

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

YEAR C

27 March 2022

A father's undying love for his sons

The parable in today's gospel tells us about the experience of being loved and forgiven. It is about a father who shares his love equally with his two sons and, as they mature into adulthood, he gives them space to make their own decisions.

The younger son decides he wants to have his own life and so he takes his share of the inheritance, moves away, and becomes disconnected from his father and brother. The older son, however, decides to remain loyal and to serve his father. But one day, after arriving home after a day working in the fields, he becomes angry after seeing his father embrace his younger brother who has returned home, having wasted his inheritance.

It seems unbelievable that his father would welcome the younger sibling because he had turned his back on his father and the family home. However, this is where we witness God's mercy which goes beyond our human thoughts and ways. Seeing his younger son coming towards him, his father runs to him, welcoming and hugging him with tremendous joy and love. To his relief, the younger son finds his father is still the same loving and merciful man.

His father can't hide his joy, so he throws a party to celebrate his son's return. The younger son feels even more loved by his father than before he left the family property. The older son is invited to join the celebrations, but refuses, bitterly complaining that he has served his father loyally all his life but has never been treated like a king. Why would the younger brother be treated like a king when he turned his back on his father? It doesn't make sense! At this moment the older son doesn't feel loved, even though he has experienced his father's care all his life.

Both sons, in different ways, failed to appreciate and respond to their father's steadfast love and generosity. The younger son, only when he had nothing left to lose, returned home, only then to realise his father's great love and mercy. The older son, momentarily blinded by envy and jealousy, failed to recognise his father's unfailing love for him throughout his life and to share his father's joy in the younger son's return.

We too are greatly loved by God and we have the freedom to make our own decisions. Coming home to God, whatever the mistakes or poor decisions we have made along the way, is really a journey of love. It takes courage and humility, as the younger son showed.

God, our Father, never changes or wavers his love for us. He is always waiting for us. Let us make the move and go back home to renew our relationship with God, our Father. Let us open ourselves to his unconditional love and mercy, and let's be ready to share God's life and love with others, especially with the wounded ones.

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This week in the Parish 27 March - 3 April

Sunday 27	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass
Tuesday 29	4:30 pm - Hour of Prayer <i>No 5:30 pm Mass today</i>
Wednesday 30	4:30 pm - Hour of Prayer 5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 31	8:15 am - Mass 9:15 am - Legion of Mary (Philomena 0414201940)
Friday 1 April	11:00 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12:00 pm - Mass 12:30 pm - Stations of the Cross (<i>see note below</i>)
Saturday 2	6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 3	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass

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

RECONCILIATION IN LENT

Friday: 11:30 am - 11:50 am
Saturday: 5.30 pm - 5.50 pm
Sunday: 7.30 am - 7.50 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:

Lyle Houlahan (Scott Houlahan' father),
Kath O'Keeffe (former parishioner), Beryl Allam,
Roberto Dusi, Tony McKerrow

ANNIVERSARIES:

St Pope John Paul II, Kevin Loughman, Joe McDonald

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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



WEDDING:

Please pray for God's blessing on
Peter Twohill & Hayley Jarman
who were married this weekend.



Readings for this Sunday and next week:

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C
Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C
Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

READING ROSTER | YEAR C

26/27 March | Fourth Sunday of Lent

6 pm - Margaret Mumford
8 am - Philomena Zambelli
10 am - Ed Egan

2/3 April | Fifth Sunday of Lent

6 pm - Lyndy Severs
8 am - Jan Bruce
10 am - Mary-Ann Thackray

PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

The **next meeting** of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held on **Thursday 7 April at 5:30 pm**.

The **agenda for the meeting will be set on Thursday 31 March**. Any matters that you, our Parishioners, would like to be considered for the agenda should be sent by email to banner@onthenet.com.au or placed in the PPC box in the church no later than Wednesday 30 March.

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*

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.

ENTRANCE HYMN

HOSEA Gregory Norbert OSB

Come back to me with all your heart.
Don't let fear keep us apart.
Trees do bend though straight and tall;
so must we to others call.
Long have I waited for your coming home to me
and living deeply our new life.
The wilderness will lead you
to your heart where I will speak.
Integrity and justice with tenderness you shall
know.
Long have I waited for your coming home to me
and living deeply our new life.
You shall sleep secure with peace;
faithfulness will be your joy.
Long have I waited for your coming home to me
and living deeply our new life.

COMMUNION HYMN

OUR SUPPER INVITATION Kevin Bates

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine
take of my life and live, branch of my vine.
Let me befriend you now, eat, take your fill.
Don't be afraid to dream, love has its will.
Take up your burden now, walk till you find
just what the journey means, walk while there's
time.
Food for the journey will answer your need.
Don't be afraid to walk, love, my love will lead.
Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine
be a sweet nourishment to good friends of mine.
Let me befriend you now, eat, take your fill.
Share with your people, that love has its will.
Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine
take of my life and live, branch of my vine.



A reminder ...
DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS
3 am SUNDAY 3 APRIL

CONSECRATION OF RUSSIA AND UKRAINE

On 25th March (Feast of the Annunciation), Pope Francis consecrated Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, placing the warring countries under the protection of Mary and trusting in the power of her intercession in achieving a peaceful solution. We invite parishioners to pray the prayer for peace and justice.

REFLECTION HYMN

YES, I SHALL ARISE Lucien Deiss

Yes, I shall arise and return to my Father!
To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
In you, O my God, I place all my trust.
Yes, I shall arise and return to my Father!
Look down on me, have mercy, O Lord.
Forgive me my sins, behold all my grief.
Yes, I shall arise and return to my Father!
To you I pray; have pity on me.
My God I have sinned against your great love.
Yes, I shall arise and return to my Father!

RECESSIONAL HYMN

AMAZING GRACE John Newton

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,
that saved and strengthened me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!
Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.

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PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE

God of peace and justice,
who change the hardened heart
and break the power of violence,
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril;
let them know not death but life,
not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all;
we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength
to live that truth in love,
choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PS 33)

R: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

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R: O taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and
against you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

PASSION SUNDAY - 10 April

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm - Blessing of palms.

Passion Sunday: 7:45 am - Blessing of Palms in Sacred Park with the Anglican Community, then procession to Sacred Heart Church for 8:00 am Mass.

TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday - 14 April:

7:00 pm - Celebration of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration.

Good Friday - 15 April:

9:00 am - Stations of the Cross
3:00 pm - Solemn Celebration Lord's Passion

Easter Vigil - 16 April:

7:00 pm - Easter Vigil - Sacred Heart Church

EASTER SUNDAY - 17 April

9:00 am - Mass - Sacred Heart Church

**Chrim Mass 2022 will be held on
Monday 11 April in St Augustine's Church,
Coffs Harbour. All are invited to attend.**

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, but encouraged in Mass to protect the vulnerable members of our parish community.

We also 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.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 26 & 27 March



From her life as a child soldier in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rosalie is now a business owner, a community leader and a role model for other ex-combatants seeking to readjust to civilian life.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help women like Rosalie to succeed in the future, providing hope *For All Future Generations*. You can donate through Project Compassion envelopes available in the Church today, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.



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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