

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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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C 13 March 2022

A spiritual guide to the top

Mountains play an important role in the bible; often presented as sites of transcendent spiritual experiences and encounters with God. Abraham shows his willingness to sacrifice Isaac and then encounters God on a mountain (Gen 22:1-14).

God appears to Moses and speaks from the burning bush on "Horeb, the mountain of God" (Ex 3:1-2); and he encounters Elijah on the same site (1 Kings 19:8-18). Most impressive of all is the experience of the Israelites at Mount Sinai (Ex 19), in which Moses ascends in a cloud to meet God.

A similar story emerges from the Christian Scriptures, where Jesus often retreats to mountains to be alone (Jn 6:15), to pray (Mt 14:23; Lk 6:12) and to teach his listeners (Mt 5:1; Mk 3:13). It was on a mountain that Jesus refuted Satan's temptation (Mt 4:8; Lk 4:5). And in today's gospel, Jesus ascends a mountain, is transfigured and meets Moses and Elijah (Lk 9:28-36).

In Luke's gospel, the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus signals the start of Jesus' final journey from Galilee to his Passion in Jerusalem (Lk 9:51-19:44). At the end of the journey, Jesus climbs the Mount of Olives and makes preparation for his triumphal entry into Jerusalem and his final clash with the authorities on the Temple mount.

What is interesting about this travel narrative in Luke is that it takes place in the "in between" times, wedged between Jesus' ministry on the "holy mountains" of Galilee and Jerusalem. Down on the plains and in the valleys, Jesus and his disciples are in unfamiliar territory. They are separated from their synagogues in the Galilean hillsides and still distant from their national shrine on Mount Zion.

Along the way to Jerusalem, Jesus' disciples are confronted by Samaritans and people who live on the margins of Jewish society, lepers, disabled beggars, tax collectors and Gentiles. Jesus welcomes, teaches and heals all whom they encounter as they pass by.

Writing for his community, Luke distinguishes between mountain-top experiences where they may encounter the divine in prayer and worship (Lk 9:28), and the lived experience of faith amidst the diversity and vagaries of their wider human society.

The spiritual writer, Eugene Peterson, sees these passages in Luke as analogous to the life of the Christian "between Sundays." "Samaria," Petersen writes "is the country between Galilee and Jerusalem in which we spend most of our time." It is a place where we need to talk a language that we wouldn't use in church; but which, nevertheless, must be informed and inspired by our retreat to the mountain on Sundays.

This line of thought reminds us of Vatican II where the Sunday Eucharist is described as the source and summit of the Christian life. This Lent, let us take time to reflect more deeply on our mountain top encounters with Jesus in the Eucharist; reflecting on how these experiences can continue to breathe new life into our encounters with the people who share our everyday lives in the "in between" times.

Ian J Elmer @Magellan Media 2022

This week in the Parish 13 - 20 March

Sunday 13 **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C**
8:00 am - Mass
10:00 am - Mass

Tuesday 15 4:30 pm - Hour of Prayer
5:30 pm - Mass

Wednesday 16 10:30 am - Requiem Mass for Roberto Domenico Dusi
4:30 pm - Hour of Prayer
No 5:30 pm Mass

Thursday 17 **ST PATRICK, bishop**
8:15 am - Mass
5:30 pm - Finance Council Meeting

Friday 18 12:00 pm - Mass
12:30 pm - Stations of the Cross (*see note below*)

Saturday 19 **ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
9:00 am - Mass
6:00pm - Vigil Mass

Sunday 20 **THIRD 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: 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, Roberto Dusi, Tony McKerrow,
Kathleen Everett, Margaret O'Neill, Max McCabe

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

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

Readings for this Sunday and next week:

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C

Ex 3:1-8, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

READING ROSTER | YEAR C

12/13 March | Second Sunday of Lent

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

19/20 March | Third Sunday of Lent

6 pm - Barbara Brodbeck
8 am - Kay Ryder
10 am - Lorraine Green

ST JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY

Saturday 19 March

Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am
in the Sacred Heart Church.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Catholic Men's Group March morning tea
has been cancelled.
Details for the April morning tea will be
advertised shortly.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP

March luncheon

Friday 25 March | 12:30pm | Murwillumbah
Services Club

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ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME

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.

An update from Fr Anthony...

On 4 November 2021 I was admitted to PA Hospital Brisbane for surgery to remove a rare cancer from my lower spine. I had a sacral chordoma. I was operated on 25 November 2021. The surgery took 18 hours. On Christmas Eve I took my first tentative steps on a rollator. I walked a mere 15 metres and fell back into bed exhausted.

On Wednesday I walked 180 metres in a bit over six minutes on two crutches. I then graduated to one crutch and walked 80 metres. After physio on Wednesday they told me I had a discharge date, Friday 18 March, thus bringing to an end my hospital journey.

I can't begin to thank the many people who have contributed to my recovery. The prayers prayed worked. Hundreds of cards, presents and flowers were sent to me. I'll treasure them all especially the ones sent to me by the children at our two primary schools. Their messages of hope, love and encouragement were just what I needed. Thank you everyone for your prayers, love and constant support.

The Diocese of Lismore 2022 Flood Appeal



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 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.

DIOCESAN REVIEW

In December 2021, Bishop Greg, in consultation with the Council of Priests, commissioned a Review of the Diocese of Lismore. The Review's goal is to provide a focused way forward in the face of the many challenges which confront all of us in our local parishes and throughout the Diocese. Some of the questions that will be discussed will include:

1. How do we sustain and strengthen our parish communities?
2. How do we identify the needs of the people in the Lismore Diocese and find ways to assist them?
3. How can we support clergy, parishes and the other works of the Diocese?
4. What should the mission and focus of the Diocese be as we move further into the 21st Century?
5. Do we need to change the structures which hold the Diocese in place and/or the ways in which we do things?

Dr Atat Li-Kim Mui has been appointed to conduct the Review. He has conducted similar work with secular and church organisations and will begin by engaging with and listening to Parish Priests and lay leaders in the parish and within the Diocese over the coming months.

The initial consultation with our Parish will be a combined meeting of representatives of the Parish Finance Council and Parish Pastoral Council with Dr Atat. This meeting will be scheduled for the near future to allow local input at the start of the review process. Opportunities for input from parishioners will be sought through the process.

SYNOD OF BISHOPS DEADLINE

The online portal to take part in a global conversation about the Catholic Church is closing this weekend.

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?

Online submissions for the Synod on Synodality close midnight Sunday, March 13. Share your contribution at: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

Contributions over 250 words may still be made directly to our Diocesan contact Matt Digges mattdigges@scca.net.au

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PS 26)

R: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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 available from 6pm
on Thursdays 17 & 24 March

on the YouTube channel

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

All are most welcome!



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 12 & 13 March



As a person with a disability living in remote India, Biru faced the prospect of a life of poverty and discrimination. With your support, he participated in entrepreneurship training and gained the skills to become financially independent.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help people living with disabilities in India gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to build a better future.

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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