

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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St. Columba's Church

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

- YEAR A

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Picture the scene if you will of a period of intense grief: someone you love has died; someone you may have given your life to in marriage; an adult child with several of his or her own children. Tragically this person is killed. You are heartbroken. A funeral takes place followed by a burial. Sadly many of you know only too well from personal experience just how devastating the loss of a loved one is. For weeks, months or even after many years the hurt and pain is still very raw. Sometimes well-meaning friends suggest its time you got over it, which only seems to add to the isolation, loss and hurt. It seems that the pain of loss will never leave you. This is exactly the situation the disciples found themselves in on the road to Emmaus shortly after Jesus crucifixion and death. It was an unimaginable tragedy; their grief beyond imagination. They had selflessly given their lives to Jesus and now he was dead; they were questioning themselves as to why did they get caught up with him, why did they bother. A stranger begins to walk alongside them who seemed to know nothing of the events of the last couple of days; the disciples were gobsmacked and not a little angry at the stranger for not knowing. Luke, the Gospel writer, lets us know it is the Risen Jesus, yet the disciples are slow to catch on. Jesus begins to paint the picture for them; he was an excellent scholar of the bible and as he gently unfolded the biblical prophecies before them, they still did not get it. Their grief and loss were too deep, too raw. They did not recognise Jesus just yet.

Life for many can be sheer slog and hard work, there often appears to be little respite from the drudgery of daily life. More recently this seems to have been magnified for many as we undergo a lock down in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. There will be many who will not recover quickly from the lock down. There will be much grief and loss. If Jesus were to walk alongside of us right now some of us may not recognise his presence as many are just simply consumed by trying to survive. In many parts of the world families are coping with the loss of not just one family member but several.

Yet we know the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus does not end here. Something remarkable and sacramental took place when they urged the stranger to stay with them; hospitality was of enormous importance to the Jews. They were not going to let the stranger go on by himself; it was their responsibility to honour his presence and provide for him. Little did they know that they had just made the first step into letting Jesus back into their hearts. This is service and love one for another which Jesus had taught them so well. When they began the meal their eyes and hearts were finally opened as Jesus broke the bread with them. At last they came to understand, they finally became one with Jesus. When they looked back over the day's journey they finally understood, "did not our hearts burn within us," As the result of their encounter with the Risen Jesus they would never be alone again. It is a profound promise that Jesus made to them and to us. He will not abandon us, he will always walk at our side, whether we recognise him or not. His love for us knows no bounds and no barrier is insurmountable to him.

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This week in the Parish 25 April - 3 May

Saturday 25	ANZAC Day 9am - Mass livestreamed with Fr. Anthony
Sunday 26	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 9am - Mass livestreamed with Fr. Anthony
Thursday 30	12 noon - Mass livestreamed with Fr. Anthony
Friday 01	12 noon - Mass livestreamed with Fr. Anthony
Sunday 03	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9am - Mass livestreamed with Fr. Anthony

Please Note:
Change of Mass times

Readings this week: (Yr A)

ANZAC DAY

Wis 3:1-9; 1 Cor 1:18-25; Jn 12:23-28

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YR A

Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pet 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YR A

Acts 2:14, 36-41; 1 Pet 2:20-25; Jn 10:1-10

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Gerald Daly, Patricia Burgoyne, Paul Reynolds.

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr. Pascal O'Halloran, Kath Reynolds, Monsignor Edward Teehan.

PRAYER

during the coronavirus pandemic

Mary, Help of Christians, we fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of God's holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

Aid to the Church in Need - Pontifical foundation supporting the faithful wherever they are persecuted or oppressed.

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.

SUPPORTING YOUR SPIRITUAL AND PRAYER LIVES DURING COVID-19

View Mass at Home

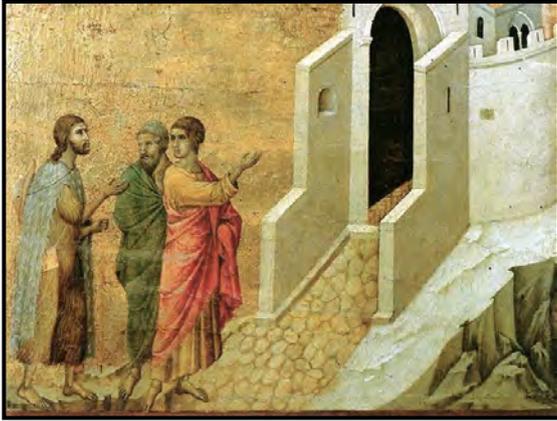
There are several options to tune into Mass at home, here are a few:

ONLINE:

- ◆ Fr Anthony is livestreaming weekday and weekend Mass from the Sacred Heart Church for you at home this week. Times are printed above. Our Sacred Heart Parish You Tube channel is:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQUNxgD05WeZpoYNeJK24gA>
- ◆ Bishop Greg Homeming is livestreaming ANZAC Day Mass at 11:00am and Sunday Mass at 8:00am from the Cathedral. 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:

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



The Road to Emmaus
by Duccio di Buoninsegna.

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the
breaking of the bread, alleluia.
Luke 24:35

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"Today's liturgy offers consolation to those who have lost all hope, who have forgotten the touch of the Master's hand, and have given up on life. It is often difficult to believe in the promises of God when our lives are besieged by pain, sorrow, and disappointment. The disciples on the road to Emmaus are a sign of hope for us. When all seems lost and our dreams are dashed, the Good Shepherd is there to give the gift of Himself and to offer us Easter Joy." (Mary Birmingham, Word and Worship Book for Year A)

Dear Friends, I believe that those of us who are blessed with Easter Hope and Joy have a responsibility to go out and be the face of Jesus to another. Our love, our service, our kindness could well be the moment when Jesus enters a wounded heart and makes himself real and present.

May God bless you all in this unusual and difficult time. May Jesus our loving saviour walk alongside you on your journey.

Fr Anthony Lemon

PLANNED GIVING & DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone who continues to make their donations to the Parish and Clergy Fund through the current crisis. Your continued support is much appreciated.

Details for EFT donations to our first and second collections are:

First Collection – for the support of our clergy and upkeep of the presbytery

BSB: 062 580 | A/C No: 0090 5461 | A/C Name: Presbyterium A/C Murwillumbah

Second Collection – for support our Parish, including parish office wages, administration expenses and maintenance of our churches and parish buildings

BSB: 062 580 | A/C No: 0090 4506 | A/C Name: Catholic Church Murwillumbah

Please include a reference on your EFT donation – your surname and/or PG number e.g. *Jones PG 123*

Envelopes and cash donations may also continue to be left in the secure mailbox at the back door of the Parish Office. Thank you.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

The Parish Office remains closed to the public for the time being 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. T| 02 6672 1118 E| shpmbah@norex.com.au

STAYING CONNECTED

If you can, please reach out – stay connected - with each other – perhaps phone someone who normally sits near you at Mass to say hello; text or email someone to see how they're getting on.

Thank you to our team of volunteers who are helping to "letterbox drop" printed copies of parish bulletins to parishioners who don't have internet/email access – we appreciate your help very much. If you're talking to someone who might not have an email address, ask them if they're receiving the bulletin each week and if not, we can add them to our list!

If you are aware of someone who has an email address and is not receiving our emails, please let us know.

If you are aware of someone who needs some practical help with shopping or help in getting to an appointment, again let us know and we'll see what help we may be able to offer.

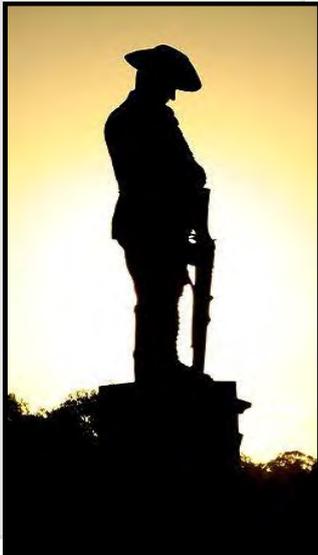
CATHOLIC WEEKLY AND CATHOLIC LEADER

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>

ANZAC DAY



This day of commemoration goes beyond the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. It is the day we remember all Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts and peace keeping operations.

The spirit of ANZAC, with its human qualities of courage, mateship and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity.

Mass on Anzac Day will be celebrated at 9.00am and livestreamed from the Sacred Heart Church on our YouTube channel. Parishioners are encouraged to watch the Anzac Day Mass to remember and pray for all who lost their lives in the various wars in which Australia has been involved, those who are currently serving in the Defence Forces overseas and to pray for world peace.

Ode of Remembrance

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning
We will remember them.

Lest we forget.

LIGHT UP THE DAWN FOR ANZAC DAY

This Anzac Saturday, for the first time in its 93 year history, there will be no dawn service for people to observe together. However, we can still honour the memory of the brave soldiers and service people that sacrificed their lives for our country.

As an alternative to the dawn service; The RSL has proposed we stand outside our driveway, at 0555 hours, for a minute's silence. We ask all in the Magellan family, light a candle, and think of a prayer for all the Anzac's, as we stand silently in remembrance.

Many of the fallen heroes were young, and never had the chance for families of their own. Australia was deprived of the men these soldiers would have grown to be; Fathers, Builders, Doctors, Artists, Leaders, their loss for future generations is incalculable, and we will always feel that void. That is why we will remember them, lest we forget.



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PINTO BRINGS X FACTOR TO PROJECT COMPASSION CONCERT - MAY 9

Australian musician Gary Pinto will lead a free online concert next month for Caritas Australia's Project Compassion campaign, bringing Australian and international musicians direct from their homes to yours.

Pinto is urging thousands of school children, teachers, churches and families to stand in solidarity with those most vulnerable to COVID-19 globally for Project Compassion.

The line-up for the May 9 concert will be announced over the coming weeks, but Australian stars Diesel, Matt Gresham, Carmen Smith, Nashville-based Bobby Lee Stamper and many others are expected to be among those generously putting on the show.

Pinto is an ARIA award-winning and multi-platinum selling record artist and a musical mentor to the stars.

While many Australians are facing challenges this year, Caritas Australia is asking the community to "Go Further, Together" and raise much-needed funds for vulnerable communities.

Pinto wrote a poignant song, *Walk with me*, for Caritas Australia's Project Compassion before COVID-19 became a global crisis. It focuses on walking in solidarity with those most marginalised and celebrating the dignity of every person globally.

Details: lent.caritas.org.au or call 1800 024 413.



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