

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

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St. Columba's Church

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

YEAR C

6 March 2022

A time to 'spring-clean' our minds

Today's gospel tells us of the temptations which Jesus experienced when, in preparation for his public ministry, he'd gone out to the desert wilderness for a time of prayer and fasting. The gospel leaves us in no doubt Jesus knew the reality of temptation. He knew too that we, his followers, would face temptation of various kinds.

Temptation is certainly a part of our lives and struggles. We are tempted to want more and more, be it possessions, comforts, security, power, authority or prestige. We can be tempted to lose hope, to lose faith, to give up, to stop loving or caring, to walk away from the challenges we face, to lose trust in God.

With every temptation we face there is the underlying question of what is worthwhile, what is the true value of things; what is worth striving for, living for, dying for; what is our life all about. And in all of them is the temptation to lose trust in God and to let go or water down our commitment as followers of Jesus. Jesus' response to the three temptations he faces is instructive for us and how we deal with temptation in our lives.

The first temptation - to turn stones into bread - exemplifies the temptation of possessions, physical needs and "creature comforts." Jesus replies: "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." Truly, it is not bread or indeed any possession that will bring us to eternal life.

Jesus' second temptation - to have power and authority - exemplifies the temptation to make them the goal and indeed the god of our life. It is the temptation of idolatry, of worshipping false gods. Jesus replies: "Worship the Lord your God and serve only him." Let us love and worship God with all our heart, soul, our mind, and our strength.

His third temptation - to throw himself down for angels to save him - is to test God's love and care for him, to see if God really does protect him from danger. Jesus replies: "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." Nor should we.

Let's take this season of Lent to reflect on our lives, our priorities, our commitments, and especially our relationship with God. Let's ponder God's faithfulness in caring for us and let's renew our trust in God's love and protection. Let's also make this Lent a time for giving thanks for all the blessings of our lives. Let us express our thanks in some tangible ways.

Traditionally, Lent has been a time for prayer, for almsgiving to those in need, and for self-denial by way of fasting - giving up something, such as favourite foods or activities, or perhaps taking up something - such as giving time to assist others or time for prayer and contemplation.

Lent is a time for some 'spring-cleaning' and de-cluttering our lives, for gratitude, and for re-focussing our faith, hope and love. [It's worth doing!](#)

Anne Hunt @Magellan Media 2022

This week in the Parish 6 - 13 March

Sunday 6	THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass
Monday 7	9:00 am - Rosary & Prayers (see note below)
Tuesday 8	4:30 pm - Hour of Prayer 5:30 pm - Mass 7:00 pm - Baptism Preparation Meeting
Wednesday 9	11:00 am - Funeral prayers for Kathleen Everett 2:00 pm - Catholic Women's Group (see note page 3) 4:30 pm - Hour of Prayer 5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 10	8:15 am - Mass 11:30 am - First Reconciliation Retreat & Sacrament
Friday 11	10:00 am - Requiem Mass for Tony McKerrow No 12:00 pm Mass today 12:30 pm - Stations of the Cross (see note below)
Saturday 12	9:00 am - Rosary in Sacred Heart Church 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 13	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass

RECONCILIATION IN LENT

Friday: 11:30 am - 11:50 am
Not 11 March (Funeral)
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:

Beryl Allam, Robert Dusi, Tony McKerrow, 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

Readings for this Sunday and next week:

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C

Deut 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C

Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17 - 4:1; Lk 9:28-36

READING ROSTER | YEAR C

5/6 March | First Sunday of Lent

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

12/13 March | Second Sunday of Lent

6 pm - Ken Mumford
8 am - Bernard Nolan
10 am - Mary-Ann Thackray

ROSARY & PRAYERS for God's Precious Infants and the Unborn Child - Monday 7 March - 9am - Sacred Heart Church.

Pregnancy Help Line: 1300 139 313

BAPTISM PREPARATION

If you are considering having your child baptised please phone the Parish Office for enquiries and to book in for the Baptism Preparation Meeting. The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on Tuesday 8 March at 7pm.

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.

The Diocese of Lismore 2022 Flood Appeal



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The Most Reverend Gregory Homeming OCD, Bishop of Lismore offers his message of comfort, support and hope to the people of Northern NSW.

The Diocese of Lismore today launched its 2022 Flood Appeal. To donate, please transfer funds to the account below:

BSB: **037-889**

Account No: **1061 5829**

Account Name: **DOL Flood Appeal**

Unfortunately this appeal is not tax deductible. If you are having trouble donating, please email appeals@lismore.catholic.org.au.



Synod For a synodal Church
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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 our Diocesan contact

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP

MEETING, CUPPA AND SOCIAL GET-TOGETHER

Wednesday 9 March at 2pm

Home of Barbara Cook, 63 Byangum Road

Ground level access

Ph: 026672 3377 Mobile: 0459 955 394

(At present you may not be able to contact through phones, you are welcome to just turn up)



SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS & MANDATORY REPORTING TRAINING

Meetings set down for Monday 7 March has been postponed - date to be advised.

Bishop Greg's Lenten Talk Series continues!

This year's Lenten talks will focus on the **Spirituality of St John of the Cross.**

Talks will be available from 6pm on Thursdays

10, 17 & 24 March

on the YouTube channel

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

All are most welcome!

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - C**RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PS 90)**

R: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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

*One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth
from the mouth of God. -
Matthew 4:4*

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT****5 & 6 March**

Anatercia 12, was struggling to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died. Then she participated in Caritas Australia-supported training and gained access to psychosocial supports.

Now, her quality of life has improved and she can focus on school.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia.

You can donate through Project Compassion envelopes available in the Church today, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

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.

Masks are no longer mandatory. 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*

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