

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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St. Brigid's Church

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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- YEAR B

14 February 2021

Liberating the 'unclean'

What is it to be reckoned unclean, untouchable? Some years ago my son was watching the old movie Ben Hur in which some lepers appeared, and he was shocked to see how they had to live. He'd heard about lepers but never realised if you had a skin condition you were cast out completely. This is the fate of the leper in today's gospel, who then does the unthinkable and throws himself down before Jesus, pleading to be cured – 'if you want to' – to be made clean, so he might be restored to society. 'Feeling sorry for him' Jesus reaches out and touches him saying, 'Of course I want to, be cured.' And he's freed.

The transmitting of infection becomes in Jesus' touch the transmitting of healing, of God's liberation. Come before him in faith and God happens. There follows a strict warning that he tell no one and immediately report to the priest, as the Mosaic law stipulates in the first reading. Despite this, the man proceeds to tell everyone his good news, so that Jesus now has to live as the leper once did, isolated, far from the towns he had frequented and had to retreat from, previously; but the news travels fast and people come to him from everywhere.

Who do we reckon to be unclean, untouchable? Who have we discarded, turned away from? It's only when we face into the truth of our lives that we can enter into this situation. As Jesus does here and at other liberating moments in the early chapters of Mark's gospel; and it's what brings him finally to the cross, to the moment where he faces into the truth of all our lives, and frees us.

But what happens if we change two words in the gospel? If 'feeling sorry' becomes 'getting angry'. That's what it says in some of the early manuscripts, but it doesn't necessarily fit with our idea of Jesus. Is he angry at the leper for defying the law, or perhaps, less personally, at the demonic undoing of our lives? Either might make sense, though the second more so. However, what if he's angry at the likelihood of his being turned into a celebrity healer, whose healings excite the people and threaten to derail his mission?

Is this why he warned the man not to tell anyone and why he retreated from the towns previously? It's something we hear being spoken of throughout Mark's gospel, as when Peter insists on Jesus being a certain sort of Messiah – not one who dies on a cross – and Jesus says 'get behind me Satan', because it's the cross that will reveal him and God's love. If we insist on Jesus being a celebrity healer, we'll miss the truth of his life and our own.

Anger and sorrow meet in this gospel and through them we hear the call to act as he does, bringing us, at last, face to face with one another, before God.

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This week in the Parish



Sunday 14 Feb	6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR B 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass 11:00am - Baptism 12 noon - Baptism
Tuesday 16 Feb	5:30 pm - Mass 6:30pm - First Reconciliation Parent Meeting
Wednesday 17 Feb	ASH WEDNESDAY 7:30 am - Mass 5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 18 Feb	<u>8:15 am - Mass - note change of time (see page 3)</u> 9:15 am - Legion of Mary - South Meeting Room
Friday 19 Feb	<u>12:30 pm - Mass - note change of time (see page 3)</u>
Saturday 20 Feb	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 21 Feb	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YR B 8:00 am - Mass

SEATING IN THE CHURCH

Please remember to turn over the small 'Please Sit Here' card where you sit in the church during Mass. This tells the volunteer cleaners where someone has been sitting during Mass.

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 5.30pm - 5.50pm
Sunday: 7.30am - 7.50am

GREAT NEWS... Ordination to the Diaconate

Prodencio Bognay will be Ordained to the Diaconate in St Carthage's Cathedral on Friday 12 March by Bishop Gregory Homeming at a time to be advised.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Ann Manning, Lenore van den Broek, Barbara Sali, Archbishop Philip Wilson, Ron Grigalius, Noela Nunan, Mary McDonald.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mons Jerome O'Rourke (M'bah PP 1964-75),
Fr Frank O'Gorman (M'bah PP 1975-88),
Fr James O'Rourke, Bob Flanagan, Mary Lazenby.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Miles Larkin, Frances Wright, James Wallace,
Donna Lee Pearson.

READING ROSTER:

READING ROSTER - First Sunday of Lent 20/21 Feb:

6pm Vigil: Grace Molloy
Sunday 8am: Jan Bruce
Sunday 10am: Lorraine Green

VIEW MASS AT HOME

There are several options to tune into Mass at home when you can't join us:

ONLINE:

- ♦ Bishop Greg's livestreamed Sunday Mass at 8:00 am. Follow 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 6:00 am for 'Mass for You at Home'.



BAPTISMS:

Please welcome
Caia Mae Walker,
Kobe William Robinson
& **Leo John Robinson**
to our faith community.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP

**Our New Year commences on
Friday 19 February**

with lunch at the RSL Club at 1:00 pm.

The Women's Group is an informal gathering for ladies of the parish, meeting every 2nd month for a 'cuppa' and on alternate months - lunch at a local venue.

Enquiries: Helen Larkin 0409 802 639
or Barbara Cook 6672 3377

All ladies are very welcome.

MEN'S GROUP

Next morning tea

Wednesday 17 February at 9:30 am
Crystal Creek Estate Café & Nursery
1004 Numinbah Road, Crystal Creek

Enquiries to Alex Lever 6672 1908

All men are welcome

Readings: ASH WEDNESDAY - YR B

Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Readings: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - Year B

Gen 9:8-15; 1 Pet 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday 17 February.

Please be aware that due to COVID 19 there will be NO distribution of ashes.

Various alternatives are being considered as we lead up to the beginning of our Lenten season to ensure the safety of everyone.

MASS TIMES:

7:30am & 5:30pm in Sacred Heart Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

During Term One a number of children from our parish will be preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

*There will be Parent Information Meeting
this Tuesday 16 February at 6:30pm
in the Sacred Heart Church.*

Welcoming Masses for this Sacrament will take place at all weekend Masses next weekend, 20/21 February.

First Reconciliation will take place during their Retreat Day, on Friday 12 March at the Parish Meeting Centre.

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE MASS

A LENTEN RETREAT LED BY FR ANTHONY

24 February, 3, 10, 17 March at 6pm

Fr Anthony will offer four talks through Lent gently explaining the Mass from a priest's perspective and highlighting some of the beautiful prayers that we say each weekend.

The talks will begin directly after the Wednesday 5:30 pm Mass. Each talk will last for 30 minutes and an optional time for Q and A afterwards.

LENT 2021 WITH BRUCE DOWNES THE CATHOLIC GUY

Be inspired, Be refreshed, Be renewed!

Come on a 40 day journey with me and I know this will be a powerful and prayerful Lenten journey together. Receive a short inspiring video each day during Lent.

This program is FREE and you can sign up at:

<https://BruceDownes.org/Lent> or phone 1300 734 880.

JUBILEE MASS

in celebration of

Fifty Years a Priest

Twenty Years a Bishop

MOST REV. GEOFFREY JARRETT

5TH BISHOP OF LISMORE

to be held at

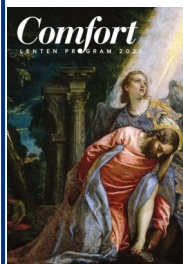
St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore

Monday, 22 February 2021 at 5.30pm

Due to COVID number restrictions, bookings are essential. Please book directly with the Cathedral Office

2021 LENTEN PROGRAMME

'Comfort'



This year's Lenten Programme is designed as a six-week Lenten resource for small groups, staff reflections, families and individuals. It also includes daily reflections from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday.

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



PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY

14th February 2021

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "Be More". Through your generosity and by aspiring to be more, you are assisting some of the world's most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

BISHOPS GREG'S LENTEN TALKS SERIES CONTINUES!

This year's Lenten talks will focus on *Reflections on COVID-10*. The talk will begin at 6pm in St Carthage's Cathedral on:

Tuesday - 23 February & 2, 9 & 16 March

It will not be live-streamed, but will be recorded and on YouTube by close of business on the following Thursdays.

All are most welcome!

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

FOR THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

from Thursday 11 February

We are trialing a change in Mass times for Thursdays and Fridays. New Mass times will be:

Thursday 8:15 am

Friday 12:30 pm

Your feedback on this trial change is most welcome. Tuesday & Wednesday Mass will remain at 5:30 pm.

PEW CUSHIONS

16 cushions have been made that fit neatly into the seats in the pews in the middle of the church. These cushions are available from the back of the church and we ask that following use, they are returned to the storage space. Each cushion will need to be individually cleaned after each use.

Your comments/feedback on the cushions and their use is appreciated.

READINGS FOR TODAY

FIRST READING: LEV 13:1-2, 44-46

A reading from the book of Leviticus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 31)

**R: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

SECOND READING: 1 COR 10:31 - 11:1

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.**

Alleluia!

MASS - What you need to know

- ◆ all Masses will continue to be celebrated in Sacred Heart Church (*entry via main entrance only*) – country churches remain closed
- ◆ sign in on arrival using our QR code or by giving your name and contact details to one of our hospitality team
- ◆ please remember to use the hand sanitiser provided
- ◆ seats are marked where you can sit
- ◆ please observe social distancing when coming forward for communion, and communion BY HAND only
- ◆ there is still no congregational singing
- ◆ church cleaned after each Mass
- ◆ covid-19 safety plan of action in place

Queries or concerns, please contact Mary-Ann in the Parish Office.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)

I believe in God,

the Father almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried;

he descended into hell;

on the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father

almighty;

from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and life everlasting.

Amen.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.



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