

# 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

Mary-Ann Thackray

### Parish Secretary

Beth Gorton

### Pastoral Associate

Barbara Grant

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## PARISH OFFICE

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## PARISH SCHOOLS

### Mt. St. Patrick College

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Principal: Mr. Gavin Dykes

### Mt. St. Patrick Primary School

Mooball Street, Murwillumbah

Ph: 02 6672 1821

[murp@lism.catholic.edu.au](mailto:murp@lism.catholic.edu.au)

Principal: Mr. Brendan Ryan

### St. Joseph's Primary School

Greville Street, South Murwillumbah

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Principal: Mr. Jason Clarke

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

YEAR A | 1 MARCH 2026

### *The unseen face of God*

In the Old Testament, the Hebrew word for God's glory, 'kabod', signifies the glorious manifestation of his presence. When this happens, the normally unseen and imperfectly known God makes himself known to his people in a visible and tangible way.

For example, in Exodus, the 'kabod' of God goes before his people in visible pillars of cloud and fire. This glorious appearance of God's presence and power leads the Israelites out of Egypt and it descends on Mt Sinai to give Moses the Ten Commandments. However, when Moses asks to see God's glory up close, God responds, "No one shall see my face and live."

When God reveals himself in the Old Testament, there was always some kind of separation or distance between his supremely holy presence and his people. Although God goes before his people and dwells with them, no one is permitted to see him face-to-face. To take another Old Testament example, Elijah responds to the passing presence of God on Mt Horeb (in 2 Kings) by covering his face. This separation recognised the gulf that still existed between God and humanity because of sin.

But in this week's gospel, Moses and Elijah appear at the top of a mountain, Mt Tabor, and commune face-to-face with the one true God. Jesus' identity is revealed; he is the 'kabod' of God, the same saving presence of God that spoke from the fiery cloud in Exodus.

However, this revelation of Jesus' divinity will only make sense after his death and resurrection. As much as the transfiguration reveals the truth about who Jesus is, Easter reveals so much more.

On Mt Tabor, Jesus is revealed in his divine glory, clothed in white and shining like the sun. On Golgotha, he is seen in tortured and shamed, stripped of his clothes.

On Mt Tabor, Jesus is surrounded by two of Israel's greatest heroes, representing God's communication and enduring presence with his people; on Golgotha, he is flanked by two criminals, representing the depth of sin and suffering in the human condition. Peter is awestruck and wants to stay on Mt Tabor, while he cowers in fear and doesn't approach Golgotha.

But, at both, the glory of God is unveiled for the whole world, and Jesus is revealed as the one true Son of God. At the transfiguration, a voice from heaven declares that "This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour," at Golgotha, the truth of Jesus' divinity is proclaimed by a Roman centurion, one of his crucifiers.

As St Paul says in this week's Second Reading, we are reconciled to God because "he abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News."

And, just as Moses and Elijah saw in the transfiguration, through Jesus' death and resurrection, we have now seen, in him, the 'kabod' of God face-to-face.

Joseph Doyle @ Majellan Media 2026

# This week in the Parish

## MARCH

Sunday 1	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YR A</b> 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass
Monday 2	<b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b>
Tuesday 3	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b> 1:00 pm - Lenten Group   Parish Admin Centre
Wednesday 4	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>
Thursday 5	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>
Friday 6	6:00am - Eucharistic Adoration 9:00 am - Legion of Mary   Parish Meeting Centre <b>NO MASS TODAY</b> 1:00 pm - Stations of the Cross
Saturday 7	9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 8	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YR A</b> 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15am - Baptisms

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 5.30 pm - 5.50 pm  
Sunday: 8.30 am - 8.50 am

## ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed on Saturday morning at 9:00 am. As well as half an hour before each weekend Mass

## WEDNESDAY WORD

Copies of Wednesday Word, are available in the Church.

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

This Friday 6th March  
6 am - 6pm

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Warren Kenny, Anne Daley, Maria Gonzalez Calvino

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Christina Hill, Marion Roberts.

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Anthony Rodighiero, Kath Dawson-Malone, Leo Kelly, Alex Lever, Rita Loughman, Isobel Grant, Fr Joseph Guinea, 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 channel](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU) - 9:00 am - [youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU)

## UPDATE ON MASSES

Please note: all Masses will continue to be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, South Murwillumbah until Friday 13th March.

We'll be back at Sacred Heart Church for weekend masses from Saturday 14th March.

## WEEKDAY MASSES

### TWEED HEADS, KINGSCLIFF & POTTSVILLE

**Tweed** | Monday - Friday 9:10am, Saturday - 9am  
**Kingscliff** | Wednesday 8am. Thursday 9am, Friday 8am.  
**Pottsville** | Friday 9:30am

## READINGS | ROSTERS

### READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YR A

Gen 12:1-4, 2 Tim 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YR A

Ex 17:3-7, Rom 5:1-2 & 5-8, Jn 4: 5-42.

### READING ROSTER

#### 7-8 Mar | Second Sunday of Lent - A

6pm - Barbara Grant  
9am - Christine O'Brien

### ROSARY STATUE

1/3 Rhoda McPherson  
8/3 Jenny Wallace



## JOIN US FOR THE WEEKEND TO CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF MOUNT ST PATRICK COLLEGE

### *100 Years - One Light*

SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026

Mount St Patrick College

10am - Centenary Book Launch

10am - 1pm College Tours & Morning Tea

RSVP to [mursc@lism.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mursc@lism.catholic.edu.au)

SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026

Sacred Heart Church & Mount St Patrick College

9am - Thanksgiving Mass

10am - 1pm College Tours & Morning Tea

RSVP to [mursc@lism.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mursc@lism.catholic.edu.au)

SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026

CENTENARY DINNER

6.00PM

Murwillumbah Golf Course

**Tickets ON SALE NOW**

Via the College Office

02 6672 2340

\$100 PP

2 Course Meal & Centenary Book

RSVP by 27<sup>th</sup> February

Don't forget to look at the photos and memorabilia on display in the Heritage Room and in classrooms nearby during the school tours.

## LEGION OF MARY Eucharistic Adoration 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month

In honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, there will be a 12-hour Eucharistic Adoration on the 1st Friday of each month.

Print your name, phone number & preferred time on the roster located at the front door of the Church. Starts from 6am. There must be 2 or more people present for each hour of the day. Contact Philomena Zambelli.

### Update of Sunday Missals...

We have been advised that the Sunday Missal is available to order. They are hard cover and sell for \$37 each.

We have the earlier list of persons wanting to purchase one, but if you could confirm, or if you would like to buy one, please let the Parish Office know and we will place an order by mid March.

## WELCOME

### Cody Civic & Samantha Huxley

#### RCIA CANDIDATES

to our Faith Community who will be signing the Book of the Elect Sunday 1st March.

We pray for them as they continue their journey with Christ.

## HOLY HOUR | ADORATION FROM 7:30 AM TO 8:30 AM | SUNDAY 1 MARCH

The 54th International Eucharistic Congress will be held in Sydney from 1 January 2028, focusing on the theme "This is my body, given for you". For the official launch of the International Eucharistic Congress, every parish in the country is encouraged to hold an hour of Eucharistic Adoration on the Second Sunday in Lent. In 2026 we are all invited to renew our commitment to personal and communal prayer, preparing our hearts to receive the deeper renewal that Eucharist28 seeks to foster.

Find out more: <https://eucharist28.org/>

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

OLPS Church

1:00 pm Fridays during Lent led by Legion of Mary



# Holy Hour



## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (32)

**R:** Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

*Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus;*

*Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ!*

**From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.**

*Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus;*

*Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ!*

### NAME BADGES

We are placing an order for Sacred Heart Parish name badges.

If you would like a name badge contact the Parish Office to order one.

### Legion of Mary

invites you to

## The Annual Acies Ceremony

**Sunday 8th March 2026**

**8:30 am | Rosary & Legion Prayers**

**9am | Mass**

**St Joseph's Church Tweed Heads**

**Contact Lesley Dowling**

**0419 143 117**

**Philomena Zambelli for transport**

**0414 201 940**

**ALL WARMLY WELCOME**



## 2026 LENTEN PROGRAMME

### The Journey Home

You are welcome to come along and join in the Parish Lenten Group.

**Tuesday | 1 pm | Parish Administration Centre**

Lenten books on sale at the Church or Parish Office | \$8:00

### *Bishop Greg's Lenten Talk Series*

### **The Spiritual Life continues...**

Held on Mondays at 6pm at St Mary's Chapel, Lismore.

**Monday 2 March | Detachment**

**Monday 9 March | Union with God**

Watch on YouTube from 6pm 4/3, 11/3  
youtube.com/ LismoreDioceseAU

## SUNDAY 1 MARCH 2026

**INVITATION TO MASS OF THANKSGIVING | 9:00 AM**

**FOLLOWED BY MORNING TEA | 10:30 AM**

**FOR RETIRING PARISH SECRETARY**

**BETH GORTON**

You are warmly invited to join us for Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church followed by morning tea at Crystal Creek Estate Café next Sunday 1 March.

This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate as a parish community, to share our faith, and to join together to acknowledge and thank Beth for her 23 ½ years of service to our Parish.

All are welcome.



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

## Second Sunday of Lent

28 February – 1 March 2026

**Sisilia** is a 13-year-old girl living in remote Tanzania, who had to walk long distances to collect water every day. Thanks to Project Compassion, Sisilia's school and village now have safe clean water close by and she can spend more time studying so she can fulfil her dream of one day becoming a pilot.



### **Please donate today.**

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

**Or online at:** [www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate)

**Or by calling:** 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*



**Interest Rate - 3.40%**

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