

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

River Street, South Murwillumbah

St. Brigid's Church

Broadway, Burringbar

St. Columba's Church

Convent Lane, Uki

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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - YEAR A 2 February 2020

The need to belong

I once baptised three adults at an Easter Vigil. They had a sense of joy and awe during the Easter celebration, especially during their baptism. At the end of Mass, the happy trio said they felt liked they "belonged".

Today, we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus. The circumcision of Jesus marked his acceptance into the covenant community. This feast tells us that God belongs to our human community. God is incarnate within a family and in a social context. The Son of God enters into the ordinary experiences of human life, even being subjected to the law, in order to bring about the salvation of all.

Luke tells us how Jesus is presented in the temple, as was required by the law of circumcision and purification, obligatory for Jewish firstborn males. This religious practice is written in the book of Exodus of how the Lord spared the life of the Israelite firstborn when he slew the firstborn of the Egyptians. The original idea was that the firstborn male belonged to the Lord and would spend his life serving the Lord.

There were two Jewish customs behind the story. One was about the purification of a Jewish mother after childbirth. The other was about the 'redemption' of the firstborn male in a Jewish family. The actions taken by Joseph and Mary fulfil what the law prescribes regarding circumcision of the child and purification of the mother. God comes to humanity to be under the law like everyone else.

The prophet Simeon, inspired by the Spirit, praises God for what is revealed. He has now seen the coming of the one who will bring salvation for all peoples. He praises God for the deliverance of Israel that is now fulfilled. God is at work in the world. Jesus' presentation therefore, signifies God's entrance into His temple to be present to his people.

For those who are searching for God, the challenge is to find the presence of God in the ordinary world. Sometimes, the pressures of secularism and modern life can reduce our sense of God's presence in the here and now. Busy schedules, dual-career marriages, and after-school activities can weigh us down, and sensing God's presence in everyday events is difficult. Families eat fewer meals together and prayer before meals is observed in far fewer homes today.

Today's feast reminds us of what the Holy Family did to express their deepest awareness of God and their dedication to God's will. Mary and Joseph saw God at work in events they had experienced. May we always recognise the presence of God in our daily commitments.

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 2 - 9 FEBRUARY

Sunday	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - Year A 8:00am <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church 10:00am <u>Mass</u> - St Columba's, Uki
Monday	9:00am Rosary & Prayers - Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church
Tuesday	4:15 - 5.15pm Adoration - Sacred Heart Church 5:30pm <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church 6:00pm Rosary - Sacred Heart Church 7:00pm Baptism Preparation Meeting - Parish Administration Centre
Wednesday	4:15 - 5.15pm Adoration - Sacred Heart Church 5:30pm <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
Thursday	8:30am <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church 9:15am Legion of Mary - South Murwillumbah Meeting Room 1:45pm - 2:45pm Christian Meditation Group - South Murwillumbah Mtg Room 3:00pm Junior Legion of Mary - South Murwillumbah 5:30pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - Parish Administration Centre
Friday	9:30am Mt St Patrick Primary School Opening Mass - Sacred Heart 10:00am <u>Mass</u> - Opal Nursing Home - Fr John 10:00am Communion Service - Heritage Lodge - tba 1:45pm - 2:45pm Adoration - Sacred Heart Church
Saturday	9:00am Rosary - Sacred Heart Church 6:00pm <u>Vigil Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
Sunday	5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A 8:00am <u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church 10:00am <u>Mass</u> - Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, South Murwillumbah 12:00pm Baptisms - Sacred Heart Church

5TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME - Yr A 8/9 February	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 6.00pm Saturday	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 8.00am Sunday	COUNTERS:
Acolyte	R Daley	T Zambelli	02 Feb: B Brodbeck & C Kerr 09 Feb: C & J Anderson 16 Feb: G & K Bewes 23 Feb: P & L McMahon 01 Mar: T & P Zambelli 08 Mar: J Morgan & L Green 15 Mar: P & R Marr
Altar Servers	R & H Ryder V Kirk	A & C McCabe X Palmer	
Readers	T Waugh (C) R B Grant R C Anderson P/F	J Schiller (C) R P Yabsley R F Wright P/F	
Ministers of Communion	B Nolan (C) B Brodbeck M Mumford	R Marr (C) M Reynolds, B Gorton L Green	
Hospitality	————	J & H Larkin	
Procession of Gifts	P & L Fox	Heanes/Dusi family	
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	P Zambelli	

The Sacred Heart Church
'Prayer Chapel' is open for
private prayer on weekdays.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
MARY MACKILLOP
CONFERENCE**
meets each Wednesday
at Parish Meeting Centre.
New members welcome.
"Come Grow With Us".
Phone: Marie Donaghy 6672 2933

Parish 'Cuppa'
will resume in March 2020

 **ROSARY STATUE**
2 Feb: Cathy Martin
9 Feb: Philomena Zambelli

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP
Thursdays 1:45pm-2:45pm
South Murwillumbah Meeting Room

**CHURCH CLEANING
SANCTUARY & ALTAR**
Sacred Heart Church:
2 & 9 February: L Johnson
16 & 23 Feb: C Wightley,
Zambelli family
OLPS Church, Sth M'bah
February: K Ryder

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION - Sacred Heart:

Saturday : 5.30pm - 5.50pm

Sunday: 7.30am - 7.50am

BAPTISMS:

Sacred Heart Church - 12.00pm
2nd and 4th Sundays of each month
(At least four weeks notice required)

Baptism Preparation Evening:

7.00pm Parish Administration Centre
on 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Next Evening - Tuesday 11 February

CALENDAR

~ FEBRUARY ~

10 Meals on Wheels - Roster 2

12 9am Mass - Greenhills Lodge

12 MSPC Inaugural Mass & Leaders
Induction - 9:30am - Sacred Heart

13 St Joseph's Opening Mass - 9:30am -
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church

14 10am Mass - Heritage Lodge

16 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A
10am Mass - St Brigid's, Burringbar

19 Catholic Women's Group (*see note*)

23 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A
10am Mass - OLPS, Sth M'bah

12 noon Baptisms

25 First Reconciliation Parent Meeting -
6:30pm - Sacred Heart Church

26 ASH WEDNESDAY

Gluten Free Hosts:

Our parish has gluten-free hosts. If you are a coeliac or suffer gluten intolerance, and would like to receive a gluten-free host, please see the Acolyte prior to Mass.

The hosts are made from: potato, rice, tapioca and xanthan gum.

COMMUNION:

If you are unable to walk to/or have difficulty walking up the aisle for communion at the Vigil or 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.

Readings next week: (Yr A)

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Tony Casey, Tom Albury, Vivienne Hibbard, Kevin Culnane, Jim Scroope.



ANNIVERSARIES: Monsignor Jerome O'Rourke (PP 1964-75), Keith Lazenby, Rosemary Ballantine, Richard, & Amanda Kenny, Doll Kenny and Dora Lake.

NOTICE BOARD

Rosary & Prayers for God's Precious Infants and the Unborn Child - Monday 3rd February at 9.00am Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, South Murwillumbah.
Pregnancy Help Line: 1300 139 313

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP

Our New Year commences on **Wednesday 19 February** with morning tea at 10am in the Parish Administration Centre.

The Women's Group is an informal gathering, meeting every 2nd month on the 3rd Wednesday for a 'cuppa' and on alternate months - lunch at a local venue. All ladies welcome.

LITURGY ROSTERS

New Liturgy Rosters are available this weekend on the table at the Church entrance.

Please take yours home with you today!

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE:

The Relics of St Therese of Lisieux and her Parents Sts. Louis & Zelig Martin, are visiting various parishes throughout the Diocese of Lismore, beginning at the Carmelite Monastery on 15 February, St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore 16 February and onto Casino, Maclean, Grafton, Sawtell & Port Macquarie.

Below is an itinerary for the pilgrimage in Lismore:

- ◆ The relics will arrive at the Carmelite Monastery where they will be welcomed by Bishop Greg Homeming at 3:30pm Saturday 15 February.
- ◆ Arrival at St Carthage's Cathedral 12:30pm Sunday 16 February.
- ◆ 12:45pm - Welcoming Ceremony
- ◆ 1:00pm-4:00pm - Veneration
- ◆ 4:00pm-5:30pm - Rosary
- ◆ 5:30pm-6:30pm - Mass
- ◆ 6:30pm-7:30pm - Holy Hour
- ◆ 7:30pm-7:40pm - Relics to be transferred to St Mary's Chapel, Lismore.
- ◆ 7:40pm-7:45am - All night vigil of prayers led by the Carmelite Missionary Sisters, Lismore
- ◆ 7:45am-8:00am - Relics to process from St Mary's Chapel to St Carthage's Cathedral
- ◆ 8:00am-8:30am - Morning prayer
- ◆ 8:30am-9:30am - Veneration
- ◆ 9:30am - 10:30am - Mass
- ◆ Departure 11:00am for Casino.

All are most welcome to attend at any of these times.

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - Yr A
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (23)**

R: Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**This is the light of revelation to the nations,
and the glory of your people, Israel.**

Alleluia!

BACK TO SCHOOL DATES

MT ST PATRICK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tuesday 4 February: Kinder commences

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Wednesday 5 February: Kinder commences

APPOINTMENTS IN THE DIOCESE

Bishop Gregory Homeming OCD has announced that the Diocesan Trustees have appointed the following persons to the Board of Diocese of Lismore Catholic Schools Limited:

- Mr Mark Dougherty (Chair)
- Mr Ian Baker
- Fr James Foster
- Hon John Hannaford AM
- Mr Bruno Ivan
- Ms Rosie Leo
- Ms Anne O'Brien
- Fr Michael Roohan
- Mr Adam Spencer

In addition, the Diocesan Trustees have appointed Dr Sally Towns as the first Chief Executive Officer of the Company.

The Company will commence operating early 2020, with its first meeting scheduled for 11th February. However, it is important to note that the transition of schools to full administration by the Company will be gradual and systematic. Each step will be communicated to parishes prior to any change being affected.

**THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LISMORE
SAFEGUARDING OFFICE**

If you, or a person close to you, has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Diocese of Lismore, we ask you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss options you have available to you. To contact the Safeguarding Office, please phone (02) 6621 9444 or email: safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au

2020 LENTEN PROGRAMME

Grace.

You are invited to join us for prayer and reflection during the weeks of Lent, which commences with Ash Wednesday on 26 February. The Lenten Programme will commence the week 24 - 28 February.

Today, we are asking for nominations to host and/or lead a Lenten Group. If you would like to, please write your name, address, phone number & preferred day, on the sheet provided at the Church entrance.

This year's Lenten Programme is published by the Diocese of Wollongong and designed as a six-week Lenten resource for small groups, staff reflections, families and individuals.

It also includes daily reflections from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday.

Lenten books have arrived and are available at the Parish Office - \$10.00.

National Prayer Campaign

for those affected by bushfire & drought.

Eternal God,

in wisdom and love you created our earth
to sustain us and give us life.

We turn to you now in faith, hope and love,
asking you to look with favour on our drought-
stricken land, on our starving animals,
on our failing crops.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart
to our farmers

and to all who are affected by drought;
be with those who support them.

In your loving providence, send abundant rain
and restore our parched earth.

Father of all compassion,
hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son
in whom the promise of new life has dawned,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
the Lord the giver of life:

Renew your faithful people;

Renew the face of the earth.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross,
Mary, Help of Christians - Pray for us.
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop - Pray for us.



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