

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

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St. Columba's Church

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

- YEAR A

22 March 2020

NEW CORONAVIRUS NOTICE

FROM BISHOP GREGORY

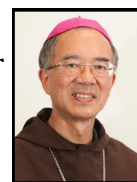
19TH MARCH



As you know, the Commonwealth Government has today, banned all indoor gatherings of 100 or more people. As a consequence, I am obliged to make the following Decrees:

- ♦ **Sunday Mass** - From and including this weekend there will be no Sunday Masses in the Diocese and the Sunday obligation for our Faithful is suspended;
- ♦ **Confirmation, First Communion and First Reconciliation** - will be postponed until further notice;
- ♦ **Reconciliation** - There will be no Second Rite of Reconciliation until further notice; however the First Rite may be used: ensuring there is the appropriate distance and if possible, there be a screen between the priest and the penitent;
- ♦ **Funerals** - Since we have no control over the number attending funerals, there will be no funeral liturgies in church. Prayers may be said at the place of burial;
- ♦ **Weddings** - Ensure that no more than 100 people attend at weddings. In the present circumstances, I would encourage wedding services in preference to a Nuptial Mass;
- ♦ **Easter** - There will be no public Easter Liturgies;
- ♦ **Chrism Mass** - will not be public;
- ♦ Churches may remain open for the Faithful to come and pray.

Let us continue to pray for the protection of our people and the end of this virus.



Bishop Gregory Homeming OCD

PARISH NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

In light of the Bishop's message above, I encourage all parishioners to register to receive the weekly parish newsletter by email so that, in the absence of Sunday Masses, everyone may remain connected and receive up to date information on what is happening in the parish.

The parish office will continue to email all contacts in our parish, so please keep an eye out for the email.

You can contact the parish office: by phone 6672 1118 or email: shpmurah@norex.com.au .

Fr. Anthony

Please note, that if you are attending week day Masses we will only be offering Communion by hand.

There will be NO Communion on the tongue and there will be no exception to the ruling from our Bishop. We thank you for your understanding and pray that we will be able to return to our usual practices soon.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 22 - 29 MARCH

Sunday	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year A	
Tuesday	4:15 - 5:15pm	Adoration - Sacred Heart Church
	5:30pm	Mass - Sacred Heart Church
	6:00pm	Rosary - Sacred Heart Church
Wednesday	The ANNUNCIATION of the LORD	
	4:15 - 5:15pm	Adoration - Sacred Heart Church
	5:30pm	Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Thursday	8:30am	Mass - 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	THERE IS NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE AT AGED CARE FACILITIES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE	
	12:15pm	Mass - Sacred Heart Church
	12:45pm - 1:15pm	Stations of the Cross - Sacred Heart Church
Saturday	9:00am	Rosary - Sacred Heart Church
Sunday	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year A	

Reconciliation
times
to be advised

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Alice Jarvis, Cristina Tobe, Marion Roberts, Ken Buchanan, Noel Mather, Jo Dunne, Colin Fuller.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Fr Bill Mills, Maureen Williams, Ted Newland.



NOTICE BOARD

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

Readings next week: (Yr A)
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
Ezek 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45

ROSARY STATUE

22 Mar: Brian & Joan Alexander
29 Mar: Maree & Alan Leslight

**ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH,
KINGSCLIFF**
Weekday Mass times
Wednesday 8.00am
Thursday 7.30am
Friday 8.00am

BISHOPS GREG'S LENTEN TALKS

This years Lenten talks focus on 'Holiness'.
The talks will continue this week 24 March, the final week.
They will also be posted to the Diocesan Website and can accessed by following the YouTube link on the website:
www.lismorediocese.org.
You can also scan the attached QRCode using the camera on your smartphone to take you directly to the link.



BAPTISMS:

Please welcome
Hugo Henry Portus,
Beau Hudson Chandler
& Luka Ces Chandler
to our faith community.

WEDDING:

Please pray for God's blessing on
Aimee South & Pateriki Tepania
who were married this weekend
in the Sacred Heart Church.

Congratulations to
Chris & Christine Dennis
who are celebrating
their 60th Wedding Anniversary

PLEASE NOTE

Counting Roster has been suspended until further notice.
Church Cleaning Rosters for Sacred Heart & OLPS has also been suspended.

CHOCOLATE PASCHAL LAMBS

Something special for Easter!



White and Milk Chocolate
Paschal Lambs (Cadbury
chocolate) - \$8.00 each.

To order, phone Philomena Zambelli 6672 4635.

By purchasing one of these little lambs, you are supporting the Michaelite Mission Priests in Papua New Guinea.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Yr A

First Reading: 1 Sm 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

A reading from the first book of Samuel

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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| 1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. Response. | 3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. Response. |
| 2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
with these you give me comfort. Response. | 4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
or ever and ever. Response. |

Second Reading: Eph 5:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 8:12

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: Jn 9:1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

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'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

Encounter Timor Leste with Palms

13-25 September 2020



On this 13-day tour you will experience the diversity of our close neighbour, from bustling Dili to its remoter communities, where dedicated organisations and Palms personnel are building self-reliance and sustainability together. Gain a deeper understanding through new sights, smells, sounds, tastes, textures and experiences, challenging old ideas. It might even inspire you to join Palms and work overseas yourself.

We are also offering an Encounter on the Thai-Myanmar in November.

For more information call Robert at Palms on 02 9560 5333 or email robert@palms.org.au

A PRAYER

FROM POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis has asked the Virgin Mary to watch over the world in this current moment of crisis.

An English-language translation of the Pope's prayer is below:

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the people, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

SUPPORTING YOUR SPIRITUAL AND PRAYER LIVES DURING COVID-19

View Mass at Home

There are several options to tune into Mass at home, here are a few:

ONLINE:

- ♦ Bishop Gregory will live stream Mass from the Cathedral this Sunday. Click here to access the Lismore Diocese YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYxOjNyku4JCI08vfeTq-fQ>
- ♦ St Francis Xavier, Lavender Bay (Our Lady of the Way) Mass on Demand comes to you every day from the Jesuit church of St Francis Xavier via the CathNews YouTube channel, view via this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qei01-PBHwU>
- ♦ St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane - Mass live streamed - Weekday 12:30pm (Qld time), Sunday 10:00am (Qld time). Website: www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast
- ♦ Mass on Demand: <http://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home>

FREEVIEW TV:

- ♦ Tune in to channel 10 on Sunday mornings at 6:00am for 'Mass for You at Home'.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 22ND MARCH 2020



Thirty-two-year-old Sakun lives in a village in central east India. She developed polio as a child and has difficulty walking. After joining a Caritas Australia-funded program, Sakun has learned new skills and gained important mobility. She is more resilient, more confident and more independent.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help uplift vulnerable communities and support the rights of indigenous peoples around the world.

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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