

# 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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**8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**YEAR C**

**27 February 2022**

## Travelling the road of uncertainty

Driving on country roads is different from driving in the city. Many country roads only have one lane for each direction of traffic and the speed limit can be as high as 110 km/h. So, if you get stuck behind a long road train or semi-trailer on a busy country road, it can be a frustrating experience, as many will attest.

Firstly, you can't see the road too far in front, so drivers need to maintain a safe distance from each other and the semi-trailer, in case the semi-trailer brakes suddenly. Because the road in front is often hard to see clearly, opportunities to safely overtake can be few and far between.

Fortunately, there is an unwritten code in the country that the truck driver will signal with his right indicator that the opposite lane is clear for a reasonable distance. You then know that it's safe to overtake. But some drivers are impatient and take risks. They don't wait for this signal from the truck driver and decide to barge on ahead which can lead to serious road accidents.

This predicament on our roads is also true of our own lives. Sometimes it can be difficult to see a clear path in front of us because of the situation immediately before us, such as a difficult financial situation, a health concern, relationship issues with family members, worries surrounding immigration, and so on. Immense frustration and even despair can result. We can then make poor and dangerous decisions. Like a semi-trailer in front of our car, the difficulty before us obscures our vision of the way ahead and can affect our decisions about what to do.

Is there a way through to overcome these difficulties in our lives and to make good decisions?

As people of faith, we understand that, while we may not be able to see what lies ahead of us, God is with us and never deserts us. We are invited to place our trust in God and to be open to God to guide us and to give the signal at the right time to let us know when it's safe to overtake and to overcome the difficulty before us.

But, as people of faith, we also know that the road is not only ours to navigate. God also asks us to support one another as we journey through life. By travelling together, accompanying each other and sharing the journey, we can support, assist and comfort one another as we go.

As for drivers on the road, we should not focus on selfishly speeding ahead and getting on with our own lives at the expense of others. Rather, we should be patient, considerate of others, and supportive of the community of fellow travellers, God's family. While none of us can see what the future holds for us as individuals or for the world, we can trust that the future lies in God's loving hands.

Mark Chia CSSR @Magellan Media 2022

# This week in the Parish 27 Feb - 6 March

Sunday 27	<b>8th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year C</b> 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass 12:00 pm - Baptism
Tuesday 1	4:30 pm - Hour of Prayer 5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 2	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> 7:30 pm - Mass 4:30 pm - Hour of Prayer 5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 3	8:15 am - Mass
Friday 4	11:00 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12:00 pm - Mass 12:30 pm - Stations of the Cross (see note below)
Saturday 5	9:00 am - Rosary in Sacred Heart Church 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 6	<b>THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C</b> 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 IN LENT

Friday: 11:30 pm - 11.50 pm  
Saturday: 5.30 pm - 5.50 pm  
Sunday: 8.30 am - 8.50 am

## HOUR FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Each Tuesday & Wednesday  
from 4:30 pm

## WEDNESDAY WORD

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

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday of each month  
11 am - 11:50 am

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Kathleen Everett, Margaret O'Neill, Max McCabe, Max Clark, Mathew Reynolds, Cheryl Hannan, Ursula Dowling

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

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



## BAPTISM:

Please welcome  
**Pia Florence Pirlo**  
to our faith community.

### Readings for this Sunday and next week:

**8TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME - Year C**  
Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C**  
Deut 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

## READING ROSTER | YEAR C

### 26/27 Feb | 8th Sunday Ordinary Time

6 pm - Denise Banner  
8 am - Jan Bruce  
10 am - Mary-Ann Thackray

### 5/6 March | First Sunday of Lent

6 pm - Tim Waugh  
8 am - Maree Coley  
10 am - Lorraine Green

## ASH WEDNESDAY

2ND MARCH

### MASS TIMES:

7:30 am - Sacred Heart Church  
5:30 pm - Sacred Heart Church

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Sacred Heart Church - 12.30pm  
Fridays during Lent led by Legion of Mary (following 12.00 pm Mass)



## 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.*



## PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY 26 & 27 February



Please take home a Project Compassion box and a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all. Project Compassion 2022 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to build better future for all.



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available in the Church today, by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.

### Bishop Greg's Lenten Talk Series continues!

This years Lenten talks will focus on the **Spirituality of St John of the Cross**. Talks will be at 6pm at **St Carthage's Cathedral: Thursdays 3, 10, 17 & 24 March**

The series will be live on the YouTube channel  
<https://www.youtube.com/c/LismoreDioceseAU>

**All are most welcome!**



### SYNOD OF BISHOPS

The online portal for the Synod on Synodality consultation will be open until Sunday, March 13.

Don't miss out on this chance to take part in a global conversation about the Catholic Church. How are we called to walk together as Christians? How can we listen to one another in making important decisions about our faith and our mission?

Find out more and share your contribution at: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch> or directly to Matt Digges [mattdigges@scca.net.au](mailto:mattdigges@scca.net.au) our Diocesan contact person.

### SEASON OF LENT

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence (not eating meat). All who have completed their 18th year & have not yet begun their 60th year are bound to fast. All who have completed their 14th year are bound to abstain.

All Fridays in Lent are recommended as days of fast (perhaps not eating meat and forgoing luxuries, and food over and above what is necessary), prayer and deeds of charity.

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

**THE SEASON OF LENT** is most appropriate for celebrating the **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**.

Already on Ash Wednesday the people of God has heard the solemn invitation, *Turn away from sin and believe the good news*. It is therefore fitting to take advantage of the opportunities offered in the parish for Confessions so that all may have the opportunity to be reconciled with God and their neighbour, and so be able to celebrate the paschal mystery in the Easter Triduum with renewed hearts.

*Behold, I am with you always,  
even to the end of the age, says the Lord.  
- Matthew 28:20*

### SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS TRAINING

**Monday 7 March 2022 | 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm**

**Parish Administration Centre | no cost**

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.

Places are available for 7 March session. Phone Parish Office to book in.

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



## 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PS 91)

**R:** Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.**

Alleluia!

### SINGLE AGAIN

A 10 week online Beginning Experience programme "Coping with life alone" is scheduled to commence on **5 March to 14 May, 2022**. The programme is for those who are now widowed, separated or divorced, as a first step in the recovery process. The programme is run by Beginning Experience Singapore. Register your interest at: [tinyurl.com/be-sg-cwla](http://tinyurl.com/be-sg-cwla)

## 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 are no longer mandatory after Friday 25 February.** Whilst masks will no longer be required, 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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