

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

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Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
19 JULY 2026 | YEAR A**

God at work in the world

Jesus is a strange and disconcerting figure. His words are biting and odd. They are elusive and obscure. At the same time, they command attention and demand a response. His actions are similar. He's not what is expected. He's dangerous. He's impossible to ignore. The religious and political leaders of his day understood this. That's why they crucified him.

If you are familiar with the portrait of God built up in the Old Testament, maybe you are not so surprised about Jesus. If that God, the God of Israel becomes human, you are going to get an irrepressible wildfire, an elusive, odd, dangerous One, beyond our control and manipulation, and yet close, too close, too committed for comfort.

You are going to get a God who, as man, fully, even 'wildly,' devotes himself to the end he has for his good creation, despite our best attempts to wrest our own little piece of it from him for our ridiculous and narrow designs. You are going to get a God who, as man, irreparably binds, weds himself to humanity in unimaginable impassioned love. You are going to get a God who, as man, provokes his own inevitable suffering and death at the hand of his beloved. He's ineffable, inscrutable, uncontainable, unstoppable. He's definitely not safe. No! He's too good to be safe. There's only ever more mystery to him.

Alas we have our own two-thousand-years-after-the-event strategies for handling Jesus. We can't kill him. We are the ones who love him and want to be faithful to him above all else. Nevertheless, we tend to domesticate him, rounding off the hard edges, softening the sharp and pointed words, managing his frightening actions that, for fear, we refuse to ponder too long. We cage him up, privatising, declawing our religion, wheeling him out for a quick show when it's convenient, keeping him hidden away when it's not. We are expert at making him beneficial, conventional, docile, safe. But the Church—and the Holy Spirit who guides her—won't let us do this for long. Look at this week's readings. With Jesus' parables, we've got the Living God speaking to us and teaching us. With his actions, we've got the Living God at work in the world. Today's Old Testament reading anticipates this. The New Testament reading helps us ponder it. And as we pass through these readings, brace yourself for the encounter? That's the shape of the Mass.

The lion paces. He's going to break out of his cage. He's going to find you. He always does. No one can keep him at a safe distance. He's already stalking among us. He's going to rule this world, destroying death and sin and evil once and for all. Don't let go of his mane! Hold on; hold firm. He will leap and the never-ending day will dawn.

W Chris Hackett @ Majellan Media 2026

This week in the Parish

JULY

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 19	9:00 am - Mass Sacred Heart 10:15 am - Baptism 11:00 am - Baptism
Monday 20	Parish Office Closed
Tuesday 21	8:00 am - Mass Sacred Heart
Wednesday 22	9:00 am - Mass OLPS
Thursday 23	NO MASS TODAY
Friday 24	9:00 am - Legion of Mary Meeting Centre 11:30 am - Requiem Mass Maria Annecca
Saturday 25	9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass Sacred Heart
Sunday 26	17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME GRANDPARENTS DAY 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass Sacred Heart 10:00 am - Parish Picnic

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 this week

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Tuesday & Thursday
6:50 am
Sacred Heart Church

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Maria Annecca, Joan Nolan (Bernard Nolan's Mother)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Lloyd Roberts, Kevin O'Keefe, Terry Belmont, Gregorio Santillan.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Max Harris, Lorraine Grennan, 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

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

READINGS FOR TODAY AND NEXT WEEK:

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

READER ROSTER :

25 & 26/7: Lisa Dusi-Fox | Bernard Nolan
1 & 2/8: Christine Wightley | Kay Ryder

ALTAR SERVING ROSTER

25/7: Leah & Scarlett | 26/7: Jonah & Isaac

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

26/7: Jenny & Kathy | 2/8: Philly & Donna

ROSARY STATUE

19/7: Kay Ryder | 26/7: Paula Thornton



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.

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



Pray
Hope
and
Trust
in the
Lord

The
Imitation
of Christ



**OPENING
HOURS**

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



CASH SALES ONLY
Thank you for supporting our Parish!



BAPTISM

WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

PIPPEN MAREE GRAHAM-
MALOUF
ADDISON GRACE READING

BAPTISED 19TH JULY 2026



ASPIRE

Young Adult Spiritual Formation
with Bishop Greg, OCD
(18 - 35 years old)

Thursday, 18 June
Monday, 27 July
Friday, 14 August
Monday, 7 September
Monday, 12 October
Tuesday, 24 November

🕒 5:30 - 6:30 PM

Microsoft Teams
Login: 471 422 568 74059
Password: DB946Sp6



This year's theme explores the spirituality
of St. Therese of the Child Jesus.
Discover her "Little Way" of doing small
things with great love and see how simple
acts can change everything.

For more information, contact Sr. Di Moralde, CM
M: 0434 772 867
E: dmoralde@lismore.catholic.org.au

Save the date

Parish Dinners

♥ 18 August
20 October

More information closer
to dates

CONSECRATION OF HOMES TO SACRED HEART

Would you like to request your home to be
Consecrated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus?
Please see the Legion of Mary sheet at the back
of the church to provide your details to have
your home scheduled.



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

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (85)

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

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.

Annual Legion of Mary Retreat

The retreat will take place this
Saturday 25th July at Legion
House
337 St Paul's Terrace, Fortitude
Valley, from 8.30 am until 3.30
pm.
Retreat Master: Fr Pius Jones sm.
Further information contact
Philomena Zambelli 0414201940
or
Lesley Dowling 0419143117.

GENTLE REMINDER

As we head into winter and cold &
flu season, we gently remind those
who are kneeling and/or receiving
Communion on the tongue to please
wait until the end of the
Communion line.

Thank you for your consideration of
others in our parish community.

COMMUNION

If you are unable to walk
to/or have difficulty walking
up the aisle for communion
at Sunday Mass, please:
stand, or raise your hand
and sit at end of the pew,
or in the chairs, and an
Extra-Ordinary Minister of
Communion will come to
you.



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**

SACRED HEART
MURWILLUMBAH



Picnic

FOR

GRANDPARENTS DAY!

SUNDAY 26 JULY

A special day to celebrate and
share time together as a family!



**BRING
RUGS & CHAIRS**
GET COMFY AND
RELAX TOGETHER

*I will never
forget you*



GAMES
TO BE HAD
FOR ALL AGES!



PHOTO BOOTH
CAPTURE SPECIAL
MEMORIES



**ICE BLOCKS
FOR KIDS**
A SWEET TREAT
TO ENJOY!



BYO FOOD AND DRINKS
for your family to enjoy



ON THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

after 9am Mass

Come for the fun, stay for the memories!

All are welcome!