

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

17 April 2022

Jesus is alive!

There was a Russian Cossack, who had two sons in the First World War. Their names were Peter and Gregory. One day the father received a letter from the front. Unable to read he handed it to his daughter.

It was from Gregory's commanding officer and it began: "I regret to inform you that your son Gregory was killed in action on July 10.

Gregory was an excellent soldier, and you have every reason to be proud of him." The effect of this news on the father was immediate and alarming. In a matter of days he aged, turning grey overnight. His memory began to fail and even his mind was affected. He began to drink to excess. He kept the letter under an icon in the kitchen. Each day he would take it down and ask his daughter to read it to him once more.

After the local priest had offered a Requiem Mass for his son, the father felt a little better, but only a little. Twelve days went on like this. On the thirteenth day a second letter arrived from the front. It contained an extraordinary piece of news. His son was not dead! He had been wounded and left for dead on the battlefield. Next morning, he had regained consciousness and crawled four miles back to his own lines, dragging a wounded officer with him. In recognition of his bravery, he was to be raised to the rank of a corporal and awarded the Cross of St George. Right now, he was recovering in hospital, and they could expect a visit from him in a month's time.

Once again, the effect on the father was immediate, except this time it was for the better. He was a sight to see. He was filled with joy. He grabbed the letter and went into the village with it, telling everyone he met; "My son is alive! He's been awarded the St. George Cross for bravery!"

This story should give us some idea of the joy the disciples experienced on Easter Sunday morning. Just as the Cossack father gave witness to the news that his son was alive, so too Peter speaks to the household of Cornelius, the Roman Centurion.

Peter summarises for them the essence of the story of Jesus who was anointed by God, proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God, healed the sick, and liberated those who were possessed. However, having antagonised the authorities, Jesus was crucified. But he was now raised to new life. He had appeared to his disciples, shared food with them and commissioned them to bear witness to all people.

Hearing this news, the Spirit comes upon Peter's audience, and all are baptised, Jews and Gentiles.

As we reflect on the resurrection of Jesus, we are reminded of this great news and renewed in our ability to bear witness to all people by our words and deeds.

Michael A Kelly CSsR @Magellan Media 2022

This week in the Parish

Thursday 14	7:00 pm - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER FOLLOWED BY ADORATION
Friday 15	9:00 am - STATIONS OF THE CROSS 3:00pm - FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
Saturday 16	7:00 pm - EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
Sunday 17	9:00 am - SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION 10:15 am - Baptism
Tuesday 19	4:30 pm - Hour of Prayer No Mass today
Wednesday 20	10:00 am - Men's Group Morning Tea (see note below) 4:30 pm - Hour of Prayer No Mass today
Thursday 21	No Mass today
Friday 22	No Mass today
Saturday 23	9:00 pm - Mass of Anointing 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 24	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy Sunday) 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass 2:00 pm - Wedding - Sacred Heart Church Jess Tunsted & Tomas Yeo
Monday 25	ANZAC DAY - Mass 9:00 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.

ORGAN RECITAL

Christopher Trikilis

Director of Music | St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane

2:30 pm | Sunday 24 April

All Saints Anglican Church
\$18/\$12 entry

Tickets at door or book online:
www.trybooking.com/BTHQL

The recital program will include works by European Masters and more recent American composers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fr John Worthington, Mary Coleman, Lyle Houlahan, Kath O'Keeffe, John Keevers

ANNIVERSARIES:

Bishop John Satterthwaite (Fourth Bishop of Lismore), Nora Biltoft

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Michael Egan, Deb Craig, Fr Anthony Lemon, James Wallace

READING ROSTER | YEAR C

23/24 April | 2nd Sunday of Easter

6 pm - Grace Molloy
8 am - Barbara Cook
10 am - Lorraine Green

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.



BAPTISM

Please welcome
Harriet Catherine Smith
to our faith community.

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to Florida Roka who received the Sacrament of Confirmation during the Easter ceremonies.



CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

April morning tea | Wednesday 20 April | 10:00 am
Murwillumbah Services Club
Enquiries: Alex Lever 0458 817 021

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

'MASS OF ANOINTING'

9AM | SATURDAY | 23 APRIL

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is a prayer of healing which may be celebrated individually and communally, and may be received more than once.

All Parishioners Are Welcome.

PARISH OFFICE THIS WEEK...

Parish Office will be CLOSED Monday 18 April and will re-open 9am Tuesday 19 April.



**'He is risen!
Truly, he is risen!'**
 'He departed from our sight
 that we might
 return to our heart,
 and there find him.
 For he departed,
 and behold, he is here.'
 - St Augustine

HAPPY AND HOLY EASTER

to all parishioners
 from Fr Peter, Fr Anthony
 and the Parish staff.
 May it be a time of special grace
 for you and your families.

BISHOP GREG'S EASTER MESSAGE 2022



Dear Brothers and Sisters

The Easter story is the common story of every person. Somewhere in the events and emotions culminating in the burial of Jesus we find ourselves. Suffering, rejection, betrayal, death, grief and loss are part of the human experience. In the last few months we have been through much of this. Each year this Easter story brings hope and life to many because Jesus' burial is not the end of the story. On Easter Sunday Jesus rises from the dead. Life is transformed and we are changed. There is always something wonderful on the other side of suffering, all we have to do is hope. I think that the world is divided into resurrection and non-resurrection people, between those who are resilient and those who are pessimistic. We admire the resilient, hope filled positive people. We admire resurrection people. This Easter let us strive to be resurrection people who believe in God, ourselves and a grace filled future.

I wish you a happy and blessed Easter.

Most Revd Greg Homeming OCD
 Bishop of Lismore

THANK YOU

A very special thank you to all
 who participated in any way
 in the Holy Week Ceremonies
 & their preparation.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL SURVEY...

The Sacred Heart Pastoral Council is seeking the views of parishioners on the current regular Sunday and weekday Mass times in the Sacred Heart Church.

If you would like to comment or make suggestions regarding Mass times, please complete the form and return to the Parish Office, place on collection plate, or place in the Parish Pastoral Council box located in the Sacred Heart Church by **Sunday 1 May**.

Forms can be found in this weekend's bulletin, on the table in the church or from the Parish Office.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

The Divine Mercy Novena commences on Good Friday 15 April. **Novena prayer cards are available this weekend.** Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter (within the Easter Octave).

GOOD FRIDAY - Holy Land Collection

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Last year, Australian Catholics donated over \$1.2 million. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land this Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers.

Envelopes are available for your donation, with Credit Card facility. Thank you for your support of the Holy Land.

EASTER SUNDAY

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia! Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2022 Lenten appeal.

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 from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.**



HOLY THURSDAY

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 115)

R: Our blessing-cup is a communion with the blood of Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

GOOD FRIDAY

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 30)

R: Father, I put my life in your hands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
Christ became obedient for us even to death,
dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high and gave
him a name above all other names.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 117)

**R: This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

SEQUENCE: (ALL READ)

**Christians,
to the Paschal victim offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
Death with life contended:
combat strangely ended!
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.
Tell us, Mary:
say what thou didst see upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen:
he goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, Alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!**

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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