

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

12 April 2020

From the pastor...

Back in 1937 Bishop Carroll approved Arch-priest FitzPatrick's request for a new church in Murwillumbah. Monsignor FitzPatrick, during a time of study in France before his Ordination, had formed a strong devotion to Saint Therese, the "Little Flower". It is perhaps no coincidence, then that the Foundation Stone of the new church was laid on the Feast Day of St. Therese, under her special invocation. (*The Catholic Parish of Murwillumbah Past and Present Centenary 1989 - Denise Banner*)

You might be wondering why I mention this to you at Easter time. St. Therese died aged 24 after a long battle with Tuberculosis. She would have had an intimate understanding of what people are suffering from when they are infected with Covid 19. To her great credit she found a way to lead people to God, a way that we can still use to guide us today amidst the fear and panic of this Pandemic. Our Bishop, Greg, himself a Carmelite often speaks to us of a simple gentle love one for another. His consistent message since he became our Bishop has always been about love, kindness and faith in Jesus Christ whose love for us is immeasurable.

"Best of all, Saint Therese of Lisieux restored our confidence in a God who is loving and merciful. In a time when religion focused on sin and God's punishment, Therese relied on a God whose justice would take into account our poverty, and whose love would never turn away. Her little way is not a lessening of desire nor a retreat from life. It is a way of proceeding with absolute trust in God's merciful love. Therese declared, "Everything is grace!" (Father John Welch, O.Carm.)

Father Welch goes on to say,

"The Little Flower was convinced that God is not looking for people to punish. God is looking for people to love. Therese said, "How few there are who are willing to open their lives to that love." God's love is a transforming love. God wants to love people into life, into freedom, into a profound friendship."

The message of our Parish Patron Saint is clear, God loves us, God wants to be in our lives and most profoundly as the result of the Paschal Mystery, that is the life death and resurrection of Jesus, he understands us.

I mention this to you to offer you some hope and comfort; it might also be something you share with a friend or relative who is struggling, lost or lonely in this difficult time.

Finally, Fr. Donnelly who was my parish Priest for eight years when I was appointed to Port Macquarie always said one of the best ways to imitate Christ was to be of service. I encourage you to find a way to serve and care throughout this difficult time. I believe as Bishop Greg has already said that we will come out of this time better human beings, because when it counted we were people of love, service and care for another.

Wishing You Joy and Happiness at Easter time.

Fr. Anthony Lemon

Mass in the Parish 9 - 26 April

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

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| Thursday 9 | THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 7pm - Mass livestreamed with Fr. Anthony |
| Friday 10 | FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 3pm - livestreamed with Fr. Anthony |
| Saturday 11 | THE EASTER VIGIL - Mass said privately with Fr Anthony and Fr John |
| Sunday 12 | EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION 9am - Mass livestreamed with Fr. Anthony |
| Sunday 19 | SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) 9am - Mass livestreamed with Fr. Anthony |
| Thursday 23 | 12 noon - Mass livestreamed with Fr. Anthony |
| Friday 24 | 12 noon - Mass livestreamed with Fr. Anthony |
| Saturday 25 | ANZAC Day 9am - Mass livestreamed with Fr. Anthony |
| Sunday 26 | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 9am - Mass livestreamed with Fr. Anthony |

Please Note:
Change of Mass times

Readings this week: (Yr A)

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26;
Jn 13:1-15

GOOD FRIDAY Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1- 19:42

HOLY SATURDAY - THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT
Gen 1:1-2:2; Ex 14:15-15:1; Is 55:1-11;
Ezek 36:16-28 Rom 6:3-11; Mt 28:1-10

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION - YR A
Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - YR A
Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pet 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

Happy and Holy Easter
to all parishioners
from Fr Anthony
and the Parish staff.
May it be a time of special
grace for you
and your families.

EASTER REJOICING

*'Rejoice always; pray without ceasing;
in everything give thanks;
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.'
St Paul (1 Thess 5:16-18)*

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

ANNIVERSARIES:
Sandy Neilson.

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:

- ♦ Fr Anthony is livestreaming Easter Masses from the Sacred Heart Church for you at home this week. Times are printed on page 2 of this bulletin. Our Sacred Heart Parish YouTube channel is:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQUNxgD05WeZpoYNeJK24gA>
- ♦ Bishop Greg Homeming is livestreaming all Easter Services this weekend. Times are: Holy Thursday - 6pm, Good Friday - 3pm, Easter Saturday Vigil - 6pm and Easter Sunday - 8am.
You can access the livestream by following the link from lismorediocese.org or going straight to the 'Lismore Diocese' channel on YouTube.
- ♦ Mass on Demand: <http://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home>

FREEVIEW TV:

- ♦ The Seven Network will stream The Lord's Passion at 3pm on Good Friday and Easter Sunday Mass from 10.30am across the country on Channel 7 and on Prime 7 in regional areas, and live-streamed on 7plus. Both liturgies will be broadcast commercial-free and in their entirety
- ♦ Tune in to channel 10 on Sunday mornings at 6:00am for 'Mass for You at Home'.

PLANNED GIVING AND DONATIONS

Over the past couple of weeks, we've had numerous enquiries from parishioners about how they can continue to make their donations to

- (i) planned giving (first and second collections);
- (ii) anonymous donations (usually by cash on the weekend plates); and
- (iii) project compassion.

Thank you to the many parishioners who have set up EFT donations – your continued donations are much appreciated and allow us to “keep the lights on”!

As mentioned last week, your donations may be made by EFT (contact the Parish Office for bank account details or check last week's Bulletin); or by popping your cash/cheque planned giving envelopes or donation into the secure mail box located at the back door of the Parish Administration Centre.

For **Project Compassion** you may continue to use your project compassion weekly envelopes or money boxes and bring these donations to the Parish Office after Easter or donations can be made directly to Caritas by EFT.

Easter Dues may be left in the secure mail box at the Parish Office or can be delayed until we can gather again for Mass in the Church.

We acknowledge that the time ahead is going to be financially tough for many people & organisations in our community, including our Parish; and that it may be difficult for some of you to commit to your regular giving, so we are very grateful for your continued generosity during this challenging time.

Should you have any queries or concerns regarding planned giving and donations, please contact Mary-Ann in the Parish Office on 6672 1118 or by email to shpmbah@norex.com.au

PARSH OFFICE IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Due to the current covid-19 situation; Australian Government regulations and for the safety and wellbeing of our Parish staff, we advise that the Parish Office is now closed temporarily to the public BUT our team are still working Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm to assist you in any way we can and to answer any of your queries or concerns by phone and email.

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GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTIONS FOR HOLY PLACES

Pope Francis has agreed that this annual collection, for the support of the Holy Places and Christian Communities in the Holy Land, should be postponed to 13 September 2020.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY AND CATHOLIC LEADER

Digital editions are now free while churches are closed.

Catholic Weekly link: <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/catholic-weekly-newspaper-online/>

Catholic Leader link: <https://catholicleader.com.au/digital-newspaper-covid19>

We thank you for your continued generosity during this difficult time.

MAKE A SPIRITUAL CONNECTION

An ancient practice of the Church for those who cannot be present at Mass is to make a spiritual communion. We have a simple prayer you can pray with longing in your heart to be united to Jesus.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen



EASTER SUNDAY



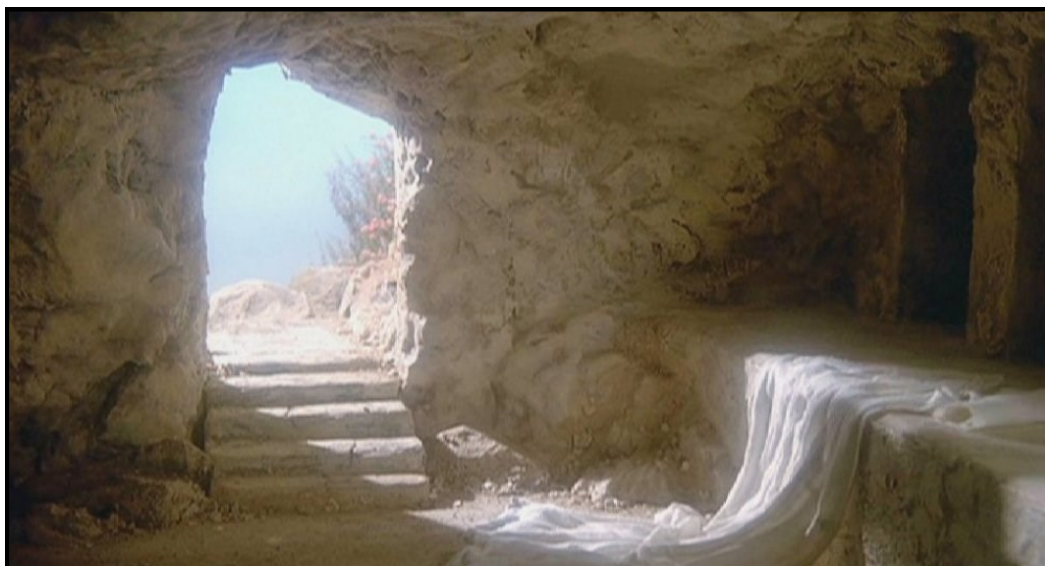
Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for supporting us this year as we demonstrate how love and compassion for our global community can transform lives. You will be helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and share their strengths with their communities to lift themselves out of poverty.

When we **Go Further Together** in love and compassion, the whole world thrives.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2020 Lenten appeal.

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



**'He is risen!
Truly, he is risen!'**
 'He departed from
 our sight that we
 might return to our
 heart, and there find
 him. For he
 departed, and
 behold, he is here.'
 - St Augustine

BISHOP GREG'S EASTER MESSAGE 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters

Easter Message 2020

In Arthurian and German legends, the search for the Holy Grail, the Chalice used by Our Lord at the Last Supper, gives a focus to many stories of chivalry and love. The knight Parsifal figures in both sets of legends. Richard Wagner takes the German version of the Parsifal story as the subject of his final opera.

The central moment of the opera takes place on Good Friday. Parsifal has been instructed in the spiritual meaning of Our Lord's death, and after an intense experience of Our Lord's passion, the young knight's world changes. Painting the scene with some of the most beautiful music ever composed, Wagner invites us into the transformation which happens to Parsifal. After Good Friday he sees the world and himself in an entirely different way, he sees through the eyes of God.

This year our Good Friday and Holy Saturday have been profoundly difficult. We have experienced loss, fear of the unknown, death, emptiness, isolation and loneliness. Each of these is an authentic Good Friday or Holy Saturday experience. We are taken to places in our soul which we would normally avoid. Social distancing has forced us to spend more time alone with ourselves, suffering these experiences. I pray that like Parsifal our sensitivity and perception might undergo an Easter transformation. That we might see the hand of our loving Father in creation, in others and within our own hearts.

On the first Easter Sunday, Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, gather around the empty tomb. Mary and Peter are perplexed. John looks in, sees an empty tomb and believes that Jesus is risen. He alone amongst the disciples knows what has happened. He sees what is not visible, his vision has been transformed. Oh that we might be changed as St John was changed.

In my daily Mass I pray for you, that you, your family and friends may have God's protection, that those working to care for the sick may be safe, and that we might soon be able to live in the freedom which we once knew.

I wish you a happy and blessed Easter. The Lord is risen, He is Truly Risen.

***Most Revd Greg Homeming OCD
Bishop of Lismore***



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