

# 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

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B 14 March 2021

### CONGRATULATIONS...

Congratulations to Prodencio Bognay who was Ordained to the Diaconate last Friday evening, in St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore, by Bishop Gregory Homeming.

It was a wonderful evening and we wish Prodencio well in his pastoral appointment to Port Macquarie. Please keep him in your prayers as he begins his service as an Ordained Deacon in the church.

### FROM THE PASTOR...

Dear Friends,

Easter is almost upon us and sadly there seems that no further lessening of the Covid 19 restrictions will take place. We could sing if we all wore masks and returned to the 4 square metre rule. That would require you to book in again for all Masses and further limit the number of faithful who could attend the Easter Ceremonies. Hence we won't sing as a congregation but we are allowed to have a small choir sing at Mass and the Easter Ceremonies. All parts of the Mass and the Easter Ceremonies that require a sung response will be said. Unfortunately the world is not perfect but thankfully our government has in the main protected us from a serious outbreak of Covid 19. The restrictions have been onerous at times. I am grateful that Australia has had limited suffering unlike other countries. As your Pastor I am committed to following all government instructions with regard to the Pandemic. A couple of years of inconvenience compared to the loss of a family member or members make the restrictions absolutely worthwhile.

Myself and the parish team will do our best to make the Easter Ceremonies as prayerful and solemn as we possibly can. We won't have the foot washing on Holy Thursday, the Adoration of the Cross on Good Friday will be limited to a bow or genuflection, we won't be able to physically touch or kiss the cross. On Palm Sunday we will remain in our seats for the blessing of Palms to limit movement and unnecessary contact in the Church. At the Easter Vigil our ceremony of light will be limited to a simple flame on the altar, once again to limit unnecessary movement in the Church. Servers and volunteers will come to your seat to light your baptism candle. To save mess and wax on the floors and seats we will give the little children a glow candle.

At the Easter Vigil this year we will receive Kirstie Hawkins into full Communion and fully initiate Brenda Nutt and Cameron Cook into our faith community and the universal Church. This Sunday they will undergo their second scrutiny and exorcism. They have been enrolled in the book of the elect and have professed their faith and received the Creed. They have been meeting weekly now for the last five months, please pray for them as they undertake this major step in their lives of faith. The Readings at Mass for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Lent will be taken from the Year A series of readings.

I am personally feeling very heartened by the number of people attending our weekend liturgies, not to mention the amazing and grace filled journey that three adults are going to call our faith theirs and join us at Easter in full Communion. No matter how grim things may seem it is an absolute joy to see three people joining our catholic faith. In the Archdiocese of Brisbane 135 people will become Catholics at Easter this year.

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# This week in the Parish



Sunday 14 Mar	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Yr B</b> 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass 12 noon - Baptisms
Tuesday 16 Mar	5:30 pm - Mass
Wed 17 Mar	<b>ST PATRICK, bishop</b> 10:00 am - Catholic Men's Group 'Cuppa' 5:30 pm - Mass 6:00 pm - Fr Anthony's Lenten Talks 7:00pm - Reader's Workshop with Joe Pereira
Thursday 18 Mar	8:15 am - Mass 9:15 am - Legion of Mary - South Meeting Room
Friday 19 Mar	<b>ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b> No Mass today
Saturday 20 Mar	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 21 Mar	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Yr B</b> 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass 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.

## RECONCILIATION:

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

## II RITE RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday 24 March: 6pm

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Alex Wightley, Teresita Masankai Sunga.

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Miles Larkin, James Wallace, Donna Lee Pearson.

## READING ROSTER:

**READING ROSTER - Fifth Sunday of Lent 20/21 Mar:**

**6pm Vigil:** Christine Wightley

**Sunday 8am:** Kay Ryder

**Sunday 10am:** Barbara Cook

### Readings for the coming weeks:

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Yr A readings

Ezek 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

#### PALM SUNDAY - Yr B readings

(Entrance: Mk 11:1-10)

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



## BAPTISMS:

This week we welcomed  
**Penelope Belle Dowling  
& Pearl Hana Groot Obbink**  
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



## 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 [lismore-diocese.org](http://lismore-diocese.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'.

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Across the world from the tiniest of parishes to vast cathedrals thousands of people will lay down their lives, and make a life long commitment to love, honour, serve and worship God at the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses.

Finally I heard a priest ask an older more experienced priest what he thought the most important pastoral initiative should be in any parish. He replied that it was to make the highest priority the welcoming of young families into our church, to make them feel needed wanted and loved. To assist them in becoming life long friends with God.

I pray for all of you as we move towards Easter, as Jesus says to us "be not afraid I am with you always"

Warmest regards

*Anthony Lemon*



## 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**

### MEN'S GROUP

Next morning tea (cuppa)  
Wednesday 17 March  
10:00 am - Murwillumbah Services Club  
'St Patrick's Day'  
Enquiries to Alex Lever 6672 1908  
**ALL MEN ARE WELCOME**

### A JOURNEY THROUGH THE MASS

Wednesday 17 March at 6pm

Fr Anthony concludes his series of talks gently explaining the Mass from a priest's perspective and highlighting some of the beautiful prayers that we say each weekend.

**The talks 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.**

### BISHOPS GREG'S LENTEN TALKS SERIES

The last of Bishop Greg's Lenten talk's will be **on Tuesday 16 March at 6pm, from St Carthage's Cathedral.**

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

*"Start by doing what is necessary;  
then do what's possible;  
and suddenly you are doing the impossible."*  
- Saint Francis of Assisi



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT Indonesia



Arsad, an Indonesian farmer, had no toilet at home and was often sick due to the practice of open defecation. Through Caritas Australia's support, Arsad and his community improved hygiene and sanitation, and funded their own toilets.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help improve health and wellbeing of communities in Indonesia so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a better future for all.**

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

## 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

### **Sacred Heart Church:**

Saturdays: 5.30pm - 5.50pm

Sundays: 7.30am - 7.50am

### **II Rite Reconciliation**

Kingscliff - 6:00pm Tuesday 23 March

Murwillumbah - 6:00pm Wednesday 24 March



A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*: Across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith. Could you help stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters and help ease their heavy burdens?

Visit: [www.aidtochurch.org/refugees](http://www.aidtochurch.org/refugees)

## READINGS FOR TODAY

### FIRST READING: 1 SAM 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

*A reading from the first book of Samuel*

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 22)

**R: The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

### SECOND READING: EPH 5:8-14

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians*

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light.

That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,  
rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will have the light of life.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

## 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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