

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
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God's love shines brightly

Let's take a few moments to imagine ourselves living in Jesus' time: knowing him, following him, loving him. There was something unimaginably wonderful about being in his presence, listening to his teaching and learning from him. No one was excluded from his company and conversation. Everyone was welcome, even those who had previously been shunned or excluded or abandoned by the community, such as the tax collectors, the sick or disabled, or the no-hopers. It was so very good to be with him.

Jesus somehow opened up a new way of seeing the world, of relating to others and, most surprisingly of all, of relating to God. Through him, his followers came to understand that God was not to be feared but to be loved. God was not one who kept a record of all our sins and failings, ready to punish us and exact retribution. Rather, God loves us with steadfast love and boundless mercy, never forsaking us, and inviting us to enter into an ever deeper relationship with him.

But it all came to a devastating end when this innocent and profoundly good man, Jesus, was arrested, sentenced to death for no good reason, tortured and crucified. Crucifixion was such a horrible way to die, slow and painful, a horrid and humiliating spectacle.

Imagine then how those two disciples felt as they headed away from Jerusalem, where that ghastly death had been inflicted. They were frightened. After all, might they, as his followers, now be arrested and executed? And they were sad and confused. How could it all have come to such a terrible end? His death felt like the death of the light, the life and the love – the death of everything – that he had opened up for them.

It is to two disciples in that very state of sadness, fear and confusion that Jesus appears, though they don't recognise him. He walks with them, and they talk about it all as they walk. It is when they stop for the night and have a meal together that, in the breaking of the bread, they recognise him at last. It is the Lord! Imagine that! Imagine their joy and how their hearts burned to be in his presence again. Wouldn't they want him to stay and never to leave them again?

That's the story of the two disciples on the way from Jerusalem to Emmaus after the crucifixion. It's one of several stories of the appearances of Jesus to various disciples after his resurrection. It is their testimony, passed on through the centuries, which inspires and instructs us about Jesus and his teachings about God and the meaning of life that he opened up and revealed for the whole world.

While we didn't live then and know Jesus as those first disciples did, we are also invited to enter into as deep and loving relationship with him. Let our hearts burn too.

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This week in the Parish

APRIL

Sunday 19

Monday 20

Tuesday 21

Wednesday 22

Thursday 23

Friday 24

Saturday 25

Sunday 26

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 am - Mass | Sacred Heart

Parish Office Closed

8:00am - Mass | Sacred Heart

9:00am - Mass | OLPS

8:00am - Mass | Sacred Heart

12:30pm - Mass | Sacred Heart

ANZAC DAY

8:30am - Rosary

9:00am - ANZAC Day Mass | Sacred Heart

5:30pm - Rosary

6:00 pm - Vigil Mass | Sacred Heart

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:30am - Rosary

9:00am - Mass | Sacred Heart

RECONCILIATION

Saturday : 5.30 pm - 5.50 pm

Sunday: 8.30 am - 8.50 am

ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed on Saturday morning at 9:00am.

As well as half an hour before each weekend Mass

Exception due to ANZAC service.

WEDNESDAY WORD

Copies of Wednesday Word, are available in the Church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

David Walsh, Anita Conaghan, Louise Bradford Smith, Vincent McDonnal, Keenan McDonnal, Kaylene Binding

ANNIVERSARIES:

Pope Francis, Bishop John Satterthwaite, Ray Grant

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Terry Bryant, Judith Jackson-Hope, 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, Corrina Thackray.
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 - 9:00 am - youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU

READINGS FOR TODAY AND NEXT WEEK:

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14,22-33; 1 Pet 1:17-21; Lk 24: 13-35

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14, 36-41; 1 Pet 2:20-25; Jn 10:1-10

READER ROSTER :

25 & 26/4: Christine Wightley | Kay Ryder

2 & 3/5: Mike Brennan | Jan Bruce

ROSARY STATUE

19/4 - Pauline Weber | 26/4 - Lisa Dusi-Fox



SUNDAY CUPPA
RETURNING

SAVE THE DATE
3 MAY 2026



PARISH DINNER



**JOIN US FOR DINNER
MURWILLUMBAH RSL
TUESDAY 21 APRIL 5:30PM**

*CALL THE RSL DIRECT TO BOOK,
02 6672 1388
MAKE MENTION OF BEING WITH THE
SACRED HEART GROUP FOR TABLES
TO BE PUT TOGETHER
ALL ARE WELCOME*

Vocations view:

During April in the Mass, we celebrate the expansion of the Church and the spread of the Gospel. The good news of Jesus risen transforms lives. Is God calling you to be a minister of his Gospel as a deacon or priest to transform lives?

Contact Vocations Lismore to consider your call.

vocations@lismore.catholic.org



HELP US RESTORE OUR PARISH GARDENS Join our gardening working bee SATURDAY 9 MAY FROM 8 AM

As we finalise the construction works around the parish, we need some help to tidy up the gardens around the church, the presbytery and the parish office. There's weeding, pruning, hedging to do to restore our gardens.

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE

Please gather in the Church Carpark at 8 am on Saturday 9 May for general instructions and allocation of areas

WHAT TO BRING?
gardening, pruning and hedging tools, garden gloves, sun hats & sun screen



MORNING TEA WILL BE PROVIDED

SAVE THE DATE

PENTECOST SUNDAY BBQ BREAKFAST

RISE AND SHINE ON
24 MAY 2026

BBQ Breakfast after Mass
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
See Mary Ann if you are able to help



Children's Liturgy

RETURNING AFTER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (15)

Lord, you will show us the path of life

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when
you speak.**

Alleluia!

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the
Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.

Amen.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

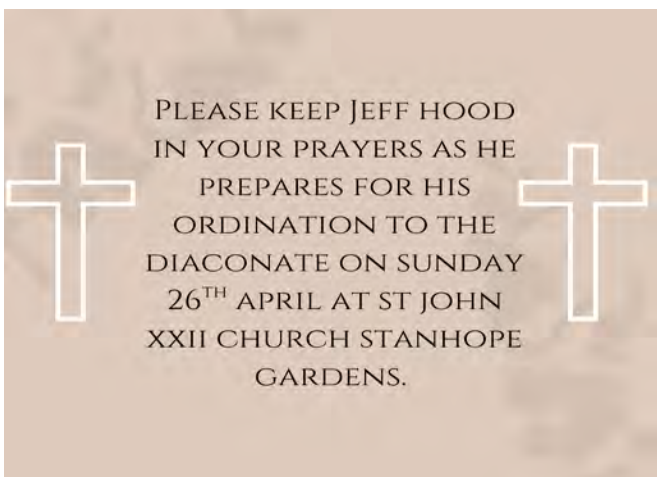
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.



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