

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



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Church of the Sacred Heart

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**2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -
YEAR A
15 January 2023**

A term of great honour

Some people today may be puzzled by John the Baptist referring to Jesus in today's gospel as the "lamb of God", since for most of us the lambs we see in the paddocks are cute, but weak and vulnerable to predators. You don't hear of nations, or even sporting teams, adopting 'lambs' as their emblem. Why should John identify "the Chosen One of God" as the "lamb of God"?

The people for whom John was writing would have heard the "lamb of God" very differently to us. For those familiar with the Old Testament, the term "lamb of God" had extremely powerful resonances, especially in the suffering servant passages in Isaiah, as well as in the Exodus from Egypt.

Recall how Isaiah gives an astonishing account of the suffering servant who is beaten, arrested and put to death: "Like a lamb about to be slaughtered, like a sheep about to be sheared, he never said a word." Yet by his endurance we are saved and forgiven by God (53:7).

Again at the Exodus from Egypt, we read of God sending a destroying angel to kill all the first born in the land, of people and animals, to force Pharaoh to release the Israelites from their bondage. Moses instructs the Israelites to take the blood of a lamb or kid and put it on the doorpost overnight to protect them from the angel of death (Ex. 12). This Passover became a defining feast for the Jewish people ever after, and it resonates in our Christian Eucharist as well.

So for us the "lamb of God" is indeed a term of great honour, not one of weakness but of incredible endurance and commitment by God in Jesus to our wellbeing and salvation. The symbol of the lamb is not one of threat or violence, but of innocence and solidarity with those in suffering.

Curiously in John's gospel, there is no mention of him baptising Jesus. John even says he did not know Jesus, but recognised him from the sign of the Spirit descending on him. John speaks as a prophet witnessing to the true identity of Jesus as the Chosen One who takes away "the sin of the world", the primordial disorder in all creation and in us.

John witnesses the Holy Spirit coming down on Jesus, but the Spirit is not for Jesus alone. Jesus will baptise with the Holy Spirit, and so the Spirit will be alive in all the followers of Jesus.

John is intent on showing how the same Holy Spirit in Jesus is the very same Spirit animating the small and seemingly insignificant Christian communities of his day. He is urging the followers of Jesus to allow God's Spirit to nudge them to be good news, with the 'lamb of God' as their emblem, capturing God's intense personal commitment to our wellbeing, and calling us to a similar commitment to others.

Bruce Duncan CSsR @ Majellan Media 2022

This week in the Parish

Sunday 15 **2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A**
8:30 am - Rosary
9:00 am - Mass (No 8am or 10 am Mass today)

Monday 16 **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

Wednesday 18 11:00 am - Funeral Prayers for Peter McLaughlin
Please note: there are no weekday Masses during January

Thursday 19 12 noon - Legion of Mary - Parish Meeting Centre

Saturday 21 9:00 am - Rosary
5:30 pm - Rosary
6:00 pm - Vigil Mass

Sunday 22 **3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A**
8:30 am - Rosary
9:00 am - Mass (No 8am or 10 am Mass today)

ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed half an hour before each weekend Mass. Please join us in front of the tabernacle to pray for our parish and prepare for Mass.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday : 5.30 pm - 5.50 pm
Sunday: 8.30 am - 8.50 am

WEDNESDAY WORD

Copies of Wednesday Word, with this weekend's readings, are available for you in the Church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Cardinal George Pell, Mary Stewart, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Peter McLaughlin, David Coley

ANNIVERSARIES:

Marie Burnham, Lily Mason

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Rina Anderson, Julie Dawson, Maureen McCabe, Mark Hanna, Deb Craig, Fr Anthony Lemon, James Wallace

ROSTERS | READINGS

21/22 Jan | 3rd Sunday in Ord Time | Year A

6pm - Lisa Dusi-Fox

9am - Lorraine Green

READINGS FOR TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY:

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A

Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A

Is 8:23 - 9-3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23

ROSARY STATUE

Mary Dissanayake



JANUARY MASS TIME CHANGES

Please Note:

- ◆ While Fr Peter is on holidays in January our weekend Mass times are Saturday Vigil 6pm and one Sunday Mass at 9 am.
- ◆ During January there are no weekday Masses until Wednesday 1 February.



Please bring a plate to share

AUSTRALIA DAY MASS

9am | Thursday 26 January | Sacred Heart Church

PARISH OFFICE... The Parish Office will be closed the next two Mondays 16 & 23 January.

Pope's Mission Intention for January...

For Educators: we pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

JOSEPHITE CALENDARS

2022 Josephite Calendars are on sale in the Church or at the Parish Office. Only a few left. \$10.00 each.

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 | Dan Schutte

GLORY AND PRAISE

**Refrain: Glory and praise to our God,
who alone gives light to our days.
Many are the blessings he bears
to those who trust in his ways.**

We, the daughters and sons of him,
who built the valleys and plains,
praise the wonders our God has done
in every heart that sings.

In his wisdom he strengthens us
like gold that's tested in fire.
Though the power of sin prevails,
our God is there to save.

Every moment of every day
our God is waiting to save,
always ready to seek the lost,
to answer those who pray.

COMMUNION HYMN | Thomas Aquinas

GODHEAD HERE IN HIDING

Godhead here in hiding whom I do adore
masked by these bare shadows,
shape and nothing more;
see, Lord, at thy service low lies here a heart
lost, all lost in wonder at the God thou art.

Seeing, touching, tasting are in thee deceived;
how says trusty hearing? That shall be believed:
what's God Son has told me take for truth I do,
truth himself speaks truly, or there's nothing true.

On the cross thy Godhead made no sign to men;
here thy very manhood steals from human ken;
both are my confession, both are my belief,
and I pray the prayer of the dying thief.

Reflection Hymn | Bob Hurd

IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Refrain:

**In the breaking of the bread
we have known Him; we have been fed.
Jesus the stranger, Jesus the Lord,
be our companion, be our hope.**

Bread for the journey, strength for our years,
manna of ages of struggle and tears.
Cup of salvation, fruit of the land,
bless and receive now, the work of our hands.

Bread of the promise, people of hope,
wine of compassion, life for the world.
Gathered at table, joined as one body,
sealed in the Spirit, sent by the Word.

Recessional Hymn | Dan Schutte

CITY OF GOD

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

**Refrain: Let us build a city of God.
May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love,
has turned the night into day!**

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.
The one who has loved us has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
a light for his people to set their hearts free.

God is light; in him there is no darkness.
Let us walk in his light, his children, one and all.
O comfort my people; make gentle your words.
Proclaim to my city the day of her birth.

O city of gladness, now lift up your voice!
Proclaim the good tidings that all may rejoice.

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Change to Sunday Mass Time from 1 February 2023

With the planned return of Fr Anthony to active ministry in late February/early March; a decision has been made to celebrate only one Mass on Sundays rather than the current two Masses. **Sunday Mass time will change to 9:00 am from the first weekend in February.** The Saturday Vigil Mass and weekday Masses will remain unchanged.

Our understanding is that in the short-term Fr Peter will remain in the Parish to support Fr Anthony whilst he continues his rehabilitation and assist with his return to ministry. Whilst Fr Anthony is keen to return to full and active ministry in our Parish, there are still some hurdles to be overcome and the need to assess how much he can physically do is still a work in progress.

We understand that this change may not suit everyone and we are sorry about that; however, going forward we hope that the change is embraced by all and pray that the change will allow our parish to flourish spiritually and as a worshipping community.

If you have any queries or concerns about this change, please email your concerns to murwillumbah@lismore.catholic.org.au or contact the Parish Office to voice your concerns.

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PS 39)

R: Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

Alleluia!



ADMINISTRATIVE TRAINEE...

Do you know anyone who would like to work as an Administration Trainee? The Chancery in Lismore and Invercauld House in Goonellabah would like to support a trainee in their pursuit of a Cert III in Business Administration.

At the Chancery, you will receive exposure to many areas of administration, supporting all other administrative positions within the organisation.

At Invercauld House you would be able to gain experience working in administration in a hospitality venue.

If you or anyone you know is passionate about obtaining administrative experience as a trainee in a caring and supportive environment or you would like additional information, please ring Marijo Bradley on 6621-9444.

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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