

# 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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## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### YEAR C

20 March 2022

## Where to find repentance

We might understand saying sorry, or an apology, forgiveness, even reconciliation and healing, but often we're uncertain what part repentance plays in our lives. Yet it's the very first thing that Jesus calls us to in the gospels and in Lent it's front and centre.

So, in today's gospel we hear two stories: firstly, the tragic story of the Galileans murdered by Herod in the temple. Jesus' response to it is quite unexpected because he asks the people, do you think these Galileans were worse sinners than those Galileans who survived? "No", he says, and urges us in the light of a coming judgment to repent of our self-serving or it will be the ruin of us.

The second story is the fig-tree parable which offers hope that God will be patient; but there is a point when the gardener will have to say enough if, after patient tending, the tree still bears no fruit. There's an underlying urgency in this, but God is at work so that we may bear fruit: trust in his presence.

If we're uncertain about repentance, one writer has noted, it's there in the 12-step program to recovery from addiction, where participants begin by owning that they're powerless and their lives have become unmanageable. It's also a reminder that repentance is one step towards finding peace.

That's where we all come to, most often unable, or unwilling, to see ourselves in this way. We say we can manage our shortcomings, or issues, with some assistance from God at times, so when the going gets tough, we get on with our lives, occasionally wondering what, or who, is absent from them, but trudging on.

At those tough moments in our lives – of failure, betrayal, death – we might pray earnestly to God, but there comes a breakthrough point when we realise we need to let God be in our lives, rather than make use of him, however openly, or subtly, we go about it. A god made in our own image, who does our bidding, is not the God made real to us in Jesus Christ. And it's this deep reluctance to get real we're wanting to name and repent of in Lent. This has implications for us all, because it's never simply a private matter, which means we're in this together.

We'll only be able to repent if we take to heart what the psalm says: 'The Lord is kind and merciful'. That's who 'I Am', the God of the burning bush, who appears to Moses in the first reading: trust in his love. In the second reading we're reminded that we're living at the end of the age and we're cautioned not simply to trust in our own efforts to feel safe: trust in his love.

Because the only place where repentance will happen is where there is love, where we are loved, in the company of one another. This is the life offered to us, here and now, in Jesus Christ.

Damian Coleridge @Magellan Media 2022

# This week in the Parish 20 - 27 March

Sunday 20	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C</b> 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
Friday 25	<b>The ANNUNCIATION of the LORD</b> 12:00 pm - Mass 12:30 pm - Stations of the Cross (see note below) 12:30 pm - Catholic Women's Group lunch (note below)
Saturday 26	6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 27	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C</b> 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:

Beryl Allam, Roberto Dusi, Tony McKerrow,  
Kathleen Everett, Margaret O'Neill

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Fr Bill Mills (PP 1988-1996), Shirley Nolan,  
Chris Hill (5/3), Marion Roberts (6/3)

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

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

### Readings for this Sunday and next week:

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C

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

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C

Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

## READING ROSTER | YEAR C

### 19/20 March | Third Sunday of Lent

6 pm - Barbara Brodbeck

8 am - Kay Ryder

10 am - Lorraine Green

### 26/27 March | Fourth Sunday of Lent

6 pm - Margaret Mumford

8 am - Philomena Zambelli

10 am - Ed Egan

## 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

Enquiries: Helen Larkin 6672 5647 | 0409 802 639  
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**ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME**

## DIOCESE OF LISMORE 2022 FLOOD APPEAL

The Most Reverend Gregory Homering 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](mailto:appeals@lismore.catholic.org.au)

## 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

### HERE I AM, LORD Dan Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.**

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

**Here I am, Lord ...**

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

**Here I am, Lord ...**

## COMMUNION HYMN

### ONE BREAD, ONE BODY John Foley

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth,  
We are one body in this one Lord.**

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man, no more.

**One bread, one body ...**

Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all.

**One bread, one body ...**

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one, for all.

**One bread, one body ...**

## REFLECTION HYMN

### A TRUSTING PSALM Kevin Bates

**Refrain: Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.**

The word of the Lord  
is faithfulness and love:  
His love can never be measured  
His beauty is like nothing we have ever  
seen,  
So let us place our trust in him.

The word of the Lord  
means a patient gentle God:  
His love will never grow weary.  
His mercy is as though our sins have never  
been,  
If we can place our trust in him.

The word of the Lord  
is fire burning strong:  
his love will never grow weary.  
He will seek and save the lost until we all  
return,  
so let us place our trust in him.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

### PRAISE THE LORD MY SOUL John Foley

Praise the Lord, my soul,  
Let fire and rain give praise to him,  
Give praise to him who is merciful,  
slow to judge;  
Praise the Lord, O my soul.

Bless the Lord, my soul,  
Let all I am give praise to him,  
And not forget he is kind,  
he forgives our sins;  
Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
Merciful and kind,  
He knows our ways, he knows we're dust.  
And like the flowers that flourish,  
we soon must die;  
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Glory to our God,  
Let all that is give praise to him;  
Give praise to him,  
all you creatures who live his love;  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PS 102)

R: The Lord is kind and merciful.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

**Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**

*Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

### ***Bishop Greg's Lenten Talk Series concludes this week!***

This years Lenten talks focus on the  
**Spirituality of St John of the Cross.**

**This is the final in the series and will be available  
from 6pm on Thursday 24 March  
on the YouTube channel**

**<https://www.youtube.com/c/LismoreDioceseAU>  
All are most welcome!**



## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 19 & 20 March



**Janice 44**, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, who tells stories through movements handed down over generations. With your support, Janice and the Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation support the community to generate income and employment, while keeping culture alive.



**Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive.**

You can donate through Project Compassion envelopes available in the Church today, by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://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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