

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

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Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
12 JULY 2026 | YEAR A

Creation's great longing

It is often said that Australians have elevated the art of waiting into something approaching a national discipline. We queue with philosophical calm for our morning flat whites. We endure the seemingly endless roller-coaster ride of the season's footy matches with the resigned optimism of people who have been disappointed before and fully expect to be disappointed again. We are a patient mob, albeit in a rather flat-footed, arms-folded, "she'll-be-right" kind of way.

This is precisely why Paul's extraordinary vision of a cosmos in waiting in this week's second reading (Romans 8:18-23) should catch us off-guard. Paul does not describe patient waiting. He describes something far more electric. The Greek word he uses, *apokaradokia*, is one of the great untranslatable treasures of the New Testament. It means something like straining forward on tiptoe with breathless, neck-craning expectation. Think less "she'll be right" and more a border collie at the back door when it hears the word "Walk!" whispered in a distant part of the house. Who is doing this extraordinary craning-forward? Paul would argue that it is neither the faithful in the pews, nor the Church alone, but the whole of creation. Every gum tree, every reef, every dusty red plain from Longreach to Launceston, from Melbourne to Marble Bar: all of it, Paul insists, is caught up in an urgent, aching longing. This is a remarkable claim which we need to reflect upon. Paul is not offering a romantic nature poem about rainbows and sunsets. He is making a serious theological argument: that the created order has been subjected to a kind of frustration, not because it is evil or abandoned, but because it is caught in a tension between what is and what is not yet. Creation, he says, "groans in labour pains" (v.22), straining toward a future liberation that has been promised but not yet fully delivered.

What is it waiting for? Here Paul is startlingly specific: the revelation of the children of God (v.19). Not a cosmic reset. Not the annihilation of the material world. But the moment when human beings finally become fully what God always intended us to be: people who live by the spirit, freed from the limitations of disease, decay and death. We often speak of caring for the environment, as though creation is a passive recipient of our stewardship. Paul suggests something rather more humbling: that the fate of the natural world is, in some sense, bound up with our own destiny. Its healing and ours are intertwined. We too, Paul says, groan inwardly, carrying within us "the first fruits of the Spirit;" awaiting the full harvest when all will be freed of the limitations of mortality.

Today, as we celebrate our eucharist together, we should allow this vision of cosmic redemption and transformation to inspire us to adopt the attitude of the border collie at the back door, "straining forward on tiptoe with breathless, neck-craning expectation."

Ian J Elmer @ Majellan Media 2026

This week in the Parish

JULY	15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sunday 12	9:00 am - Mass Sacred Heart 10:15 am - Baptism
Monday 13	Parish Office Closed
Tuesday 14	NO MASS TODAY
Wednesday 15	NO MASS TODAY
Thursday 16	NO MASS TODAY
Friday 17	9:00 am - Legion of Mary Meeting Centre 11:30 am - Adoration Sacred Heart 12:30 pm - Mass Sacred Heart
Saturday 18	9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass Sacred Heart
Sunday 19	16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass Sacred Heart 10:15 am - Baptism 11:00 am - Baptism

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 17 July 11:30 am - 12:20pm
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP Tuesday & Thursday 6:50 am Sacred Heart Church

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Joan Nolan (Bernard Nolan's Mother)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Nathan Bewes, Ron Flannery.

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.diocese.lismore.org.au/diocesan-youtube-channel) channel - 9:00 am - [youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU)

READINGS FOR TODAY AND NEXT WEEK:

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

READER ROSTER :

18 & 19/7: Grace Molloy | Beth Gorton
25 & 26/7: Lisa Dusi-Fox | Bernard Nolan

ALTAR SERVING ROSTER

Roster will resume after the school holidays.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Returning 26 July

ROSARY STATUE

12/7: Debbie Kaehler | 19/7: Kay Ryder



St Joseph's Parish
Tweed Heads

**Weekday
Mass Times
Tweed Heads**

Monday - Friday 9:10am

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

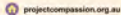
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Murwillumbah Catholic Parish

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Kirsten Syers
Caritas Australia
Chief Executive Officer

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 **UNITE
AGAINST
POVERTY
this Lent**

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



BAPTISM

WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

MATILDA ROSE SMITH

BAPTISED 12TH JULY 2026

WALKING WITH MARY IN
Hope and Wonder

A Zoom Novena in Preparation for the
Feast Day of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop

DAILY FROM
JULY 30 - AUGUST 7 | **7:30PM - 8:00PM AEST**

You're invited to join Mary MacKillop Place for a Zoom novena of prayer and reflection.

Over nine days, we will explore hope and wonder through the life Mary MacKillop as we journey towards celebrating her Feast Day on Saturday 8 August.

Zoom Link to join the Novena:
<https://zoom.us/j/92816949299>

For more information about Feast Day 2026 visit us at:
<https://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/>





OUT OF THE
Ordinary

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



**Parishes Share Their Stories at DPC
Connection Dinner**

On 3 July, parishioners from Lismore, South Lismore, Kyogle, and Casino joined the Diocesan Pastoral Council for an evening of connection at Invercauld House, sharing their parish stories, successes, challenges, and hopes for the future.

The following day, the Council met to reflect on its own vision and mission, with Bishop Greg reminding members that our mission, and the mission of the whole Diocese, is fundamentally about meeting God, knowing and loving Jesus, and living the Gospel.

Both gatherings are part of the Diocese's ongoing journey of listening and dialogue, continuing to shape our Diocesan Pastoral Plan.

Emma McDonald
Diocesan Pastoral Council Chairperson





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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (64)

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

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.

CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP
3RD WEDNESDAY MONTH
June Morning Tea
Wed 15 July | 10:00 am
Murwillumbah Services Club
Enquiries: Stewart Marshall
0435 036 038
ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

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 16 July | 5:50pm

Contact: Bernard Nolan:

0419 023 108 | 02 6672 3733

Chris Gallagher : 0428 416 288



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**