

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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St. Columba's Church

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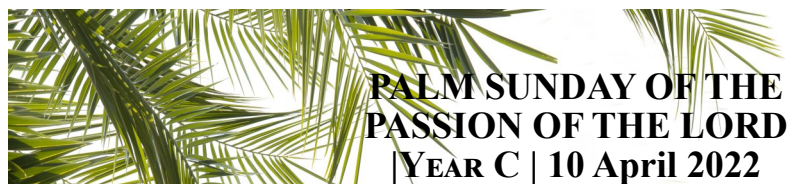
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Evil doesn't have the last word

Soon after a refugee family moved into their new home, they became victims of racial abuse. One morning, as Fariza left the house to walk her two young children to school, they were confronted by a rowdy mob waving placards, shouting obscenities, and smearing the house and front fence with hate-filled graffiti.

The encounter sent a wave of fear and panic through Fariza. Her frightened and confused children didn't understand what was happening. After all, this was supposed to be a new start for the family, free of the violence and mayhem from which they had fled.

As news of the despicable racial crime spread, the local community rallied in support of Fariza and her family. An elderly couple from the down the street arrived carrying paint, brushes and buckets and offered to remove the graffiti. Soapy water, sandpaper and paint soon obliterated the offensive words and images and a new friendship developed.

Throughout the day, a steady stream of concerned well-wishers and neighbours came by. One family brought food. A young couple gifted flowers and pot-plants. Teachers from the school arrived with toys for the children. Civic, police and faith leaders visited, offering support and assistance.

Fariza said, "The day ended so differently from the way it began." The community's bold and compassionate response, broke the power of hatred and evil. The locals took an ugly situation and made it beautiful. They transformed a situation of bigotry and exclusion into one of love and welcome.

The story of Jesus' Passion also ends very differently from the way it begins. As Jesus enters Jerusalem, there is praise and excitement as the people wave their branches and proclaim their blessings. But, it's not very long till praise turns to blood-thirsty shouts of "Crucify him!" Jesus is betrayed and deserted by many, even by some of his closest followers. He's treated like a common criminal; mocked, beaten and murdered on a cross.

Yet, God takes an ugly, hopeless situation and transforms it. Jesus' Passion and death become the revelation of God's unconditional faithfulness, compassion and love. Jesus, the Suffering Servant, who is utterly faithful to God's purpose for him, resists and breaks through evil and reveals a God of intimacy and relationship, forever bonded to humanity by a new and everlasting covenant in Jesus.

Jesus' suffering and death for our sake changes and transforms. Our lives are not to be surrendered to the power and domination of 'today's rowdy mobs'. Rather, the 'good news' is that life is to be lived to the full, in communion with the Risen Christ, in the service of others, forever seeking to make a difference and transform society into a reflection of God's Kingdom.

Passion/Palm Sunday spurs us to action, for we glimpse the victory of love and life over hatred and death. Evil, injustice, violence and death don't have the last word. For the way things begin is not the way they will end.

David J Hore CSsR @Magellan Media 2022

This week in the Parish

Sunday 10	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 7:45 am - Sacred Park with Anglican Community - process to the Sacred Heart Church 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass 11:15 am - Baptism 12 noon - Baptism
Monday 11	7:00 pm - Chrism Mass - St Augustine's, Coffs Harbour
Tuesday 12	4:30 pm - Hour of Prayer 5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 13	4:30 pm - Hour of Prayer 5:30 pm - Mass

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Thursday 14 April	7:00 pm - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER FOLLOWED BY ADORATION
Friday 15 April	9:00 am STATIONS OF THE CROSS 3:00pm - FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
Saturday 16 April	7:00 pm - EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
Sunday 17 April	9:00 am - SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION 10:15 am - Baptism

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:

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

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



BAPTISM:

Please welcome
Sophia Margaret Guinea & Theodore Jan Richard Frost
to our faith community.

WEDDING:

Please pray for God's blessing on
Rachel Macartney & Cameron Barnes
who were married in the Sacred Heart Church this weekend.



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

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).

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

CONGRATULATIONS

Pat & Rita Marr
who are celebrating their
50th Wedding Anniversary this week.

'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.

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.

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

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

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. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection. Last year, Australian Catholics donated over \$1.2 million. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land again on 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.

ENTRANCE HYMN

ALL GLORY PRAISE AND HONOUR

Theodulph of Orleans

Tr. J M Neale

*Refrain: All glory, praise and honour
to you, redeemer, king!
To whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

1. You are the king of Israel
and David's royal son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
our king and blessed one.
2. The company of angels
are praising you on high;
and mortals joined with all things
created, make reply.
3. The people of the Hebrews
with palms before you went:
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present.
4. To you before your passion
they sang their hymns of praise:
to you now high exalted,
our melody we raise.

COMMUNION HYMN

THE SUMMONS David Haas

Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known?
Will you let my life be grown in you
and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare,
should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you
and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?

Will you set the pris'ner free
and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you
and you in me?

RECESSIONAL HYMN

HAIL REDEEMER Patrick Brennan

1. Hail Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb the throne is thine,
King, whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.

*Refrain: Angels, saints and nations sing,
'Praised be Jesus Christ, our King:
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary.'*

2. King, whose name creation thrills,
rule our minds, our hearts, our wills,
till in peace each nation rings
with your praises, King of kings. R.
3. King most holy, King of truth,
raise the lowly, guide the youth;
Christ our King of glory bright,
be to us eternal light. R.

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PALM SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PS 21)

R: My God, My God, why have you abandoned me?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

Praise and honour 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.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Readings for the coming weeks:

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

THURSDAY of the LORD'S SUPPER

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

FRIDAY of the PASSION of the LORD

Is 52:13 - 53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9;

Jn 18:1 - 19:42

HOLY SATURDAY -

EASTER SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION of the LORD

Gen 1:1-2:2; Ex 14:15-15:1; Is 55:1-11;

Rom 6:3-11; Lk 24:1-12

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - Yr C (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Acts 5:12-16; Apoc 1:9-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

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.



PALM SUNDAY

9 & 10 April



Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water.

With your generosity, Caritas Australia has been able to help millions of vulnerable people around the world, through Project Compassion appeal. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generation**. 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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