

# 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

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Principal: Mr. Brendan Ryan

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**7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -  
YEAR A  
19 February 2023**

## Learn to love not hate

In an often-violent world, the call to non-violence is counter cultural. War between Russia and Ukraine has shown us the extremes of violence where missiles bring death and destruction. However, violence is not just in a distant land but present in many of our homes.

In October, the federal government, with the support of all states and territories, released a national plan to end violence against women and children within a generation. It is staggering to learn that one in three women has experienced physical violence since the age of fifteen and one in five sexual violence. Gendered violence should have no place in our society, and this ten-year strategy aims to educate and to eliminate this behaviour.

Some have used the image of two hands to symbolise the way forward with the upright hand saying, 'stop what you are doing', to the person involved in injustice or violence and the outstretched hand saying to the same person 'we need to talk'. Rejection of physical, verbal, and mental violence needs to be accompanied by a willingness to dialogue and find ways of settling differences.

In the book of Leviticus, God establishes the moral and purity laws that serve to set Israel apart from other nations. God tells Moses to make the people aware that they are called to holiness just as their God is holy. This holiness takes the form of love of neighbour which calls us to purge from our hearts anger, resentment, hatred, and all forms of discrimination. However, these attitudes will only be overcome if we heed the words of Jesus to love our enemies, to be merciful, to forgive, and reject violence.

Jesus also modelled non-violence by confronting injustice and violence when he challenged a group of men who accused a woman of adultery, and on the night before he died, he told Peter to put away his sword after he had struck the servant of the high priest. Jesus' non-violence is the power of love in action for the wellbeing of all.

We must stand against systemic injustice and violence not by retaliating in the same manner but with love and truth. 'Turning the other cheek' is not an invitation to passivity in the face of violence, but a way of assisting the perpetrator to begin to think about their behaviour and engage in dialogue. If we believe God loves us equally, we will work together to address racial and religious differences, oppressive gender norms, discrimination and inequality which are at the heart of violence.

The problem is that violence often begets violence so if we practised 'an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth' we would soon have a world of sightless and toothless women and men. There are better ways to live and these better ways flow from a deep love and respect for one another.

Michael A Kelly CSsR @ Majellan Media 2023

# This week in the Parish

Sunday 19	<b>7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A</b> 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass
Tuesday 21	5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 22	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> 7:30 am - Mass 5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 23	8:15 am Mass
Friday 24	12:00 pm - Mass 12:30 pm - Stations of the Cross
Saturday 25	9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 26	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - Year A</b> 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass

## HOUR FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

from 4:30 pm  
before Tuesday & Wednesday  
5:30 pm 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.

## 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.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Elaine Peachey, Patrick Barrett, Rob Smith, Julie Dawson, Patrick Flanagan, Malcolm Caden, Brian Flanagan, Ken Woodhead

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Kathleen Everett, Tony McKerrow

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Leo Kelly, Tina van den Broek, Maureen McCabe, Fr Anthony Lemon, James Wallace

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Sacred Heart Church - 12.30pm**  
Fridays during Lent led by Legion of Mary (following 12.00 pm Mass)



## CUP OF TEA - FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH - HELPERS INVITED!

The Parish Pastoral Council invites interested parishioners to volunteer to help the Social Committee run the morning tea held after 9am Mass on the first Sunday of each month.

A sheet is available at the table near the church entrance - if you're willing to share this work of service to our Parish community please add your name and contact details and a roster can be drawn up. Many thanks for your help!

## ROSTERS | READINGS

### READING ROSTER

**25/26 Feb | First Sunday of Lent | Year A**

6pm - Lyndy Severs

9am - Philomena Zambelli

### READINGS FOR TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY:

**7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A**

Lev 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - Year A**

Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11

## ROSARY STATUE

Debbie Kaehler



## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

During Term One a number of children from our parish will be preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**There will be a Parent Information Meeting on Tuesday 28 February at 6:30pm in the Sacred Heart Church.**

Parents of children who were Confirmed in 2022 and would like their children to continue with their Sacraments, are asked to attend.

## 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.*



## PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY 18 & 19 February



Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation, and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2023 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come.

As St Pope John Paul II said, **"The future starts today, not tomorrow."**

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 [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.



**Catholic Mission is standing in solidarity with the Church to provide pastoral and practical support to the people of Turkey and Syria.**

As the death toll rises to more than 33,000, Pope Francis renews his appeal for concrete help and prayers for all those affected by the devastating earthquakes that struck Turkey and Syria.

Catholic Mission, as the Pope's Mission agency, is taking action to support missionaries in Turkey and Syria who are providing vital emergency support and pastoral care in this time of suffering.

Your generous donation can make a real difference to the lives of people of Turkey and Syria as they seek immediate and ongoing support. [catholicmission.org.au](http://catholicmission.org.au)

**For further information:**

**Telephone:** 0458 489 877

**Website:** [catholicmission.org.au/earthquake-appeal](http://catholicmission.org.au/earthquake-appeal)

### 2023 LENTEN PROGRAMME 'From Ashes To Hope'

Short daily reflections, invite the reader to contemplate a verse from the Scripture reading of the day, followed by a quote from Pope Francis and a simple prayer. **You are invited to join us for prayer and reflection during the weeks of Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday 22 February.**

**If you would like to take part in a Lenten Group, please write your name and phone number on the sheet provided. Also nominate preferred day and time, and if you are willing to be a leader.**

**Please note: Parish Administration Centre is available to hold Lenten Group meetings.**

Lenten books are available at the Church - \$6.00 each.

### MISSION: CHANGE THEIR LIVES... AND YOURS.

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**Bishop Greg's Lenten Talk Series continues...**

#### The Spirituality of St Teresa of Avila:

This great 16<sup>th</sup> Century mystic helps us understand ourselves and shows us how to pray.

Bishop Greg's talks will be held on Thursdays and will begin at 6pm at St Carthage's Cathedral:

**Thursday 23 February**

**Thursday 2 March**

**Thursday 16 March**

*(Note: no talk will be given on 9 March)*

*It will be available to view on the YouTube channel the next day [https://www.youtube.com/c/](https://www.youtube.com/c/LismoreDioceseAU)*

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**ALL ARE MOST WELCOME!**

**7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A  
RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PS 102)**

**R: The Lord is kind and merciful.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Whoever keeps the word of Christ,  
grows perfect in the love of God.**

**Alleluia!**

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES**

**22 FEBRUARY**

**Sacred Heart Church: 7:30 am & 5:30 pm**

**Kingscliff - St Anthony's: 7:30 am & 9 am**

**Pottsville - Sts Mary & Ambrose : 9:15 am**

**Tweed Heads - St Joseph's: 7 am & 9:10 am**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**Peter Hyde**

who is celebrating  
his 90th birthday  
this week

**SACRED HEART PARISH YOUTH GROUP**

The Parish Pastoral Council is seeking preliminary interest from parents in regard to the establishment of a [Sacred Heart Parish Youth Group](#). With World Youth Day being held in Lisbon this August it seems an ideal time to focus on the needs and wishes of our local youth.

Would you please forward your comments and ideas by email to either or both Barbara Grant ([barbara.grant@lism.catholic.edu.au](mailto:barbara.grant@lism.catholic.edu.au)) and/or Annette Lofts ([jebaholdings@gmail.com](mailto:jebaholdings@gmail.com)).

Some aspects you may consider would be how the group would be set up, ages, activities, frequency of gatherings etc. Your suggestions will be very welcome.

**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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