

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B
21 March 2021

The living Christ

The Resurrection is central to the Christian faith. Yet it is probably one of the most misunderstood doctrines. What does it mean to say Jesus is risen? What does Jesus' resurrection mean for us?

In today's gospel we are presented with the story of the raising of Lazarus, which is intended to point towards our Easter celebrations of the resurrection of Jesus. It is also intended to stress the unique character of Jesus' resurrection.

The writers of the New Testament make clear that Jesus' resurrection was not like the raising of Lazarus, a resuscitation of a dead body. The gospels have several stories of Jesus resuscitating the dead: Lazarus (John 11:1-44); the daughter of Jairus (Mark 5:21-43); and the son of the widow of Nain (Luke 7:11-17). What makes these people's experiences fundamentally different from that of the resurrected Jesus is that all three were raised and would live on for a while; but would eventually die again.

By contrast, Jesus would never die again and his risen life would be very different from the manner or nature of life he had lived for more than three decades among his family, friends and followers. After his resurrection, Jesus could walk through walls (John 20:19). He was not immediately recognised by some of his closest disciples. He seems to have "appeared" to numerous different people in differing situations. He could walk along with disciples on the road to Emmaus and, then, simply "vanish" (Luke 24:31).

Nevertheless, it is also true to say that, after the Resurrection, Jesus was the same person whom his disciples had known and loved. They recognised his voice. They touched him. They shared meals with him. Much of this serves the gospel writers' concern to emphasise the physical character of Jesus' appearances. Still it bears testimony to the corporeality of the disciples' experience. The Risen Jesus was no mere vaporous ghost (Luke 24:37). Jesus' resurrection was that of a human being, not just some disembodied spirit.

Of course, the resurrection of Jesus is but a portent of what God has in store for all who believe – as Jesus says in today's gospel, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die" (John 11:25-26).

It is remarkable that all the early Christian texts known to us signal that the ultimate hope of the earliest Christians was the resurrection of the body. For those first Christians and for us, Jesus' resurrection was only part one of an eschatological drama that must await a future fulfilment with the second coming of Christ, when all who believe will be raised and transformed into a new reality where there will be no suffering or death. We will live on.

The story of Lazarus points towards this future!

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 21 Mar	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YR B 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass 12 noon - Baptisms
Tuesday 23 Mar	NO Mass today 6:00 pm - II Rite of Reconciliation - Kingscliff
Wed 24 Mar	5:30 pm - Mass 6:00 pm - II Rite of Reconciliation - Sacred Heart
Thursday 25 Mar	ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD 8:15 am - Mass 9:15 am - Legion of Mary - South Meeting Room
Friday 26 Mar	12:30pm - Mass
Saturday 27 Mar	12:00 pm - Baptisms 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 28 Mar	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 7:45 am - Sacred Park with Anglican Community - process to the Sacred Heart Church 8:00 am - Mass 9:00 am - Cuppa after Mass (see note page 3) 12 noon - Baptisms



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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Alex Wightley, Teresita Masankai Sunga.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Fr Bill Mills (M'bah Parish Priest 1988-1996).

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Miles Larkin, James Wallace, Donna Lee Pearson.

*'Everyone who lives and believes in me
will not die for ever, says the Lord.'
- John 11:26*

Readings for the coming weeks:

PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD - B

(Entrance: Mk 11:1-10)

Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 - 15:47



BAPTISMS:

This weekend we welcome
**Caia Mae Walker,
Harvey William John
& Addison Anne Forrester**
to our faith community.

You are invited to attend

THE LEGION OF MARY ANNUAL ACIES CEREMONY

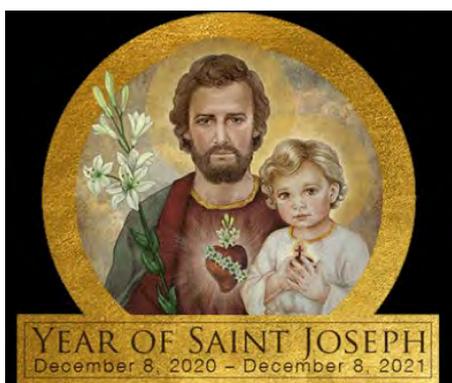
9am Mass Saturday 27 March
St Joseph's Church, Tweed Heads
followed by refreshments

Please bring a plate to share

Contact: Lesley Dowling 0419 143 117
Elaine Thill 0755 909 817



**BOOKINGS FOR ALL EASTER
CEREMONIES ARE ESSENTIAL.
PHONE PARISH OFFICE 66721118
OR BOOK AT MASS THIS WEEKEND.**



For more information, visit
<https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD Thursday 25 March

This solemnity celebrates the coming of the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to announce the special mission God had chosen for her in being the mother of His only Son.

We are reminded of the importance of this feast to our salvation in various devotional prayers. Two examples that highlight the importance of this feast are the joyful mysteries of the Rosary and the Angelus.



SUNDAY CUPPA

after 8am Mass

SUNDAY 28 MARCH - PALM SUNDAY

hosted by students of Mt St Patrick
College Well-being Group

ALL WELCOME!!

**Please Note: There will be
NO 10am Mass on Palm Sunday**



The Catenian Circle of Gold Coast Tweed will be hosting a talk on the **SHROUD OF TURIN**, at the South Tweed Bowls Sports Club on **Thursday April 8 2021**.

The talk will commence at 8pm and will be free to all to attend.

We will also have a 2-course meal on the night commencing at 7pm at \$25 per head. Again all are welcome.

This will be a very informative night on a historical subject with the latest scientific findings.

RSVP by 1 April to: Seamus McCarthy 0412 854 286,
Alex Lever 0458 817 021

or Bernard Nolan 0419 023 108

*"However dark things are,
goodness always re-emerges and spreads.
Each day in our world, beauty is born anew."*

- Pope Francis

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

PASSION SUNDAY - 28 March

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm - Sacred Heart Church commencing with the blessing of palms.

Passion Sunday: 7:45am - Blessing of Palms in Sacred Park with the Anglican Community, then procession to Sacred Heart Church for **8:00 am Mass**.

TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday - 1 April:

7:00pm - Sacred Heart Church Celebration of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration.

Good Friday - 2 April:

3:00pm - Sacred Heart Church Solemn Celebration Lord's Passion

Easter Vigil - 3 April:

7:00pm - Easter Vigil - Sacred Heart Church

EASTER SUNDAY - 4 April

8:00am - Mass - Sacred Heart Church

10:00am - Mass - Sacred Heart Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 5.30pm - 5.50pm

Sunday: 7.30am - 7.50am

Palm Sunday Vigil: 5.30pm - 5.50pm

Tuesday 30 March: 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Wednesday 31 March: 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm

II Rite Reconciliation

Kingscliff - 6:00pm Tuesday 23 March

Murwillumbah - 6:00pm Wednesday 24 March



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Bangladesh



Halima is raising two children in a Bangladeshi refugee camp while caring for her mother, who has a disability. A Caritas Australia-supported program helped her with a shelter, cooking equipment and hygiene training. Halima now earns a small income as a trainer, helping to maintain the health and cleanliness of her community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to so this transformational program can continue to empower vulnerable women, men and children, and strengthen the communities around them.

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

READINGS FOR TODAY

FIRST READING: EZE 37:12-14

A reading from the first book of Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 127)

R: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

SECOND READING: ROM 8:8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

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'.

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.

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.



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