

# 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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## PARISH STAFF

### Parish Priest

Fr. Anthony Lemon

### Parish Manager

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### Parish Secretary

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## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - YEAR A 5 April 2020

### *From hero to villain*

The 'Holy Fire' is a miracle that the Greek orthodox have witnessed every year in Jerusalem on Easter Saturday since AD 810. Their patriarch enters the Holy Sepulcher after hours of prayer and preparation, while the faithful fill the church and many more cram the square outside and surrounding streets.

All the lights are turned off. The belief is that a blue light, not lit by human hand, emanates from within Jesus's tomb, and rises from the marble slab covering the stone bed. The patriarch receives the light and brings it to the faithful. The congregation spends hours in intense prayers and silence. They wait outside until the Holy Fire is seen by everyone. This light then travels to the four corners of the world.

With Palm Sunday, we begin the Holy Week. This week of prayer and penance is for the renewal of our lives which means leaving sin behind and living as Lights with new life at Easter. The readings remind us of the entry of Jesus, on a donkey's back, into Jerusalem while people were singing "Hosanna". This was to fulfill what was prophesied by Zechariah.

"Celebrate incredibly, Daughter Zion! – Yell, Little girl Jerusalem – See, your king comes to you – honorable and victorious – humble and riding on a donkey – on a colt, the foal of a donkey" (Zechariah 9:9). But Jesus' entry is not to a throne in a palace but to the Cross on Calvary.

Pope Francis says that Palm Sunday could be called "bitter sweet". The shouts of "Hosanna" which means "save us" will soon change into shouts, "Crucify him". But the response of Jesus to this shouting is the same. He is neither flattered on Palm Sunday nor furious on Good Friday. A week that begins with celebration and shouts of joy will then move onto another scene where the power of darkness will take charge of Him. The King of kings will be arrested, scourged, crucified and buried.

"I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness" (Jn. 12: 46). He is the King of all Kings, and yet He was born in Nazareth, a place surprisingly never mentioned in the OT and now He is walking towards the Cross, again a word never mentioned even once in the OT.

Today, we join the crowd who sang "Hosanna". They were those who had been healed, delivered from various possessions, or even raised from the dead to life. We too have been saved by His Blood. May we who were immersed into the life of Jesus in baptism do not leave Him alone after Palm Sunday, but rather keep awake for the Light.

Manoj Kunnath CSsR © Redemptorists 2020

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# Holy Week 5 - 12 April

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
Daylight Saving ends  
Sunday 5 April

Sunday 5 **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - Year A**  
9:00am - Mass livestreamed with Fr. Anthony on our Parish You Tube channel  
Tuesday 6 12 noon - Mass livestreamed with Fr. Anthony  
Wednesday 7 12 noon - Mass livestreamed with Fr. Anthony

*Please Note:*  
*Change of Mass times*

## THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

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

### Readings this week: (Yr A)

**Palm Sunday** (Entrance: Mt 21:1-11) s 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 - 27:66

### 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

**'Truly this man  
was God's Son!'**

*- The centurion at the  
crucifixion of Jesus.*

## NOTICE BOARD

### A Prayer in a Time of Pandemic

Dear Lord of Mercies,

Grant us the gifts of your Spirit for our discernment,  
right judgement and wisdom.

May we, who may be inconvenienced, remember  
those whose lives are at stake.

May we, who live with risk, remember those who  
risk their lives every day, on the frontlines of  
healthcare.

May we, who have the option of working from  
home, remember the homeless.

May we, who have had to cancel plans, remember  
those who have no place to go.

May we, who are losing future dreams and  
investments, remember those who have no future  
to dream of.

May we, who prepare for isolation with family,  
remember those who have no family.

May we, in the words of Pope Francis, 'transmit the  
culture of life to the future generations in an  
attitude of solidarity, care, and welcome'.

Lord, in this time of challenge, help us find ways to  
be the loving embrace of God until we are all  
resurrected to a new day.

Amen.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

#### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Alice Jarvis, Cristina Tobe, Marion Roberts.

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

Mary Flanagan, Bill Carroll.

### DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET NOVENA

The Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena is due to  
commence on Good Friday. If you would like a copy  
of the Chaplet, please phone Philomena 6672 4635  
or Trish 6693 2492. They will phone you and drop  
the Chaplet in your letterbox.

**"In our families we learn to recognise  
the dignity of all."  
-Pope Francis**

### 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.



## **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](mailto: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.**

## **CHANGE IN OPERATIONS FOR SCHOOLS IN THE DIOCESE NEXT WEEK**

April 6-9 (Week 11) has been declared a staff development week for Catholic Schools across NSW.

While there will be no teaching and learning happening during the week, schools are required to be open for supervision.

The focus of the four days is the planning and preparation of the blended learning environment.

Dr Sally Towns

Director of Catholic Schools

Lismore Diocese Catholic Schools Office

## Have you heard the Angelus bells?

Fr Anthony has been ringing the Angelus Bells at midday each day.

The Angelus reminds us of the Annunciation, when the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary with great news! As we read in Chapter One of Luke's Gospel, (Luke 1:26-38) God wished Mary, truly a model of humility, to be the mother of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ!

## The Angelus Prayer

The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done unto me according to Thy word.

*Hail Mary...*

And the Word was made Flesh, And dwelt among us.

*Hail Mary...*

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an angel, may be brought, by his passion and cross, to the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.



### 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 weekday & weekend Mass 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/UCQUNxgDO5WeZpoYNeJK24gA>
- ♦ Bishop Greg Homeming is livestreaming Sunday Mass at 8am live and on demand from your devices at any time afterwards. You can access the livestream by following the link from [lismorediocese.org](http://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'.



### PALM SUNDAY - 5TH APRIL



Dominic, 47 is a former teacher and father of six from Papua New Guinea. In 2016, he became involved with the Caritas Australia's Safe House and Family Anonymous programs and turned a difficult life and an unhappy relationship around. The program provides gender-based violence prevention training, counselling services and safe accommodation for women and children survivors of violence.

Now a community trainer, he works with other men to help them to change their behaviour and build more harmonious family lives. Dominic and his wife, Christophylida say that their relationship has been transformed – and their family life is now harmonious, happy and safe.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help support the Safe House project and help bring greater harmony to families in Papua New Guinea.**

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



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