

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

River Street, South Murwillumbah

PARISH STAFF

Administrator

Fr. Peter Wood

Parish Manager

Mary-Ann Thackray

Parish Secretary

Erin Cornale

Pastoral Associate

Barbara Grant

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
28 JUNE YEAR A

A life of sacrificial love

More than being just a moral teacher or guide, Jesus came to establish a complete transformation of what it means to be human and to live a fully human life. When St Paul proclaims that we are now “dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus,” he highlights how Jesus’ submission to and defeat of death has changed the whole human situation. Jesus was the perfect and obedient representative of all humanity. Through our faith that he is who he says he is, the eternal communion with the Father that belongs by nature to Jesus as the incarnate Son belongs to us through participation in him. As St Paul explains, “When we were baptised, we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father’s glory, we too might live a new life.” This new life in Christ is one in which sin and death no longer have dominion in the human experience. Paul exhorts us: “You too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin and alive for God in Christ Jesus.” In his instructions to the Twelve in today’s gospel, Jesus teaches, “Anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.” Part of ‘losing our lives’ for Jesus means extending the self-giving, compassionate and merciful love we have received from him to others, especially the poor. And ‘losing our lives’ can mean suffering. As Christians, we must be prepared to accept suffering, not out of a masochistic sense that suffering is good or that we deserve it, but as a response made in love to give up anything and everything that impedes or undermines the life and love to which Christ calls us. As Jesus teaches in today’s gospel, this can sometimes mean prioritising him and the demands of discipleship over the demands of family. Consider St Francis of Assisi as an example. St Francis, in defiance of his enraged father, left his affluent home and the life his family had planned for him to live a life of radical poverty, humility, and dedication to serving the poor, in imitation of the life, poverty, and love of Jesus. St Francis is renowned as *Il Poverello* (Italian for “the little poor man” or “the little poor one”), and as a “little Christ.” ‘Losing our lives’ for Jesus does not necessarily mean we will be called to Jesus’ level of self-sacrifice or that of the Christian martyrs. Still, our hearts need to be oriented towards this calling and open to its demands, painful and costly though that may sometimes be. But Jesus is very clear in calling us – indeed challenging us - to live the life of freedom and self-giving love for which we were created. Challenging and demanding though it is, each and every one of us is called to be a “little Christ.”

Joseph Doyle @ Majellan Media 2026

This week in the Parish

JUNE	13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sunday 28	9:00 am - Mass Sacred Heart 10:15 am - Baptism 11:00 am - Baptism
Monday 29	Parish Office Closed
Tuesday 30	NO MASS TODAY 1:00 pm - Scripture Group Parish Office
JULY	
Wednesday 1	NO MASS TODAY
Thursday 2	NO MASS TODAY
Friday 3	6:00 am - All day Adoration Sacred Heart 9:00 am - Legion of Mary Meeting Centre 12:30 pm - Mass Sacred Heart
Saturday 4	9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass Sacred Heart
Sunday 5	14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 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 Friday 3rd July All day Adoration 6 am - 6 pm
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP Tuesday & Thursday 6:50 am Sacred Heart Church

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Harry Pearson.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Gregorio Santillan, Patricia King.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Vera Albertini, Terry Bryant, Judith Jackson-Hope, Anthony Rodighiero, Kath Dawson-Malone, 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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...) channel - 9:00 am - [youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU)

READINGS FOR TODAY AND NEXT WEEK:

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Zech 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

READER ROSTER :

4 & 5/7: Barbara Grant | Philomena Zambelli
11 & 12/7: Marg Mumford | Mary-Ann Thackray

ALTAR SERVING ROSTER

Roster will resume after the school holidays.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

5/7: Jenny & Kathy | Returning 26 July

ROSARY STATUE

28/6: Faith Buchanan | 5/7: Trish Jandura



St Joseph's Parish
Tweed Heads

**Weekday
Mass Times
Tweed Heads**

Monday - Friday 9:10am

SACRED HEART PARISH



Piety Stall

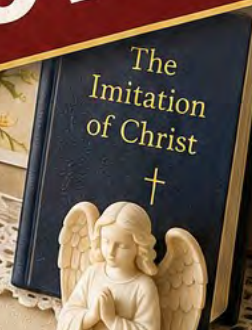
Beautiful gifts
for you and
your loved ones.



All proceeds
directly support
our local Parish
Ministries

COMING SOON

*Be still
and know
that I am God.*
Psalm 46:10



**OPENING
HOURS**

- ♥ Sunday mornings 8:30–8:50am
- ♥ After Mass as required



CASH SALES ONLY
Thank you for supporting our Parish!



Sacred Heart Parish

Murwillumbah

Financial Report to the Parish for the year ended 31 December 2025

A message from the Parish Finance Council on behalf of Fr Peter Wood, Parish Administrator

This financial summary has been prepared so that you are aware of the financial activity of our parish during the period 1 January to 31 December 2025.

Members of the Parish Finance Council during 2025 were Peter McDonald-Chairperson, Jim Grennan, Kevin Twohill, Ray Daley, Wayne Bartesko, Jacob Guinea and Christine Wightley.

The financial summary for the year ended 31 December 2025 shows a profit of \$171,507 [2024: \$1,618].

The year ended 31 December 2025 was another busy year for our Sacred Heart Parish.

A significant project that has been undertaken is the replacement of the perimeter wall bordering Queensland Road and Main Street. This has been a large and ongoing project that commenced after the damage caused by prolonged wet weather periods in 2022. Thankfully, this major work was covered by insurance. However, the project did take up a large amount of time in Parish human resources, predominately the Parish Manager's time.

The other large project which is now almost complete is the Escape of Liquid issues at the Sacred Heart Church and its surrounds. Thankfully, this is also covered by insurance, but the execution of repairs has been equally taxing on Parish resources.

The Uki & Burringbar Churches have been listed for sale. We are hopeful that the sale of these properties will occur soon. Proceeds from these sales will help us to generate other income streams to help us future proof the parish and allow us to continue the ongoing maintenance of other important assets in the Sacred Heart precinct.

Our aging Parish buildings are in constant need of repair and maintenance and a priority in 2026 will be the creation of a detailed maintenance schedule. We are liaising with the Diocesan property manager for assistance with building our maintenance plan.

During 2026 we also plan to review and update the rental income we receive from the various residential rental properties we hold – historically these properties have been rented at a lower than market value – we are working to increase the rents in line with current market values.

We are fortunate to have loyal and committed parish staff and volunteers who provide continued support to Father Peter. Their dedication and commitment ensure that the operational and spiritual needs of the Parish are met, and we appreciate their efforts in this regard.

The Parish Collaboration process between Tweed Heads, Kingscliff and Murwillumbah Parishes continues to unfold and we remain positive that the sharing of resources and ideas will prove a positive way forward for all Parishes, providing positive outcomes and Parish sustainability.

The Parish Finance Council remains committed to the ongoing financial viability and the spiritual and pastoral needs of the Sacred Heart Parish.

Your continued generosity through both the Planned Giving Program and/or donations helps to keep the Parish financially stable. We sincerely thank you for your ongoing financial commitment throughout 2025.

Since the Parish Planned Giving Program was established 60 years ago by Monsignor O'Rourke in 1964, the program has remained an important part of our parish's income sources. We encourage all Parishioners to participate in the program according to your financial capability.

*Give and it shall be given to you,
a full measure...overflowing (Luke 6:38)*

If you are new to our Parish, we invite you to please consider joining the program. Please contact the Parish Business Manager to discuss how you can participate.

If you have any questions about the Planned Giving Program; or other ways you can donate to Parish life; or simply want to know more about the parish finances generally, please contact the Parish Business Manager or the Parish Finance Council Chair.

We thank you sincerely for your continuing presence in our parish community and your ongoing support of the Sacred Heart Parish.



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FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
INCOME			
Second Collection – Planned Giving		64,000	67,055
Second Collection – Loose Plate		13,237	11,959
Donations & Sponsorships	1	25,500	8,970
Investment Income	2	244,417	177,356
Other Income		8,641	3,828
Pastoral Income		7,923	3,309
Rental Income	3	246,602	239,213
Other School related income	5	0	124,486
Total Income		610,320	636,176
EXPENSES			
Diocesan Quotas	4	8,871	0
Electricity & Gas		11,769	13,429
General Operating Expenses		62,082	53,157
Insurance		56,439	56,301
Interest on Loan Parish Administration Centre		14,370	16,061
Motor Vehicle Expenses		9,597	10,457
Pastoral Expenses		2,292	946
Payroll Expenses		179,402	193,246
Rates Water		16,769	17,948
Rental Commission & Charges		13,283	11,167
Repairs Maintenance Improvement		48,167	43,465
School related expenses	5	15,772	218,381
Total Expenses		438,813	634,558
Net Surplus / (Loss) for 2025		171,507	1,618

Notes:

1. Donations and sponsorship in 2025 include a \$20,000 donation from the Carnival Fund from previous years.
2. Investment income include interest received in parish investment accounts and also accounts held for schools.
3. Rental income includes rent for the Parish Hall, the Parish Meeting Centre and various residential rental properties.
4. Diocesan Quota was suspended in 2022 pending Diocesan Review and was reintroduced in 2025.
5. School related income and expenses relate to school building fund facilities & maintenance fees charged to school families; loan repayments on school buildings and interest payments – during 2025 these items have been transferred to Diocese of Lismore Catholic School Ltd for future receipts and payments. From 2026 these items will not be included in Parish accounts.
6. Extraordinary Income and Expenses in relation to the various Insurance remediation works have not been included in this financial summary.
7. A copy of the full audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025 for the Parish is available for inspection at the Parish Administration Centre.

DID YOU KNOW ...

we have the following first aid and fire safety equipment in our church?

Do you know where each item is located?

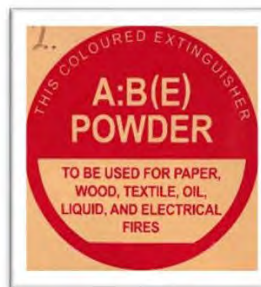
First Aid Kits (2)

1. Sacristy
2. Back Vesting/Store Room

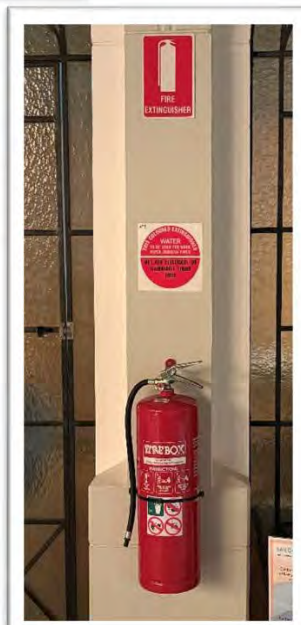


AED (Defibrillator)

Back wall near door to the Choir Gallery



Fire Extinguisher (Powder)
& Fire Blanket | Sacristy



Fire Extinguisher (Water) |
Back wall near vesting room



Fire Extinguisher (Powder)
& Fire Blanket | Gallery



BAPTISM
 WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY
AIMI & REMY PERROT
 &
EVERLY RABINSKI-
BISHOP
 BAPTISED 28TH JUNE 2026



**SUNDAY CUPPA
 SAVE THE DATE**

**JOIN US AFTER MASS
 5 JULY 2026**

TWEED VALLEY FUN DAY
Saturday 4 JULY 2026
11:30 am - 3:30 pm
Volunteers needed from 11 am
Please contact
Shel : 0404 625 355
if you are able to assist

Happy Anniversary
 Congratulations to Brian and Marie who are celebrating 60 years of marriage this week. May God continue to bless you both with more happy years together.

Choir Practise
 Choir practise to be held 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 6pm in the church.
 All are welcome

CELEBRATE GRANDPARENTS DAY WITH US

**PICNIC
 IN THE
 PLAYGROUND**

SUNDAY 26 JULY 2026 AFTER 9 AM MASS

FAMILY FUN | KIDS GAME

Gather your friends, family, and loved ones for a fun filled morning filled with laughter, delicious food, and the beauty of the great outdoors

WHAT TO BRING?
PICNIC FOOD & DRINKS
CHAIRS & BLANKETS

Save the date

**INVESTITURE
 IN THE
 BROWN
 SCAPULAR**

**THURSDAY
 16 JULY**

THE FEAST OF
**OUR LADY OF
 MOUNT CARMEL**

**ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH,
 TWEED HEADS**

✠ DURING THE 9.10AM MASS



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

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (88)

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

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 (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.



Are your CONTACT DETAILS up to date?
New to our Parish? | Moved recently? | New email address or mobile number?
Please provide your contact details to the Parish Office

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 complete the contact details form available at the back of the church

The collection of your personal information by the Parish is in accordance with the Diocese of Lismore Privacy (External) Policy.



THE 54TH INTERNATIONAL
**EUCCHARISTIC
CONGRESS 2028**
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

Keep up to date on all the news for the
54th International Eucharistic Congress 2028
through the following link:
<https://eucharist28.org/news>



DIF Diocesan
Investment
Fund

Interest Rate - 3.90%
For further information and our current interest rate,
please visit our website www.dif.org.au or contact us on 1800 802 516