here shaking alone." Anthony was referring to the constant tremors that racked his body, particularly his hands and arms.

This simple encounter with Anthony was a turning point for me; a valuable life lesson. His words really struck a chord and they roused me from my slumber. His words challenged me to be more attentive to people and their needs and to appreciate what's really important and of value in life. Anthony's powerful statement taught me that I don't have to do very much to bring a little happiness, love, joy and companionship into someone's life.

I left Anthony's room that day filled with new understanding and insight; sent out to live differently and to relate to people around me with renewed purpose.

Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River is a major turning point in his life. After decades of silent obscurity in Nazareth, Jesus is overwhelmed by an experience of being the Son of God: "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased". Through these words, Jesus profoundly experiences that he is loved and delighted in by his Father and he's never the same again. He doesn't look back. Gone are his days of plying the carpenter's trade.

Now Jesus sets out on his mission to preach, teach and heal. He generously shares with everyone, the love and intimacy he experienced at his baptism, because God says to every person: You are my beloved son.

He reveals God's love to the whole world. Jesus is also ready to challenge his contemporaries by taking the side of the poor against their oppressors; helping people reclaim their God-given humanity and dignity. Everything Jesus says and does during his public ministry comes from his intimate communion with his Father, so clearly demonstrated at his baptism.

You are my beloved. Today, God says this to each one of us, with immense love and delight. May these words be a turning point in our lives that lead us closer to God and each other.

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sunday 11	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YEAR A
	8:30 am - Rosary
	8:30 am - Reconciliation
	9:00 am - Mass
	10:00 am - Baptisms
Saturday 17	5:30 pm - Rosary
	5:30 pm - Reconciliation
	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 18	2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR A
	8:30 am - Rosary
	8:30 am - Reconciliation
	9:00 am - Mass

BASKET OF HOPE | Thank You

Thank you for your continued generosity and support for the Basket of Hope. Your kindness is already making a real and immediate difference. **It has been decided to continue the Basket of Hope during 2026.**

Please know there is no expectation to give every week - simply when you feel able. Every contribution, given whenever you can manage it, is deeply appreciated.

May God bless you for the hope and dignity you continue to bring to others.

Jennifer Wallace and Basket of Hope team

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YR A

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (28)

R: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia!



BAPTISMS:

Please welcome
**Ivy Ann Twohill &
Louie George Holt**
to our faith community.

MEMORIAL | TOM VAN DEN BROEK

For those who were unable to attend the recent funeral of Tom, there will be a memorial to celebrate Tom's life and share memories at the Condong Bowling Club at 2pm Friday 16 January.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Margaret Perkins, Myles Porter, Tom van den Broek, Neil de Closey

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Kevin Bryant, Isobel Grant, 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

READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YEAR A

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORD TIME - YR A

Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

ROSTER| READERS FOR 18 JANUARY 2026

6 pm Barbara Grant

9 am Christine O'Brien

ROSTER | ROSARY STATUE

11/1 Lisa Dusi-Fox 18/1 Narelle Gear

St Anthony's Parish, Kingscliff

St Joseph's Parish, Tweed Heads

Sacred Heart Parish, Murwillumbah



We Are **HIRING**

Parish Secretary

- Located in Murwillumbah, supporting the Sacred Heart Parish
- Permanent, part-time role
- Work hours negotiable with family-friendly options

Parish Administration Assistant (Casual)

- Work between three locations: Kingscliff, Tweed Heads and Murwillumbah
- Supporting role at St Anthony's, St Joseph's and Sacred Heart Parishes
- Work hours negotiable with family-friendly options

For more information about these opportunities, please contact
Mary-Ann Thackray at mthackray@lismore.catholic.org.au

SACRED HEART PARISH DINNER

Fr Peter and the Parish Pastoral Council invites all to join together for a Parish Community Dinner to be held on **Tuesday 20 January from 6:00 pm at Murwillumbah Services Memorial Club.**

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

Hope to see you there.

SAFEGUARDING YOUR CHILDREN

Would parents please keep their children **supervised at all times** in the church and surrounding grounds - including taking them to the bathroom. For their safety, please ensure you can always see them while on Parish grounds.

