

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

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT- YEAR A

26 February 2023

Christ's love touches us all

The ancient texts in the book of Genesis, which speak to us of creation and then our fall from grace, provide us with the most marvellous insights into our nature and the nature of the world about us. Creationists who insist only on a literal interpretation of such biblical texts do themselves and us a great disservice, precisely because they fail to grasp the depth of meaning that lies within them.

We believe that the whole of the bible was written under the inspiration of God and has been preserved so that we can grow in knowledge and understanding and deepen our relationship with the Lord. Thus, we are told at the end of today's first reading: "Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked."

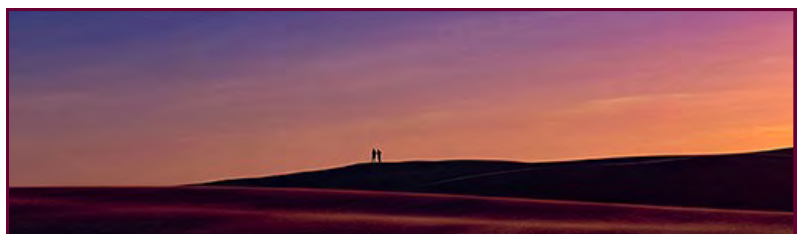
The temptation of our first parents that left them exposed was not simply a matter of disobedience, eating some fruit which they had been told not to eat. The temptation was presented by the serpent in these terms: "No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil."

We can put this another way: human beings have certainly discovered the difference between good and evil, but tragically we continue to create chaos in our own lives and in the lives of those around us by being proud enough to think that this is our world and we can do what we like with it. Doesn't this sum up perfectly the source of all sin and the very nature of sin? The first eleven chapters of Genesis give us a graphic description of the chaos that ensues once human beings try to wrest the world from God.

Fascinatingly, the message of salvation begins in chapter 12 with the promise to Abraham of a saviour, and the rest of the Old Testament is the up and down story of the people through whom that saviour would come into the world. On this First Sunday of Lent, the Church is inviting us once again to take stock and recognise that it is possible to heal the hurt of sin, so that we individually and the whole of creation, can be redeemed.

St Paul shows us how the new Adam, Christ, conquers death, the consequence of sin, and offers us new life. And as we listen to the temptations in Matthew's Gospel, we see how Jesus refuses to be lured into the misuse of power and control. He has come to set us free, so that we, who have been created in the image of God, can learn to love again.

Timothy J Buckley CSsR @ Majellan Media 2023



This week in the Parish

Sunday 26	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - Year A 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10.15 am - Baptism
Monday 27	11:00 am - Lenten Group Parish Administration Office
Tuesday 28	5:30 pm - Mass 6:30 pm - First Reconciliation Parent Meeting - Church
MARCH	
Wednesday 1	5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 2	8:15 am Mass
Friday 3	10:00 am - Lenten Group Parish Administration Office 11:00 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12:00 pm - Mass 12:30 pm - Stations of the Cross
Saturday 4	9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 5	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - Year A 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Parish Cuppa Morning Tea

HOUR FOR PRIVATE PRAYER
from 4:30 pm
before Tuesday & Wednesday
5:30 pm Mass

RECONCILIATION IN LENT
Friday: 11:30 am - 11:50 am
Saturday: 5.30 pm - 5.50 pm
Sunday: 8.30 am - 8.50 am

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
First Friday of each month
11 am - 11:50 am

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:

Tina van den Broek, Kevin 'Dordy' Graham, Elaine Peachey, Patrick Barrett, Rob Smith, Julie Dawson

ANNIVERSARIES:

Roberto Dusi

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Theo Mottee, Leo Kelly, Maureen McCabe, Fr Anthony Lemon, James Wallace



BAPTISM:

Please welcome
Bonnie Elizabeth McLean
to our faith community.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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



ROSTERS | READINGS

READING ROSTER

4/5 March | Second Sunday of Lent | Year A

6pm - Tim Waugh

9am - Ed Egan

READINGS FOR TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY:

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - Year A

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - Year A

Gen 12:1-4; 2 Tim 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9

PLEASE NOTE: Fr Peter will be away at Priests Principals Conference from Wednesday 8 March to Friday 10 March, therefore there will be no weekday Masses on those days. However, Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 7 March.

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.

ROSARY STATUE

Annette Lofts



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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 25 & 26 February



After losing her father when she was just 10-years-old, **Laxmi** was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty. But with the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club, became a leader in her school and is now a mentor to other children in her village.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

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/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



2023 LENTEN PROGRAMME 'From Ashes To Hope'

Below is a list of the Lenten Groups. You are welcome to come along and join in.

Monday - 11am - Parish Administration Centre

Friday - 10am - Parish Administration Centre

Only a few Lenten books are still available - \$6.00 each.

SEASON OF LENT

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence (not eating meat). All who have completed their 18th year & have not yet begun their 60th year are bound to fast. All who have completed their 14th year are bound to abstain.

All Fridays in Lent are recommended as days of fast (perhaps not eating meat and forgoing luxuries, and food over and above what is necessary), prayer and deeds of charity.

ORGAN CONCERT Christopher Wrench

- one of Australia's finest performers

**ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH
4:30 PM SATURDAY 25 MARCH**

\$20/\$12 entry tickets at door
or

Concert admission + Dinner (Johnny Franco's)
\$65 | bookings close 23 March
[HTTPS://www.TryBooking.com/CEUSP](https://www.TryBooking.com/CEUSP)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

THE SEASON OF LENT is most appropriate for celebrating the **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE.**

Already on Ash Wednesday the people of God have heard the solemn invitation, *Turn away from sin and believe the good news.* It is therefore fitting to take advantage of the opportunities offered in the parish for Confessions so that all may have the opportunity to be reconciled with God and their neighbour, and so be able to celebrate the paschal mystery in the Easter Triduum with renewed hearts.

RECONCILIATION DURING LENT

Friday: 11:30 am - 11:50 am

Saturday: 5.30 pm - 5.50 pm

Sunday: 8.30 am - 8.50 am

FASTING THIS LENT

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate with others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

- Pope Francis

Bishop Greg's Lenten Talk Series continues...

The Spirituality of St Teresa of Avila:

Bishop Greg's talks are held on Thursdays at 6pm at St Carthage's Cathedral:

Thursday 2 & 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/LismoreDioceseAU>

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ALL ARE MOST WELCOME!

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - A RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PS 50)

R: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**
2. My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. **R.**
3. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**
4. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path.**

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word
that comes from the mouth of God.

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path.**

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) and/or Annette Lofts (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

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.

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!

Pope's Mission Intention for March...

For victims of abuse: we pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the church; may they find within the church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

One does not live on bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth
from the mouth of God - *Matthew 4:4*

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