

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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St. Brigid's Church

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**3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -
YEAR A**

22 January 2023

People who found the light

Galilee was no one's idea of a place that could launch a 'world changing movement'. Galilee's history was not glorious. The readings today refer to it as the "land of Naphtali", which was one of the breakaway tribes of the Jewish people that formed the northern kingdom of Israel.

According to the Old Testament, these tribes did not remain faithful to God, committing idolatry and gross injustices. The northern kingdom was later invaded and its people taken captive by the Assyrian empire. The area around the Sea of Galilee remained largely deserted for centuries.

By the time of Jesus, Galilee had been repopulated by Jewish people who had formed several prosperous towns and villages. Although its population was fervently Jewish, their countrymen in Judea and around Jerusalem regarded Galileans as barely qualifying as Jewish, with their blended ethnic heritage and stereotypes about them being lax in religious practice.

They had identifiable accents and would have been regarded by Judeans as their less-sophisticated country cousins. Throughout the Gospels the Judeans repeatedly dismiss Jesus and his disciples when they learn they are from Galilee.

These are people today's readings describe as "people who walked in darkness", and with history the Scriptures depict as 'degraded by God'. But it is to the people of Galilee, "on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen."

Jesus' ministry in Galilee is a fitting example of how God ministers first to the lowly and humble and chooses them to do wonderful things for him. The people of Galilee are the first to hear the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Their people are chosen to be disciples of Israel's promised Messiah and messengers of God to the ends of the earth. And it is to the Galileans that Jesus first travels "teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people."

Today's gospel brings us hope for our own land, currently assailed by secularism and our own history of injustices. Our country could also be a spark for God's plan of salvation for the entire world. What we learn is that God is looking to bring the kingdom of heaven to people who have the humility and willingness to follow him.

If the kingdom of heaven is to come through us, then it must start with the two messages that Jesus' preaches in the gospel: "Repent" and "Come after me." Jesus calls the people of Galilee, and us today, to leave the darkness of our past sins behind us and follow him, the one true light.

May we all pray that we, a people who walk in darkness, see the true light of Christ and become "fishers of men" for him to the ends of the earth. May every corner of our country know Jesus' teachings, his healing and his love for people.

Joseph Doyle @ Majellan Media 2023

This week in the Parish

Sunday 22	3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass (No 8am or 10 am Mass today)
Monday 23	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED <i>Please note: there are no weekday Masses during January</i>
Wednesday 25	The Conversion of St Paul
Thursday 26	AUSTRALIA DAY 9:00 am - Mass NO Legion of Mary meeting today
Friday 27	9:00 am - Combined School Staff Mass
Saturday 28	9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 29	4TH 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:

Dorrie Turner

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

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

ROSTERS | READINGS

28/92 Jan | 4th Sunday in Ord Time | Year A

6pm - Grace Molloy

9am - Kay Ryder

READINGS FOR TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY:

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A

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

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A

Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12

PARISH OFFICE... The Parish Office will be closed next Monday 23 January.

ROSARY STATUE

Jenny Wallace



PARISH MORNING TEA

to celebrate

Fr Peter's 40th Birthday

Sunday 5 February after 9am Mass

ALL WELCOME

Please bring a plate to share

WITH THANKS

We thank Fr Wilber Tobe for his pastoral care of our parish over the past 4 weeks, while Fr Peter has been on annual leave.

Fr Peter returns for next weekend's Masses.

JANUARY MASS TIME CHANGES

Please Note:

- ♦ January 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.

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.



AUSTRALIA DAY MASS
9:00AM THURSDAY 26 JANUARY
SACRED HEART CHURCH

BACK TO SCHOOL DATES

MT ST PATRICK COLLEGE

Tuesday 31 January: Yrs 7, 11 & 12 return
and new students in Yrs 8, 9 & 10.
Wednesday 1 February: Yrs. 8, 9 & 10 return

MT ST PATRICK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Wednesday 1 February: Yrs. 1 - 6
Monday 6 February: Kinder commences

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Wednesday 1 February: Yrs. 1 - 6
Friday 3 February: Kinder commences

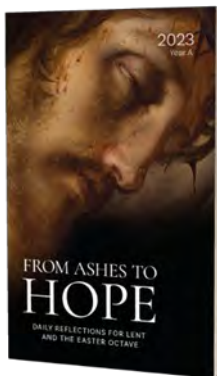
WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

We welcome back all teachers and staff to our three parish schools for the 2023 year.

We extend a warm welcome to all new staff to our College and two Primary Schools.

2023 LENTEN PROGRAMME

'From Ashes To Hope'



Short daily reflections for Lent, Holy week and to the Second Sunday of Easter.

From Ashes To Hope will nourish and nurture prayer each day during Lent and into the first week of Easter.

The daily reflections invite the reader to contemplate a verse from the Scripture reading of the day. This is followed by a quote from Pope Francis and a simple prayer.

Lenten books have arrived and are available at the Parish Office and the Church - \$6.00 each.

AUSTRALIA DAY

God of Australia ...

We bring you our gratitude
for the diversity and wealth
of this land and its people;
for its weathered old mountains, fertile valleys,
and vast plains;

for its riches of mine and agriculture,
forest, and grazing lands;
for the first Australians, who know and love
this continent with an intimate, profound
sensitivity;

for the courage, vision and sacrifice
of the early settlers;
for the diverse races who now call Australia home:
for these and all your gifts
we offer you, O Lord, our joyful, thankful hearts.
Amen.

- Bruce Prewer, *Australian Prayers*

Mary Help of Christians Patroness of Australia
Pray For Us

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop,
Pray For Us

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.

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PS 26)

R: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

IF SUNG:

R. The Lord is my light, my light and my salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

PLEASE NOTE...

We take this opportunity to remind everyone that at *The Sign of Peace* some members of the congregation might be more comfortable with a smile or a wave rather than a handshake.

A reminder also to those who are kneeling and/or receiving *Communion* on the tongue to please wait until the end of the Communion line.

Thank you for your consideration of others in our parish community.

PLEASE NOTE | ROAD CLOSURE

Next Saturday 28 January, Queensland Road will be **CLOSED** (between Bent & Waterloo Streets) from 10am - 10pm. This will affect parking for the 6pm Vigil Mass. The alternative route will be via Mooball Street.

You are invited to join in prayer and fasting days over the 21 days of **Justice & Mercy for the Unborn** from Sunday 22 January to Saturday 11 February 2023. For more information speak to Philomena Zambelli or visit <https://canberradeclaration.org.au/prayer/daily-declaration-sign-up/>

ST FRANCIS SOCIAL

Saturday | 4 February | 7:30 pm

**St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Hall
West End | Brisbane**

Good ol' fashion dance/social mixer for young adults aged 18-39. Inspired by the parish dances held in Brisbane during the 1950's, 1960's and 1970's, with a bit of fundraising for local charities thrown in.

For more information see Church noticeboard.

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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