

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

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Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
9 AUGUST 2026 | YEAR A

Trust in Jesus' embrace

In June 2018, twelve boys and their coach found themselves trapped in a cave in northern Thailand. The flood waters were rising, and the water-filled tunnels of the cave were narrow and pitch dark. Adding to the complexity of their rescue, the children and their coach could not swim. Australian anaesthetist and cave diver Richard Harris and his colleague Craig Challen were willing to take a leap of faith. They would anaesthetise them all to prevent panicking or drowning. This innovative strategy was crucial in the eventual success of the international rescue operation. Likewise, the disciples' panic at the rising storm buffeting their boat must have been compounded by Jesus's sudden appearance as he walked across the water. Jesus's loving reassurance that he was not a ghost - "It is I, do not be afraid" - would have quelled their fears. Peter's response may resonate with many of us: "Lord, if it is you, tell me to come to you on the water." We trust in the Lord; yet need reassurance. Jesus's response fills Peter with peace and courage. He says simply to Peter, "Come." Peter gets out of the boat and, quite miraculously, finds himself walking on the water towards Jesus. But, looking at the wind and the waves around him though, starts to sink. He cries out to the Lord and immediately Jesus reaches out and rescues him. In that moment, Peter's relief at Jesus' timely rescue must surely have been accompanied by the overwhelming realisation that Jesus' loving, tender presence would never have let him drown. Peter realises that he is deeply and tenderly loved, in spite of all his inadequacies. Some years after the cave rescue, Richard Harris said in an interview that while growing up, he had a sense of struggling to find where he felt he belonged. Leaning into his sense of vulnerability, he discovered the camaraderie of companions who shared his passion for the outdoors. Their adventures in cave-diving helped them discover a newfound courage as they went beyond the limits imposed by their anxieties. As Bishop Robert Prevost in Peru, Pope Leo exemplified a deep spirit of accompaniment with those in need. When covid-19 hit Peru, oxygen shortages and economic collapse led to widespread deaths. He organised for oxygen supplies to be distributed. Despite the exhausting logistics of this operation, he persisted in working in solidarity with everyone involved. Sometime after the covid pandemic, during the floods in the region, he was present with those struggling as he stood knee-deep in flood waters, assisting in relief operations. Even at our most vulnerable moments, Jesus invites us to be courageous and audacious in trusting his steadfastness and his unfailing embrace of our frailties. Let us lean into the accompaniment of those who walk with us. Jesus looks steadfastly at us across the wind and water, and says, "Come".

Sophie Clements @ Majellan Media 2026

This week in the Parish

AUGUST

Sunday 9	19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9:00 am - Mass Sacred Heart 10:00 am - Baptism
Monday 10	Parish Office Closed
Tuesday 11	8:00 am - Mass Sacred Heart
Wednesday 12	9:00 am - Mass OLPS
Thursday 13	8:00 am - Mass Sacred Heart
Friday 14	9:00 am - Legion of Mary Meeting Centre 11:30 am - Adoration 12:30 pm - Mass Sacred Heart 5:30 pm - Vigil Sacred Heart
Saturday 15	THE ASSUMPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 8:00 am - Mass Sacred Heart 9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass Sacred Heart
Sunday 16	20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass Sacred Heart 10:00 am & 11:00 am - Baptisms

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. Also half an hour before each weekend Mass

WEDNESDAY WORD

Copies of Wednesday Word, are available in the Church.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT

Friday 14 August

11:30am - 12:20 pm

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

GROUP

Tuesday & Thursday

6:50 am

Sacred Heart Church

(Not held when there is no weekday Mass)

SCRIPTURE GROUP

Tuesday 1pm

Parish Office

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Ron McCalman, Lorraine McDonald, Kathleen Gallagher , Maria Annecca.

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Roberts, Margaret Mary Guinea, Greg Guinea.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: John Reynolds, 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 Lemon.

READINGS FOR TODAY AND NEXT WEEK:

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kgs 19:9, 11-13; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 56:1,6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

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)

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.

READER ROSTER :

15 & 16/8: Barbara Grant | Christine O'Brien

22 & 23/8: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

ALTAR SERVING ROSTER

15/8: Leah & Meadow | 16/8: Jonah & Marcus

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

16/8: Jenny & Jan | 23/8: No Children's Liturgy

ROSARY STATUE

9/8: Lisa Dusi-Fox | 16/8: Narelle Gear



Mass Times for *The Assumption* of The Blessed Virgin Mary

THE FOLLOWING TIMES WILL BE AVAILABLE

 ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH TWEED HEADS Friday 14 August - Vigil 5.30pm Saturday 15 August - 9am	 ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH KINGSCLIFF Saturday 15 August - 9am Pottsville also 9am	 SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH MURWILLUMBAH Friday 14 August - Vigil 5.30pm Saturday 15 August - 8am
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Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Feast of the Assumption celebrated on 15 August 2026 is a **Holy Day of Obligation**, because it honours one of the greatest mysteries of the Catholic faith. On this day the Church commemorates that Mary at the end of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory. The Assumption points to the **Hope** of eternal life promised through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Mary as the Mother of God and the first and greatest disciple of Christ, shares fully in the victory of her Son over sin and death.

It is a further sign of the destiny that awaits all who remain faithful to Christ. Because of the importance of this event, the Church asks Catholics to attend Mass on this feast, unless excused for a serious reason. Gathering for

Eucharist on this day allows us to thank God for Mary's unique role in salvation history, seek her intercession and renew our hope in the promise of heaven. The Assumption most of all is a compelling celebration of **Christian hope**, an **affirmation of the human body**, and deep down

encouragement in our earthly struggles.

"I AM ALL YOURS, O MARY, MY MOTHER, AND MY HOPE, AND ALL THAT I HAVE IS YOURS."

****This year, the solemnity falls on a Saturday. Our regular Vigil Mass, for our Sunday celebrations (Saturday 6.00pm) does not fulfill the obligation.***

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal will take place in our Parish on weekend 15/16 August

A sudden crisis, unaffordable rentals, domestic violence, reduced working hours are just some of the things that can force people into poverty & homelessness. The St Vincent de Paul Society, through its Conferences, was founded to respond with Jesus' love to the needs of the vulnerable, poor & marginalised.

Please, can you support our Murwillumbah Conference through prayer and, if possible, through a financial contribution?

A few envelopes are usually available near the Church entrance, but on **15/16 August** we will conduct our **annual winter appeal**.

Very grateful thanks for your previous generosity.



A Bus Trip to the MARIAN VALLEY

*A day of faith, fellowship
and devotion.*



DATE:
SATURDAY
5 SEPTEMBER

*A beautiful day
to grow in faith
and spend time in
**OUR BLESSED
MOTHER'S**
loving care.*







LEAVING MURWILLUMBAH
7:45am



**LEAVING MARIAN VALLEY
TO RETURN HOME**
around 3:00 – 3:30pm



COST:
\$15 per person



REGISTER INTEREST
at the back of the Church



NUMBERS NEEDING TO BE CONFIRMED
⇒ **by mid August.** ⇐



♥ We look forward to sharing
All are welcome! this special day with you. ♥



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

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (84)

Lord, show us Your mercy and love, and grant us Your salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I hope in the Lord, I trust in His word.

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.

Census 2026

THE NATIONAL CENSUS AND YOUR CATHOLIC IDENTITY

The Australian National Census is coming up. All baptised Catholics—whether you attend Mass every week or only occasionally—are strongly encouraged to tick "Catholic" on the religion question. Government funding for Catholic schools, hospitals, aged care, and social welfare agencies relies directly on this data. If you belong to an Eastern Rite community (eg. Maronite, Syro-Malabar, Ukrainian), select "Other" and write your specific rite. Stand up and be counted to help us plan for the future of our faith community!

Count me in!

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.



BAPTISM
WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY
QUINN PETERS
BAPTISED 9 AUGUST 2026



We are **ST JOSEPH'S TWEED HEADS**

HIRING

Parish Secretary Position

- Located in Tweed Heads
- Supporting St Joseph's Parish
- Permanent, part time role
- Work hours negotiable with family friendly options.

For full job description and to apply go to **SEEK.COM**



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