

# 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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Fr. Peter Wood

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Principal: Mr. Brendan Ryan

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YEAR A

7 JUNE

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF  
CHRIST

### *Partaking in the living bread*

The Eucharist not only keeps alive the memory of what Christ has done by giving his life for us. More profoundly, the Eucharist manifests the ever-present experience of what Christ and the Spirit continue to do for us throughout our lives. This week's first reading (Deuteronomy) connects the celebration of the Eucharist to the Exodus event of Israel's liberation from slavery in Egypt. Again, the Israelites do not just remember what God has done for them in the past – liberating them, and feeding them in the desert with “manna from heaven” – but celebrating the way God continues to be with them throughout all of life's trials, tribulations, hopes and joys. Everything we have – food, shelter, love, friendship and personal talents – are gifts given to us by God to share with others. In St Paul's Letter to the people of Corinth, we are told the gifts of bread and wine are the very body and blood of Christ enabling us to be in communion with the Trinitarian God. Moreover, Paul's emphasis on “one loaf” means, in the words of the hymn, “we though many are truly one.” Hence the importance of the sign of peace we offer to one another each time we celebrate the Eucharist. In the gospel, we hear Jesus speak of the “living bread that comes down from heaven.” Pope Francis told us that “the Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect, but medicine and nourishment for the weak!” In saying this he is not suggesting we should go to the Eucharist without thoughtfulness, prayer and presence of mind; but he is also reminding us that all of us, without exception, come to the Eucharist as sinners in need of God's healing grace and mercy. Pope Francis also provides guidelines for how the Eucharist should make a real difference in our lives and relationships with others. First, he says, we need to relate to people, sharing in their joys, hopes, sorrows and sufferings. Furthermore, this should enable us to reach out to the poor, sick and marginalised people, seeing in them the face of Christ. Second, experiencing God's forgiveness in the Eucharist should enable us to see ourselves as “forgiven sinners” who are empowered to reach out in forgiveness to others. In this way the Eucharist enables us to overcome pride and division. Third, the Eucharist should enable us to become active disciples of Jesus Christ. While we Christians do not claim to be better than others, we nonetheless recognise our particular mission is to make Christ known and loved through a spirit of prayer, action and care for all our brothers and sisters, most especially those in need. In the words of Anglo-Catholic poet TS Eliot, Christ is “the still point of the turning world.” It is especially through our celebration of the Eucharist that our distracted, busy, turning worlds are stilled by the overpowering, silent mystery that camouflages the saving, liberating, loving presence of Christ in the broken bread and sweetened wine. For He is indeed truly present among us as the very life of the world.

Gerard Hall SM @ Majellan Media 2026

# This week in the Parish

## JUNE

Sunday 7	9:00 am - Mass   <b>Sacred Heart</b>
Monday 8	Parish Office Closed
Tuesday 9	8:00 am - Mass   <b>Sacred Heart</b> 10:30 am - Funeral Prayers   Joan Cahill 1:00 pm - Scripture Group   Parish Office
Wednesday 10	5:30 pm - Mass   <b>Sacred Heart</b> <i>Please note time and venue changes</i>
Thursday 11	8:00 am - Mass   <b>Sacred Heart</b>
Friday 12	9:00 am - Legion of Mary   Meeting Centre 11:30 am - Adoration 12:30 pm - Mass   <b>Sacred Heart</b>
Saturday 13	9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass   <b>Sacred Heart</b>
Sunday 14	<b>11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass   <b>Sacred Heart</b>

## CORPUS CHRISTI

## 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 12th June  
11:30 am - 12:20 pm

### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Tuesday & Thursday  
6:50 am  
Sacred Heart Church

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Joan Cahill, Gary Newman, Dona Roka, Leo Kelly.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Fr Eamon Leonard, Judy Thackray.

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Joshua Smith, 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.*

## 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/LismoreDioceseAU) channel - 9:00 am - [youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU)

## READINGS FOR TODAY AND NEXT WEEK:

### CORPUS CHRISTI

Deut 8:2-3,14-16; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

### 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ex 19:2-6; Rom 5:6-11; Mt 9:36-10.8

## READER ROSTER :

13 & 14/6: MSPC | Kay Ryder

20 & 21/6: Christine Wightley | Jan Bruce

## ALTAR SERVING ROSTER

13/6: Leah Gorton & Amelia Bennett

14/6: Bonnie Lindsay & Carter Alexander

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

14/6: Philly & Ros | 21/6: Kay & Benice

## ROSARY STATUE

7/6: Dana Fuller | 14/6: Rhoda McPherson

## 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.*

# Defibrillator Training

**Tuesday 16 June  
10am in the Church  
Please advise Mary-Ann if  
you are able to attend**



## THE CATENIANS GOLD COAST TWEED CIRCLE

Join the Catenian Association, enjoy the benefits of membership and form long lasting friendships.

We meet on 3rd Thursday of each month in groups called Circles. We share a meal and often listen to a guest speaker. Why not come along to one of our meetings - it might be just what you need! Your first dinner is on us. No pressure to join if it's not for you.

**Venue: South Tweed Sports Club**

**Thursday 18 June | 5:50pm**

Contact: Bernard Nolan:

0419 023 108 | 02 6672 3733

Chris Gallagher : 0428 416 288



One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God  
Matthew 4:4

## 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.



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## SUNDAY CUPPA SAVE THE DATE

JOIN US AFTER MASS  
14 JUNE 2026  
WITH BISHOP GREG

# YOUNG ADULT GATHERING



Register your interest here:



For more information contact  
[kliernan@sfballina.org.au](mailto:kliernan@sfballina.org.au)

### National Count of Attendance - MAY 2026

Our parish has completed the 4 weekends for the National Count of Attendance.

Here are the results:

#### Average attendance over 4 weekends

6 pm Vigil	77
9 am Sunday	166

#### Average Male/Female attendance at Masses 16-17 May

6 pm Vigil	Male	39%	Female	61%
9 am Sunday	Male	39%	Female	61%

#### Age ranges at Masses 23-24 May

	0-17	18-29	30-49	50-69	70+	Total
6 pm Vigil	18	3	19	23	34	97
9 am Sunday	56	5	39	39	61	200
Total	74	8	58	62	95	297



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.

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email: [safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au)

**THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (147)**

**Praise the Lord, Jerusalem**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**I am the living bread from heaven says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever!**

**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.

**CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP**

**3RD WEDNESDAY MONTH**

**June Morning Tea**

**Wed 17 June | 10:00 am**

**Murwillumbah Services Club**

Enquiries: Stewart Marshall

0435 036 038

**ALL MEN ARE WELCOME**

**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.

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