

# *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**

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## **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - YEAR B 28 March 2021**

### **A tale of suffering and love**

For Christians, the story of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus represents the climax, not just of the earthly life of our Lord, but of all biblical revelation. In the gospel of Mark, the passion account begins with a reminder that the leaders of the people (chief priests and scribes) were looking for a way to have Jesus arrested and executed, but they didn't want to incite a riot among the people because of the esteem in which they held Jesus.

It is impossible to comment on all the elements of this incredibly rich gospel, so I will offer some thoughts on a little 'story-within-the-story', which is the anointing of Jesus by an unnamed woman at the very beginning of the narrative. At first glance, this episode seems completely irrelevant and we may be tempted to dismiss it until we read, at the end of the story: "... wherever throughout the world the Good News is proclaimed, what she has done will be told also, in remembrance of her."

This story is important because it is related to the Passion of Jesus and is a prelude to the more important story. This woman's actions tells us how to read and understand the Passion of Jesus. Briefly stated, her extravagant anointing of Jesus represents what Jesus is about to do for the world. Just as she breaks open the exquisite alabaster jar and pours its precious and fragrant ointment on the head of Jesus in anticipation of his death and burial, so also Jesus will allow his body to be broken in death and will pour the precious ointment of his life-blood on all of us. Her action is considered wasteful and foolish by the bystanders, so that Jesus corrects them as he praises the woman for her generosity. In like manner, what Jesus does may appear to be foolish and wasteful to an unbelieving and cynical world, but his Father will raise him from the dead and thereby confirm forever the wisdom of his generosity.

If we take seriously this little story of the anointing of Jesus, we will learn that the passion story is not primarily about how much Jesus suffered, but rather about how much he loved. He did suffer, and his suffering was intense. But suffering as such is not necessarily redemptive. What makes the pain and suffering of Jesus the source of salvation for us is the fact that it resulted from his extraordinary loving. We all know that suffering can come from sources other than loving, such as not getting our own way or being wedded to false goals, but this kind of selfish suffering has nothing in common with the suffering of Jesus.

The passion is a brutal story of suffering and death, but it is also the defining story of God's love for us. The woman understands, but the disciples have yet to gain this insight.

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# This week in the Parish

**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

**Tuesday 30 Mar** 5:30 pm - Mass  
 6:00 pm / 6:30 pm - Reconciliation

**Wed 31 Mar** 5:30 pm - Mass  
 6:00 pm / 6:30 pm - Reconciliation

**Thursday 1 April** 9:15 am - Legion of Mary - South Meeting Room

## THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

**Thursday 1 April** 7:00 pm / 8:30 pm - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER  
 FOLLOWED BY ADORATION

**Friday 2 April** 3:00pm - FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

**Saturday 3 April** 7:00 pm - EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION  
 OF THE LORD

**Sunday 4 April** 8:00 am - SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION  
 10:00 am - SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION



## 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.



A reminder ...  
**DAYLIGHT  
 SAVING ENDS**

**3 am SUNDAY 4 APRIL**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Lee Thorley, Kevin McAndrew, Robert Braid (nephew of Pam Willock), Teresita Masankai Sunga.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

St Pope John Paul II.

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Margaret Flannery, Marg Ellem (nee Carter), Miles Larkin, James Wallace, Donna Lee Pearson.



## BAPTISMS:

This weekend we welcome  
**Ruby Margaret Patterson,**  
**Heath Edward Mumford,**  
**Toby Cameron McIntyre**  
**& Thomas Valentine Young**  
 to our faith community.

*"Give and you will receive."  
 - Luke 6:38*

## RECONCILIATION

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

### Readings for the coming weeks:

## THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

### THURSDAY of the LORD'S SUPPER

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

### FRIDAY of the PASSION of the LORD

Is 52:13 - 53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9;  
 Jn 18:1 - 19:42

### HOLY SATURDAY -

### EASTER SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION of the LORD

Gen 1:1-2:2; Ex 14:15-15:1; Is 55:1-11;  
 Ezek 36:16-28; Rom 6:3-11; Lk 24:1-12

### SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - Yr B (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

During Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of Holy Week, when we recall the central events of our faith. Today we remember Jesus entering Jerusalem and His Passion according to St. Mark.

The **TRIDUUM** is one ceremony over three days.

On **HOLY THURSDAY** we recall the Lord's Last Supper when He gave us the sacrament of himself in the **Eucharist**.

**GOOD FRIDAY** is the day when we recall the sacrifice that Jesus offered in **His death** on the cross.

The **EASTER VIGIL** is the great Christian celebration of the **Resurrection** of the Lord and the night we recommit ourselves in faith by renewing our Baptismal promises.



## 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.

Contact: Seamus McCarthy 0412 854 286, Alex Lever 0458 817 021 or Bernard Nolan 0419 023 108 for enquiries and to book. Bookings by 1 April.

**VIEW MASS AT HOME**—There are several options to tune into Mass at home when you can't join us:

- Bishop Greg's Sunday Mass 8am on Diocese YouTube
- Freeview TV—Channel 10 Sunday 6 am

## HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

### 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:**

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

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

## DIVINE MERCY NOVENA and DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Divine Mercy Novena commences on Good Friday 2 April and ends Saturday 10 April.

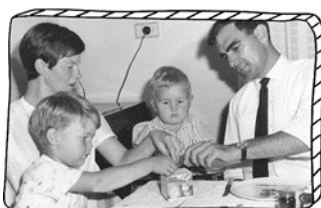
**Novena prayer cards are available this weekend.**

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter (within the Easter Octave).



## BOOKINGS FOR EASTER CEREMONIES ARE ESSENTIAL

**PHONE PARISH OFFICE 6672 1118 OR BOOK AT MASS THIS WEEKEND**



## PALM SUNDAY

**28 March 2021**

For over half a century, generations of Australians have participated in Project Compassion, supporting vulnerable communities before, during and after natural disasters, conflicts and crises – making it one of the nation's longest running charity campaigns.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.**

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)





## READINGS FOR TODAY

### FIRST READING: Is 50:4-7

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

The Lord has given me  
a disciple's tongue.  
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied  
he provides me with speech.  
Each morning he wakes me to hear,  
to listen like a disciple.  
The Lord has opened my ear.  
For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.  
I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;  
I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle.  
The Lord comes to my help,  
so that I am untouched by the insults.  
So, too, I set my face like flint;  
I know I shall not be shamed.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 21)

**The response is:**

**My God, my God, why have you abandoned me.**

### SECOND READING: PHIL 2:6-11

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

His state was divine,  
yet Christ Jesus did not cling  
to his equality with God  
but emptied himself  
to assume the condition of a slave,  
and became as men are,  
and being as all men are,  
he was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death,  
death on a cross.  
But God raised him high  
and gave him the name  
which is above all other names  
so that all beings  
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,  
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus  
and that every tongue should acclaim  
Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
king of endless glory!**

**Christ became obedient for us even to death  
dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on  
high and gave him a name above all other names.**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
king of endless glory!**

## 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 ...yet!...watch this space for good news soon!!
- ♦ 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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