

# 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

## PARISH STAFF

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) - YEAR C

17 April 2022

### Looking for the hard truth

Although Thomas is called the 'twin', he might be better named Thomas the 'realist'. Unlike other disciples, Thomas is not about to believe in something as improbable as Jesus rising from the dead unless he has hard evidence. We might even call him Thomas the 'sceptic' who believes only in things he can see and touch. Yet, our 'doubting Thomas' has more to teach us than is commonly realised.

In John's Gospel, Thomas is presented as someone who does the right thing even in the face of adversity. This is shown when Jesus decides to visit the ill and dying Lazarus. Thomas urges the disciples to accompany Jesus on this difficult mission - even if they might face death: "Let us go that we may die with him" (Jn 11:16). Thomas is a person of action who is true to his word. This is in contrast to Peter who commits himself to follow Jesus to the point of death, but then denies him three times!

Nor is Thomas afraid to express his ignorance and ask the hard questions. At the Last Supper, when Jesus tells the disciples they know where he is going, Thomas bluntly expresses his confusion: "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" (Jn 14:5).

Finally, from today's gospel, we are presented with both a 'doubting Thomas' who is slow to believe, and yet someone who remains open-minded and continues to search for the truth. Once the resurrected Christ appears to him, his response is full-hearted and immediate: "My Lord and my God" (Jn 20:28).

We, like Thomas, are people caught up with deeply human doubts and questions. Unlike Thomas, we do not have the luxury of walking beside Jesus for three years in his public ministry. Yet, even for Thomas this is still not enough to believe without evidence that Jesus was now risen.

Nor do we have the privilege of touching the wounds in the risen body of Jesus, as Thomas did. Yet, in a strange twist of events, Jesus says that you and I are even more blessed than Thomas: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe" (Jn 20:29).

Yet, our faith is not blind belief in things that others tell us. Easter faith is a genuine experience of the risen Lord who always walks with us on the journey of life. This is especially when we experience "crucifixion moments" in our own lives, or when our doubts threaten to overwhelm us. As Thomas' own experience teaches, doubt is not the opposite of faith, but its pre-condition, leading us to search for the 'hidden God' who is closer to us than we are to ourselves.

Pope Francis says that by living our faith in loving service of others "many doubts vanish because we feel the presence of God and the truth of the Gospel." In other words, Easter faith is less about a set of things to believe in, than a way of life leading us to ever deepening discipleship.

# This week in the Parish

Saturday 23	9:00 pm - Mass of Anointing 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 24	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy Sunday)</b> 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass 2:00 pm - Wedding - Sacred Heart Church Jessica Tunsted & Tomas Yeo
Monday 25	<b>ANZAC DAY</b> Mass 9:00 am
Tuesday 26	4:30 pm - Hour of Prayer 5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 27	4:30 pm - Hour of Prayer 5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 28	<b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b> 8:15 am - Mass
Friday 29	12 noon - Mass
Saturday 30	2:30 pm - Wedding - Sacred Heart Church Monique Staunton & Thomas Rowley 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 1 May	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 8:00 am - Mass 9:00 am - Parish Cuppa   Morning tea 10:00 am - Mass 12.00 pm - Baptism

## HOUR FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Each Tuesday & Wednesday  
from 4:30 pm

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday of each month

11 am - 11:50 am

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 5.30 pm - 5.50 pm

Sunday: 8.30 am - 8.50 am



## PARISH CUPPA

Please join us for a  
Cuppa | Morning tea  
after 8am Mass  
Sunday 1 May.  
Everyone welcome!

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Alan Wilson,  
Mark Stewart, Fr John Worthington, Mary Coleman

## ANNIVERSARIES:

Robert Hassan

## THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Mark Hanna, Michael Twohill, Michael Egan,  
Deb Craig, Fr Anthony Lemon, James Wallace

## READING ROSTER | YEAR C

**30 April/ 1 May | Third Sunday of Easter**

6 pm - Grace Molloy

8 am - Jan Bruce

10 am - Lorraine Green

## Readings for the next week:

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - Yr C**

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19

## 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.*



## WEDDING:

Please pray for God's blessing on  
*Jessica Tunsted & Tomas Yeo*  
who were married in the  
Sacred Heart Church this weekend.

## TODAY IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter (within the Easter Octave). It is a devotion based on revelations to Saint Faustina Kowalska including promises of grace related to devotion to Divine Mercy.

This day celebrates the richness, meaning, participation in and application of God's mercy for us.

This day we cry out with St. Thomas "My Lord and My God" (John 20:28).

## DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Legion of Mary will lead the Divine Mercy Chaplet this Sunday, after the 8am Mass in the Sacred Heart Church (*to be sung*).

# ANZAC DAY

This day of commemoration goes beyond the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. It is the day we remember all Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts and peace keeping operations.

The spirit of ANZAC, with its human qualities of courage, mateship and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity.



**Mass on Anzac Day will be celebrated at 9.00am in the Sacred Heart Church.** Parishioners are encouraged to remember and pray for all who lost their lives in the various wars in which Australia has been involved, those who are currently serving in the Defence Forces overseas and to pray for world peace.

## THE ODE

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old,  
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,  
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning

We will remember them.

## LEST WE FORGET.

*Laurence Binyon (1869 - 1943)*



*Greater love has no one than to lay down his life  
for his friends, says the Lord - John 15:13*

## PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS ...

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

The **agenda for the meeting will be set on Thursday 28 April.** Any matters that you, our Parishioners, would like to be considered for the agenda should be sent by email to [banner@onthenet.com.au](mailto:banner@onthenet.com.au) or placed in the PPC box in the church no later than Wednesday 27 April.

## 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 on the table in the church or from the Parish Office.

## 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](http://www.trybooking.com/BTHQL)

## TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Lismore Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process.

For further information please phone the Lismore Office of the Tribunal on **6621 7288** or email [tribunal@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:tribunal@lismore.catholic.org.au)



## Thank You!

Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2022. If you still have your Project Compassion envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au) and donate online.

**Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty.**







The Incredulity of St. Thomas  
- Caravaggio, 1603

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 117)

**R: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
his love is everlasting.**

### IF SUNG:

**R: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
his love endures forever.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**You believe in me, Thomas, because you have  
seen me; happy those who have not seen me,  
but still believe.**

**Alleluia!**

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed  
this Thursday 28 April.

## THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LISMORE SAFEGUARDING OFFICE

If you or a person close to you has been abused by  
someone working or ministering within the  
Diocese of Lismore, we ask you to contact us.

We will listen to you respectfully; offer support and  
discuss options you have available to you.

To contact the Safeguarding Office,  
please phone: (02) 6621 9444

or email: [safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au)

**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

## 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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