

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C

20 February 2022

Do good to those who hate you

In the Book of Samuel we find two mortal enemies, David and Saul, in conflict. Saul is the anointed King of Judah and David has been anointed to succeed him. What happens next is an all too familiar human story.

David is jealous of Saul's power; Saul is suspicious of David's motives. How often family feuds and human relations take on these negative forces of jealousy and suspicion resulting in the breakdown of relationships. We also see this operating at the international level between ethnic groups and nations resulting in open conflict and even warfare.

To return to the story of King Saul and the yet-to-be appointed King David, there is a glimmer of light. Previously, in a rage, Saul attempted to kill David by throwing a javelin at him! In today's story, David has the opportunity to kill Saul, but relents. Choosing not to kill your enemy is a good first step! Even here we note David's motives are not entirely pure. He acts partly out of guilt, fearing divine anger if he was to kill one of God's anointed. However, fear of God has its role as a pathway to a more authentic and loving life.

Let us now compare this approach to the words of Jesus in today's gospel: "Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you." At a logical level, Jesus' reasoning is difficult to dispute: "If you only love those who love you, what thanks can you expect?" No, says Jesus, you must overcome all those narrow views of love and forgiveness: "Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate." Moreover, "don't judge others, don't condemn, always forgive."

We may complain that Jesus is asking too much of us! Surely all this love and forgiveness will be seen as pure weakness, leading us to being eaten up, spewed out and trodden underfoot by our enemies! Yet, something within us knows we must break the cycle of violence and vengeance if we are to achieve peace, harmony and goodwill among people and nations. This is the way of the Gospel as lived and proclaimed by Jesus.

This is also the centre-point of Pope Francis' encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* (2020) where he uses the parable of the Good Samaritan to insist that love must go beyond tribe, family and nation to include stranger, migrant and refugee. We also note Francis' joint statement with Grand Imam Ahmad Al-Tayeb in Abu Dhabi (2019) which acknowledged that "God has created all human beings equal in rights, duties and dignity, and has called them to live together as brothers and sisters."

In today's world, 'loving your enemy' is best expressed in terms of commitment to dialogue and mutual respect among peoples of diverse religions and cultures. This enables us to open our hearts to become people of love, service and compassion. This way, we allow God's love to enter our lives and world keeping in mind Jesus' words: "The amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back!"

Gerard Hall SM @Magellan Media 2022

This week in the Parish 20-27 February

Saturday 19	6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 20	7th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year C 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass
Tuesday 22	4:30 pm - Hour of Prayer 5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 23	4:30 pm - Hour of Prayer 5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 24	8:15 am - Mass 5:30 pm - Finance Council Meeting
Friday 25	10:30 am - Requiem Mass for Margaret O'Neill No 12:00 pm Mass today
Saturday 26	9:00 am - Rosary in Sacred Heart Church 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 27	8th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year C 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass 12:00 pm - Baptism

The Sacred Heart Prayer Chapel is open for private prayer each weekday from 9 am - 3 pm



RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 5.30 pm - 5.50 pm
Sunday: 8.30 am - 8.50 am

WEDNESDAY WORD

Copies of Wednesday Word, with this weekend's readings, are available for you in the Church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Margaret O'Neill, Max McCabe, Max Clark, Mathew Reynolds, Cheryl Hannan, Ursula Dowling, Guilio Battacio, Guillier Inojales

ANNIVERSARIES: Alex Ross, Garry Stewart

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Mary Coleman, Deb Craig, Fr Anthony Lemon, James Wallace

Readings for this Sunday and next week:

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1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

8TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME - Year C

Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

READING ROSTER | YEAR C

19/20 Feb | 7th Sunday Ordinary Time

6 pm - Mike Brennan

8 am - Barbara Cook

10 am - Ed Egan

26/27 Feb | 8th Sunday Ordinary Time

6 pm - Denise Banner

8 am - Jan Bruce

10 am - Mary-Ann Thackray

ASH WEDNESDAY

2ND MARCH

MASS TIMES:

7:30 am - Sacred Heart Church

5:30 pm - Sacred Heart Church

RECONCILIATION DURING LENT

Friday: 11:30 am - 11:50 am

Saturday: 5.30 pm - 5.50 pm

Sunday: 8.30 am - 8.50 am

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday of each month

11 am - 11:50 am

HOUR FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Each Tuesday & Wednesday from 4:30 pm



You are invited to attend

THE LEGION OF MARY ANNUAL ACIES CEREMONY

9am Mass Sunday 13 March

St Joseph's Church,

Tweed Heads

All welcome to attend

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to acknowledge the Bundjalung people who are the Traditional Owners of this land on which we gather and pray today. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging, and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people past, present and emerging.

2022 LENTEN PROGRAMME



'Remember' - a six week Lenten resource from the Diocese of Wollongong. Only 2 left - \$10.00 each.

'The Spirit and the Cross' - daily reflections for Lent and the Easter Octave from Brisbane Diocese.

Only 4 available - \$6:00 each



Bishop Greg's Lenten Talk Series continues!

THE SPIRITUALITY OF ST JOHN

OF THE CROSS:

St John of the Cross teaches us how to live authentically in the real world and in the presence of God. He shows us how to love and how to pray.

Bishop Greg's talks will be held on Thursdays and will begin at 6pm at St Carthage's Cathedral:

Thursday 3 March

Thursday 10 March

Thursday 17 March

Thursday 24 March

It will be live on the YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/c/LismoreDioceseAU>

All are most welcome!

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*Lord, I have come to believe
that you are the Christ,
the son of the living God,
who is coming into this world
- John 11:27*

High Horses, Scapegoats and Donkeys A Lenten Odyssey



Here's a little description of it.

"This retreat takes us into the realm of tears, the tears of compunction that St Benedict talks about in his chapter on Reverence in Prayer (RB 20). It is a calling forth of ourselves to a new and more authentic living; a dive into the deep; a naming of the truth of who we are before God. It is not a fear based compunction that we will enter into, but rather a compunction based on a deep desire to be in oneness with God."

Presented by the Benedictine Nuns of Jamberoo Abbey

Brochures are available in the Church today.

Parishioners are invited to an upcoming online retreat titled: **High Horses, Scapegoats and Donkeys: A Lenten Odyssey.**

SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS TRAINING

As part of our continued commitment to safeguarding all people in our community, especially children, young people and vulnerable adults, we invite all parish volunteers to attend one of our special "small group" Safeguarding Awareness training sessions facilitated by Shelley Bell from the Lismore Diocese Safeguarding Office.

All workers, including clergy, employees and volunteers in the parish are required to undertake this level 1 safeguarding training. This is especially relevant for volunteers who are involved in sacramental program, children's liturgy, and home visitation.

If you were not able to attend one of the initial sessions, additional dates will be made available in early March – please let us know your availability to attend – we can arrange afternoon or evening sessions or Saturday morning if necessary, so that we can ensure all our volunteers are up to date with this essential training.

Don't know if you need to attend or not? Please phone Mary-Ann in the Parish Office to discuss.



WELCOME FR PETER

This weekend we welcome and thank Fr Peter Rebello for looking after our parish while Fr Peter is away. Fr Peter Rebello is an assistant priest at the Coffs Harbour Parish.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PS 102)

R: The Lord is kind and merciful.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I give you a new commandment;

love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

MASS ATTENDANCE

What you need to know ...

Please DO NOT ATTEND MASS if you are unwell, have any cold or flu-like symptoms or are a close contact of a family member with covid-19.

QR check-in is no longer required; however, for the next few weeks as we conduct our annual statistical survey for the Vatican, we will continue to use our lists to mark off attendance.

Masks remain mandatory until next Friday 25 February. Whilst masks will no longer be required after that date, we will still encourage wearing of face masks in Mass to protect the vulnerable members of our parish community.

Density limits have been lifted and over the coming week we will return the church layout to its original state where every seat may be used. However, we will encourage people to still socially distance wherever possible.

Sacramental restrictions remain in place including the distribution of Holy Communion strictly **BY HAND only.**

We will maintain our covid-19 safety plan and review regularly to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all parishioners, clergy and staff.

Thank you all for your care and consideration of each other. Queries or concerns, please contact Mary-Ann Thackray in the Parish Office.

VIEW MASS AT HOME -

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

- *Bishop Greg continues to online-stream Sunday Mass on the [Diocesan YouTube](#) channel - 9:00 am.*
- *Freeview TV - Channel 10 Sunday 6 am*

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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