

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

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Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

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Every day is a Pentecost

At Pentecost, Jesus' confused disciples were gathered and locked in a room. Fear and suspicion filled the air. There was more perspiration than inspiration! The disciples were afraid that they would suffer the same fate as their Master. They listened and waited for the mob to arrive. They hoped that no one would discover their hiding place.

In contrast, there's the powerful image of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is not halted by locked doors or locked hearts. The Spirit is not excluded from the vulnerable parts of people's lives. When the Spirit came upon the disciples, it wasn't like a gentle breeze, but more like a cyclonic wind that flattens everything in its path. The Spirit fires the disheartened disciples with new energy, enthusiasm and authority. The divine wind swept them off their feet, and drove them out of hiding. The divine fire set them ablaze with zeal for God's Kingdom and empowered them for their mission. They go out into the world, and fearlessly proclaim the gospel with its message of peace and forgiveness.

At first the crowd is confused, "because each one heard the disciples speaking in his own language". Something had happened to change the disciples' outlook and behaviour. The crowd's second reaction is amazement: "are not all these people who are speaking Galileans." Yet everyone understood what the disciples were saying.

When that happened, there was communion, whereas before there had been misunderstanding and division. The disciples' 'broke through' to people, and spoke a deeper and more personal language that's actually in all of us, and which so rarely gets spoken. It's a language in search of meaning and understanding. It's music in search of a melody. It's words in search of a story. It's a blank canvas in search of beauty and creativity. It's the language of the Holy Spirit.

The blaze that began at Pentecost has continued across the centuries, growing, spreading, scorching. At times, humanity has tried to avoid or escape it; and tried to ignore the beauty and disturbance of the Spirit's power and energy. We've tried to tame or dilute it into a cosy, domesticated faith, rather than subject ourselves to the Spirit's transforming and purifying fire.

But, try as we might, the Spirit blows where it will. The Spirit cannot be captured or contained; it's not conservative or liberal, it's not 'us or them.' The Spirit is free. The Spirit is everywhere, and is especially alive in us; sending us out into the world like the disciples and empowering us to bring peace and forgiveness wherever life takes us. Every day is a Pentecost.

David J Hore CScR @ Majellan Media 2026

This week in the Parish

MAY	PENTECOST SUNDAY
Sunday 24	9:00 am - Mass Sacred Heart 10:00 am - Pentecost Breakfast 10:15 am - Baptism
Monday 25	Parish Office Closed
Tuesday 26	NO MASS TODAY 1:00 pm - Scripture Group Parish Office
Wednesday 27	NO MASS TODAY
Thursday 28	NO MASS TODAY
Friday 29	9:00 am - Legion of Mary Meeting Centre 11:30 am - Requiem Mass Leo Kelly
Saturday 30	9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass Sacred Heart
Sunday 31	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - 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 9:00 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
No Exposition Friday 29 May

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP
Tuesday & Thursday
6:50 am
Sacred Heart Church

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Leo Kelly, Sally Towns, Cheryl Ann Franks.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Joshua Smith, Vera Albertini, 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.

Names removed after a considerable time. Please assist the Parish Office by advising if you wish names to



St Joseph's Parish
Tweed Heads

**Weekday
Mass Times
Tweed Heads**

Monday - Friday 9:10am

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/channel/UC...) - 9:00 am - youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU

READINGS FOR TODAY AND NEXT WEEK:

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13; Jn 20: 19-23

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Ex 34:4-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

READER ROSTER :

30 & 31/5: Mary-Ann Thackray | Beth Gorton
6 & 7/6: Lisa Dusi-Fox | Bernard Nolan

ALTER SERVING ROSTER

30/5: Amelia Bennett & Yasmin Van Rosi
31/5: Nadia McGarry & Scarlett Walker

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

31/5: Jenny & Jan | 7/6: Donna & Kathy

ROSARY STATUE

24/5: Evelyn Cook | 31/5: Igor & Gosia

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.



Jesus you are our teacher, our helper and our friend. Fill these children with your love, so that they know how to see things as you see them. Send them your Spirit to be the light of your love, so that they can love others as you did. Give them strength to live the way you want them to, in all that they think, and say and do, so that the world will be a better place because they are here. We ask this in your name.

Amen.

Please join in praying over the Children preparing for confirmation after Communion

YOUNG ADULT GATHERING



Register your interest here:



For more information contact ktiernan@sfxballina.org.au



**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
PATRONESS OF AUSTRALIA**

**Monday 25 May
Mass at Tweed Heads 9:10am**

Diocesan Art Prize

This year's theme is *The Face of Compassion*.

Compassion lies at the heart of the Gospel and the mission of the Church. It is seen in Christ's encounters with the vulnerable, outcast, and broken, and it continues to be lived out in the Church today.

Categories: 0-7 years, 8-12 years, 13-17 years, 18+ years, and group. People's choice awards will be also be given at each exhibition.



Scan to learn more
lismorediocese.org/artprize

Church Car Parking A gentle reminder:

BE KIND, PARK WITH OTHERS IN MIND
As we have a number of people who need to park in the church carpark on the weekends, please take a moment to consider others when parking in this area. Kindly ensure you are using one space only. If parking in the undercover tandem spaces, please drive through to the front space to allow someone else to park with you. A little consideration goes a long way - thank you for your cooperation!



The Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office is contactable if you have any Safeguarding concerns. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss options you have available to you.

To contact the Safeguarding Office, please phone (02) 6621944 or email: safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au

PENTECOST SUNDAY

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (103)

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

SEQUENCE:

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure;
Come thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow;

Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew.
On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,

With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die;
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Now in our presence the Lord will appear,

Shine in the faces of all of us here,

Fill us with joy and cast out all our fear.

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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