

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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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

- YEAR A

1 March 2020

Healing the hurt of sin

The ancient texts in the book of Genesis, which speak to us of creation and then our fall from grace, provide us with the most marvellous insights into our nature and the nature of the world about us. Creationists who insist only on a literal interpretation of such biblical texts do themselves and us a great disservice, precisely because they fail to grasp the depth of meaning that lies within them.

We believe that the whole of the bible was written under the inspiration of God and has been preserved so that we can grow in knowledge and understanding and deepen our relationship with the Lord. Thus, we are told at the end of today's first reading: "Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked."

The temptation of our first parents that left them exposed was not simply a matter of disobedience, eating some fruit which they had been told not to eat. The temptation was presented by the serpent in these terms: "No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil."

We can put this another way: human beings have certainly discovered the difference between good and evil, but tragically we continue to create chaos in our own lives and in the lives of those around us by being proud enough to think that this is our world and we can do what we like with it. Doesn't this sum up perfectly the source of all sin and the very nature of sin? The first eleven chapters of Genesis give us a graphic description of the chaos that ensues once human beings try to wrest the world from God.

Fascinatingly, the message of salvation begins in chapter 12 with the promise to Abraham of a saviour, and the rest of the Old Testament is the up and down story of the people through whom that saviour would come into the world. On this First Sunday of Lent, the Church is inviting us once again to take stock and recognise that it is possible to heal the hurt of sin, so that we individually and the whole of creation, can be redeemed.

St Paul shows us how the new Adam, Christ, conquers death, the consequence of sin, and offers us new life. And as we listen to the temptations in Matthew's Gospel, we see how Jesus refuses to be lured into the misuse of power and control. He has come to set us free, so that we, who have been created in the image of God, can learn to love again.

Timothy J Buckley CSsR © Redemptorists 2020

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 1 - 8 MARCH

Sunday	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - 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
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
Friday	10:00am	<u>Mass</u> - Opal Nursing Home - Fr Anthony
	10:00am	Communion Service - Heritage Lodge - Prodencio
	12:15pm	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	12:45pm - 1:15pm	Stations of the Cross - Sacred Heart Church
	1:45pm - 2:45pm	Adoration - Sacred Heart Church
Saturday	9:00am	Rosary - Sacred Heart Church
	6:00pm	<u>Vigil Mass</u> - YOUTH - Sacred Heart Church
Sunday	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - Year A	
	8:00am	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	10:00am	<u>Mass</u> - Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
	12 noon	Baptisms - Sacred Heart Church

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - Yr A 7/8 March	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 6.00pm Saturday	Sacred Heart Murwillumbah 8.00am Sunday	COUNTERS:
Acolyte	P Egan	T Zambelli	01 Mar: T & P Zambelli
Altar Servers	C & H Leslight L Daly	D, J, R & S Buchanan	08 Mar: J Morgan & L Green
Readers	YOUTH	B Nolan (C) R C Wightley R F Wright P/F	15 Mar: P & R Marr
Ministers of Communion	M Reynolds (C) M Mumford, D Macartney (Only 1 Minister required)	B Gorton (C) R Marr, M Reynolds (Only 2 Ministers required)	22 Mar: B Brodbeck & C Kerr
Hospitality	YOUTH	J & H Larkin	29 Mar: C & J Anderson
Procession of Gifts	YOUTH	McCalman family	05 April: G & K Bewes
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	C Goronzsy	12 April: P & L McMahon
			CHURCH CLEANING SANCTUARY & ALTAR
			<u>Sacred Heart Church:</u>
			1 & 8 March:
			B Gorton, M Reynolds
			<u>OLPS Church, Sth M'bah</u>
			March: T Jandura

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
Sunday 8 March
Sacred Heart Church



ROSARY STATUE

1 Mar: Ann Palmer
8 Mar: Dom & Bev Guinea

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

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 10 March

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: .

Robyn McDermott, Mavis Besford, Eric Boan, Gary Stewart.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Ken Palmer.



NOTICE BOARD

ROSARY & PRAYERS

Rosary & Prayers for God's Precious Infants and the Unborn Child -
Monday 2nd March at 9.00am Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
Church, South Murwillumbah. Pregnancy Help Line: 1300 139 313

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Sacred Heart Church - 12.45pm Fridays
during Lent led by Legion of Mary
(following 12:15pm Mass)

CALENDAR

~ MARCH ~

- 14 Parish Family Mass with MSPPS Stage 3
- 15 **3RD SUNDAY OF LENT - A**
10am Mass - St. Brigid's, Burringbar
- 16-20 Catholic Schools Week
- 16-20 Meals on Wheels - Roster 1
- 17 St Patrick's Day
- 19 St Joseph's Day
- 19 Finance Council Meeting
- 20 MSPPS Open Day
- 21 Wedding: Sacred Heart Church
Aimee South & Pateriki Tepania
- 22 **4TH SUNDAY OF LENT - A**
10am Mass - OLPS, Sth M'bah
12 noon Baptisms
- 28 Anointing Mass - Sacred Heart Church
- 29 **5TH SUNDAY OF LENT - A**
No 10am Mass - 5th Sunday

'SUNDAY CUPPA'



Please join us next Sunday, after 8am Sunday Mass
for a Cuppa in the Church. **All Welcome!!**

PARISH FAMILY MASS - 6pm - Saturday 14 March
with MT ST PATRICK PRIMARY STAGE 3
ALL WELCOME!!

MASS OF ANOINTING

'Come and receive the Healing Touch of God'
9am - Saturday 28 March - Sacred Heart Church
If you are unable to drive and would like a lift to this Mass,
please phone the Parish Office 6672 1118.

BISHOPS GREG'S LENTEN TALKS

This years Lenten talks will focus on
Holiness. The talks will begin at 6pm in
St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore.

Tuesdays 3, 10, 17 & 24 March.

These talks will be available on the Lismore
Diocese website after the 4 talks are
completed: www.lismorediocese.org

ORGAN RECITAL BY ROBERT EATHER

(Organist & Director of Music at Christchurch Cathedral, Grafton)
2:30pm Sunday 15 March All Saints Anglican Church
Tickets at door: \$15/\$10 "nibbles after" included

CORONAVIRUS NOTICE

Bishop Homeming, has asked all Eucharistic
Ministers to use hand sanitiser before and after
the distribution of Holy Communion.
Bottles of hand sanitiser are located on the
shelf near the pulpit and the Credence table.

Readings next week: (Yr A)
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
Gen 12:1-4; 2 Tim 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9

ST JOSEPH'S CELEBRATING 50 YEARS:

1) COMMEMORATIVE PATHWAY

Be part of our history and our future

To commemorate 50 years at St. Joseph's this year, we will be
laying a commemorative pathway. The pathway will be made up of
engraved bricks to represent past and present students, families and
staff, and will be built at the playground near the play equipment.
All past & present families, students, staff & parishioners are invited
to sponsor a brick and be part of our anniversary celebrations in
August. Order forms are available on the table at the Church door.

2) A CALLOUT FOR EX-STUDENTS

We are trying to locate the ex-student who goes back the furthest into
St. Joseph's past. If you, or someone you know attended St. Joseph's
in the 70s (especially the early 70s), we would love you to get in
touch. Please contact Kate Salmon (Acting Principal) at the school if
you can help 6672 1867.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - Yr A
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (50)
R: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus
Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ.
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus
Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

THE SEASON OF LENT is most appropriate for celebrating the **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**.

Already on Ash Wednesday the people of God has heard the solemn invitation, *Turn away from sin and believe the good news*. It is therefore fitting to take advantage of the opportunities offered in the parish for Confessions so that all may have the opportunity to be reconciled with God and their neighbour, and so be able to celebrate the paschal mystery in the Easter Triduum with renewed hearts.

VINNIES - are asking for volunteers.

Some heavy lifting involved.

If you are able to help, contact Vinnies Store.



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**AID TO THE CHURCH
IN NEED**

During the season of Lent *Aid to the Church in Need* would like to invite you to "Journey with the Martyrs" through an online Lent calendar. The Lent calendar features 47 true stories of modern martyrs, witnesses of love, who heroically offered their lives for God and their communities.

Visit: www.aidtochurch.org/lent2020

2020 LENTEN PROGRAMME

'Grace'

Below is a list of the Lenten groups. It's not too late to come along and join in!

**Wednesday - 9:15 am - Parish Administration
Centre**

**Thursday - 9:15 am - 4 Oakbank Terrace,
Murwillumbah**

Lenten books are available from the Parish Office & the Church. Cost - \$10.00.

SEASON OF LENT

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence (not eating meat). All who have completed their 18th year & have not yet begun their 60th year are bound to fast. All who have completed their 14th year are bound to abstain.

All Fridays in Lent are recommended as days of fast (perhaps not eating meat and forgoing luxuries, and food over and above what is necessary), prayer and deeds of charity.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE OF THE RELICS

OF ST THERESE AND HER PARENTS

SS LOUIS & ZELIE MARTIN IN OUR DIOCESE

Following our wonderful experience of hosting the relics of St Therese and her parents Louis and Zelie Martin in our Diocese, Catholic Mission have asked that anyone who would like to share their experience, to send a short email to communications@catholicmission.org.au setting out how your participation affected you and what the experience meant to you. These will be included on the Catholic Mission website without any identifying information and then sent to Lisieux so they can have a record of how the pilgrimage was received in Australia.

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**
GO FURTHER TOGETHER



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

1ST MARCH 2020

 **Caritas**
AUSTRALIA

Shirley, 36, is an indigenous Manide woman living in a remote province in the Philippines. Shirley was struggling to support her family and keep their children in school. She faced regular discrimination and disadvantage, limiting her family's access to food, education, employment and healthcare. With Caritas Australia's support, Shirley trained to become an indigenous health worker. She has learnt to supplement her income and is able to feed her family. The program has also empowered Shirley to send her children to school.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help people like Shirley, and her children gain confidence and respect within their community.

Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.


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