

# 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

---

## PARISH STAFF

### Parish Priest

Fr. Anthony Lemon

### Parish Manager

Mary-Ann Thackray

### Parish Secretary

Beth Gorton

### Pastoral Associate

Barbara Grant

---

## PARISH OFFICE

Monday to Friday 9.00am - 3.00pm

Phone: 02 6672 1118

Website: [www.shpmurwillumbah.com.au](http://www.shpmurwillumbah.com.au)

Email: [shpmbah@norex.com.au](mailto:shpmbah@norex.com.au)

Mail: PO Box 45

Street: Queensland Road,  
Murwillumbah NSW 2484

---

## PARISH SCHOOLS

### Mt. St. Patrick College

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

Ph: 02 6672 2340

[mshpmbah@lism.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mshpmbah@lism.catholic.edu.au)

Principal: Mr. Paul Reidy

### Mt. St. Patrick Primary School

Mooball Street, Murwillumbah

Ph: 02 6672 1821

[mrp@lism.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mrp@lism.catholic.edu.au)

Principal: Mr. Brendan Ryan

### St. Joseph's Primary School

Greville Street, South Murwillumbah

Ph: 02 6672 1867

[smurp@lism.catholic.edu.au](mailto:smurp@lism.catholic.edu.au)

Principal: Mr. Jason Clarke

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) - YEAR B 11 April 2021

### Opening our hearts

Walking around a shopping centre and it's easy to find a shop or a stall that sells scented candles, incense, burners and diffusers along with essential oils. Often there is a strong scent of lavender which for many people has an immediate calming effect. As one breathes in the lavender, a sense of peace can consume our bodies.

Quite a few people also have these items at home or at their workplaces to help them relax and bring a sense a calm and peace. Many also like to escape to spas and seaside resorts to help them recover from the stress of their daily lives.

However, even after a few days in the most tranquil resort, there must be a return to the grind and sometimes harsh reality of daily life. The joyous peace, unfortunately, has to end. One cannot stay in paradise forever.

But that's exactly what is being offered to us every day and, in fact, every moment. Not in scented candles or lavender oil, and not in an expensive resort but in the middle of the harsh reality and struggles of our everyday lives. And what is being offered is not a fleeting feeling of peace but a deeper, more grounded peace. A peace that goes beyond the sense of sight, smell and sound to the very core of our living and our very being.

Jesus appears to his disciples in the midst of their deepest and darkest fears. The disciples had locked themselves in a room, just as we can sometimes lock ourselves up when we feel threatened or afraid. The disciples had closed themselves off from the rest of the world out of fear.

But Jesus walks through the locked doors and walls of that deep, dark fear and says to the disciples, "Peace be with you." Likewise, Jesus walks through the locked doors and walls of our fear and anxiety and says to us, "Peace be with you."

And just as Jesus showed his hands and his feet to the disciples after his crucifixion, so too he is showing and telling us that he understands our fears and anxieties. He knows our deepest pains and struggles for he experienced those very feelings himself.

We are not alone in our struggles. Jesus has come to walk with us. Just as Good Friday became Easter Sunday, we too will overcome our worst fears and pain. Jesus is with us to open up the door of our fears and to break down the walls that have locked us in and kept others out.

Life is not meant to be lived in fear and anxiety. There is a greater reality to life that reaches beyond our daily struggles. The reality is that if we open our hearts, Jesus will be with us always. "Peace be with you."

Mark Chia CSSR © Magellan Media 2021  
*Reprinted from the Sunday Majellan with permission*

# This week in the Parish

Sunday 11 April	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy)</b> 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass 12 noon - Baptisms
Tuesday 13 April	NO Mass today
Wednesday 14 Apr	11:00 am - Funeral prayers for Kevin Loughman 5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 15 April	8:15 am - Mass 9:15 am - Legion of Mary - South Meeting Room
Friday 16 April	12:00 pm - Catholic Women's Group lunch 12:30 pm - Memorial Mass for Glenda Wagner (Smith)
Saturday 17 April	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 18 April	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year 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

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Ken Goodworth (Gosford), Joe McDonald, Kevin Loughman, Lee Thorley, Kevin McAndrew, Robert Braid.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Genevieve Natera.

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

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



## BAPTISMS:

This weekend we welcome **Billie Jeanette Kight, Helena Yuki Daniel & Edward Rocky Daniel**, to our faith community.

## WELCOME

At the Vigil Mass this weekend we welcome Kirstie, Brenda & Cameron as they receive Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist. We thank all the RCIA team for their many months of preparation.

### Readings for today and next Sunday:

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

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

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - Yr B

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5; Lk 24:35-48

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.  
- John 20:27

### VIEW MASS AT HOME -

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

- Bishop Greg will continue to online-stream Sunday Mass on the Diocesan YouTube channel - 8:00 am.
- Freeview TV—Channel 10 Sunday 6 am

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP

Our next gathering will be lunch on Friday 16 April at the Riverview Hotel at 12 noon.

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

**ALL LADIES ARE VERY WELCOME.**

## CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

Next morning tea/cuppa  
**Wednesday 21 April at 10 am**  
**Crystal Creek Estate Café & Nursery**  
1004 Numinbah Road, Crystal Creek  
Enquiries to Alex Lever 0458 817 021

**ALL MEN ARE WELCOME**

## TODAY IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter (within the Easter Octave). It is a devotion based on revelations to Saint Faustina Kowalska including promises of grace related to devotion to Divine Mercy.

This day celebrates the richness, meaning, participation in and application of God's mercy for us.

This day we cry out with St. Thomas "My Lord and My God" (John 20:28).

### DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Legion of Mary will lead the Divine Mercy Chaplet this Sunday, after the 8am Mass in the Sacred Heart Church.

**ST. CARTHAGE'S CATHEDRAL**  
invites everyone to the celebration of the  
**500 years of Christianity in the Philippines!**

*Join us in a Thanksgiving Mass on:*

**18 April 2021, Sunday**  
3:00 PM  
at St. Carthage's Cathedral  
#06 Leycester Street, Lismore  
Celebrant: **Bishop Greg Homeming, OCD**

For registration, please contact:  
Phone: (02) 6626 0200  
Email: [office@stcarthages.org.au](mailto:office@stcarthages.org.au)

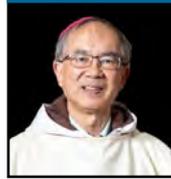
Please register your name before April 13, 2021. **RSVP**

## TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Lismore Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process.

For further information please phone the Lismore Office of the Tribunal on **66217 288** or email [tribunal@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:tribunal@lismore.catholic.org.au)

## FLOOD APPEAL



The March 2021 floods in the southern part of the Diocese of Lismore have had a devastating impact on residents and farmers.

I am launching a flood appeal, and am kindly calling on your support.

The Diocese has already contributed \$10,000 towards hay for affected farmers and in addition we will give financial and practical support in the Diocese.

If you are able to, please consider a donation to the Appeal.

With prayers and good wishes,

+ Greg

Most Revd Greg Homeming OCD  
Bishop of Lismore



To donate go to [lismorediocese.org](http://lismorediocese.org), or use this QR code or Direct Deposit:  
BSB: 037-889  
A/c No: 1061 5829  
Name: DIF Flood Appeal



DIOCESE OF  
**LISMORE**



## THANK YOU



Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2021. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au) to make your donation online.

Through your generosity you will be empowering the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and share their strengths with their communities to lift themselves out of poverty.

If you would still like to donate, phone 1800 024 413 or visit [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion)



The Incredulity of St. Thomas  
- Caravaggio, 1603

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - Yr B**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (117)**

**R: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
his love is everlasting.**

**IF SUNG:**

**R: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
his love endures forever.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**You believe in me, Thomas, because you have  
seen me; happy those who have not seen me,  
but still believe.**

**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
  - ◆ We are now able to have 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.



**INVEST WITH PEACE OF MIND** [www.dif.org.au](http://www.dif.org.au) Phone 1800 802 516

**Paying .45%**

**Agents: ALG/Egan Simpson Solicitors:  
15 Prince Street, Murwillumbah.**