



SACRED HEART PARISH MURWILLUMBAH

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



6 SEPTEMBER 2026 | YEAR A



Boundaries and Juries

Our Lord acknowledged that the community he was establishing had to set boundaries. Who is to decide who is within or outside those boundaries? In today's Gospel, Our Lord teaches that a nuanced step by step process should be invoked. First, there is private conversation, then slightly extended to bring in two or three others, then a sort of church community jury before a person is put beyond the pale. Our Lord promises to be with them to help guide their decision.

We all know of marriages which are fractured and where one partner has found intimacy and security in a second (civil) marriage. Pope Francis did not suggest that the second marriage be regarded as valid. But he suggested a process of discernment to allow a divorced person to receive 'the Eucharist . . . a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.' Could a jury of ordinary Catholic lay people help make that discerning judgement, and then advise the Bishop as to the next step? We could pause for a moment to ponder the promise: 'Where two or three are gathered into my name, I am there with them.'

Rev Michael Tate @ Liturgy Help 2026

THIS WEEKEND WE WELCOME FR MICHAEL ALCOCK



**Sunday
Cuppa**
Join us after
9am Mass



"Heavenly Father, you entrusted you Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.

Bless all fathers, as they care for their families.

Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.

Amen"

WEEKEND MASS INFORMATION

SATURDAY:

Reconciliation: 5:30pm - 5:50pm

Rosary: 5:30pm

Vigil: 6:00 pm

SUNDAY:

Reconciliation: 8:30am - 8:50am

Rosary: 8:30am

Mass: 9:00 am

WEEKLY READINGS

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ezek 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sirach 27:30-28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

PARISH CHURCHES

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

River Street, South Murwillumbah



WEEKDAY MASS INFORMATION

MONDAY: NO MASS TODAY

TUESDAY: NO MASS TODAY

WEDNESDAY: NO MASS TODAY

THURSDAY: NO MASS TODAY

FRIDAY: NO MASS TODAY



St Joseph's Parish
Tweed Heads

Weekday Mass Times

Monday - Friday 9:10am Tweed Heads

MINISTRY ROSTERS

Readers

12/9: Grace Molloy
13/9: Beth Gorton
19/9: Lisa Dusi-Fox
20/9: Bernard Nolan

Altar Servers

12/9: Ted & Yasmin
13/9: Scarlett & Amelia
19/9: Leah & Meadow
20/9: Ted & Isaac

Children's Liturgy

13/9: Kay & Kathy
20/9: Donna & Jan

Rosary Statue

6/9: Evelyn Cook
13/9: Igor & Gosia

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of each month
6:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sacred Heart Church

Weekend Rosary

The Rosary is prayed on
Saturday morning at 9:00 am, as well as half an
hour before each weekend mass

Weekday Rosary

During Fr Peter's leave, weekday Rosary will be
held at 8:00 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Christian Meditation Group

Tuesday after Rosary
8:25 am Sacred Heart Church
during Fr Peter's leave

Scripture Group

Tuesday 1:00 pm Parish Office
(During school terms only)

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Dot Walsh, Terry Bryant, Ethel Guinea nee Donnelly.

Anniversaries

Leah Ryder.

Those Who Are Sick

Joshua Smith, Peter van den Broek, Marie Skenner, Darcy
Twohill, John Reynolds, Lorraine Grennan, Vera Albertini,
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.

MONTHLY PARISH GROUPS

First Monday

Legion of Mary God's Precious Infants Prayers
and Rosary 9:00 am Sacred Heart Church.
For more information contact:
Philomena Zambelli 0414 201 940

Third Wednesday

Catholic Men's Group Morning Tea
10:00 am Murwillumbah RSL.
For more information contact:
Gary Bewes 0427 913 531

Third Thursday

The Catenians | Gold Coast Tweed Circle
5:50 pm South Tweed Sports.
For more information contact:
Bernard Nolan 0419 023 108
Chris Gallagher 0428 416 288

PARISH OFFICE & STAFF

Parish Office:

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Parish Staff:

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Parish Manager: Mary-Ann Thackray

Parish Secretary: Erin Cornale

Pastoral Associate: Barbara Grant



Save the Date

ONE DAY RETREAT

FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER

St Anthony's Parish Hall
COMMENCING AT 8:30AM

RETREAT MASTER
Rev Fr Pius Jones SM

THE DAY WILL INCLUDE:

- HOLY MASS
- TIME FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
- TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER AND REFLECTION
- TEA AND COFFEE WILL BE PROVIDED

PARTICIPANTS ARE ASKED TO BRING THEIR OWN LUNCH.

HOSTED BY THE LEGION OF MARY

ALL ARE WELCOME

FEAST OF ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

INVESTITURE IN THE SCAPULAR OF ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

FEAST DAY MASS
DATE: TUESDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER
TIME: 9:10 AM MASS
VENUE: ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TWEED HEADS

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WARMLY INVITED TO RECEIVE INVESTITURE IN THE SCAPULAR OF ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, GRACIOUSLY PROVIDED BY THE LEGION OF MARY.

SCAPULARS PROVIDED BY THE LEGION OF MARY.
ALL ARE WELCOME.

FATHER'S DAY COLLECTION

This weekend there will be a special collection for the support of Sick and Retired Priests in the Diocese. Envelops will be provided and can be placed in the collection plates.

Thank you for your support.

LITURGY & LECTOR FORMATION | SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

In collaboration with Kingscliff and Tweed Heads Parishes, we are extremely fortunate to have Dr Clare Schwantes, Director of Liturgy Brisbane and Chair of the National Liturgical Council, and Mr Michael Mangan, Chair of the Australian Pastoral Musicians Network, and liturgist, for a morning of Liturgical Formation.

This will include:

Foundational liturgical principles, which will greatly benefit all liturgical ministers, no matter their role. Formation specific to the role of Lector (Reader)

Where: St Anthony's Church Kingscliff **When:** Saturday 12 September

Time: 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

Morning tea provided.

CARE FOR CREATION, CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Season of CREATION

1 SEPTEMBER - 4 OCTOBER

A time to pray, reflect and act together for the gift of God's creation.

- PRAY**
Give thanks for God's creation and all that sustains life.
- REFLECT**
Listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.
- ACT**
Choose simple actions that care for our common home.
- WORK TOGETHER**
Build a more just, compassionate and sustainable world.

Leading into the **Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi** - 4 OCTOBER -

"Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth."
- ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Everyone is invited to take part in prayer, events and actions throughout the Season of Creation.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Let us be instruments of God's peace
TOGETHER, WE CAN NURTURE HOPE AND PROTECT OUR COMMON HOME.

SILVER JUBILEE
OF ORDINATION
14 SEPTEMBER 2001 - 14 SEPTEMBER 2026

You are invited
PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE
Fr Michael Alcock's Silver Jubilee
25 YEARS OF PRIESTLY MINISTRY

We warmly invite you to
9:00am Mass on
at St Joseph's Catholic Church
Tweed Heads
SUNDAY
13 SEPTEMBER 2026
followed by
Morning Tea
AS WE CELEBRATE THIS SPECIAL MILESTONE IN FR MICHAEL'S MINISTRY.
Let us give thanks to God for Fr Michael's faithful service and continue to keep him in our prayers.

"Preach the word of God wherever you go, even use words, if necessary."
- Francis of Assisi

PARISH SCHOOLS



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St. Joseph's Primary School
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Principal: Mr Jason Clarke



RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (94)

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

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.

NOTICE SOMETHING A BIT DIFFERENT?

You may notice this bulletin looks a bit different than what you are used to seeing each week!

As a Diocese, we are now using a different software to produce our weekly bulletins.

Is there something you'd like to see in the bulletin?

Polite feedback is welcomed over the next few weeks as we work on the format.

Erin Cornale | Parish Secretary



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.



**Congratulations to the 26 Children who made their
First Holy Communion during August.
May the peace of Christ fill your heart always.**



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

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