

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A 5 March 2023

Mountain top experience

In just a few weeks' time we will hear the shocking accounts of Jesus' arrest, his torture, his passion and his death on a cross. But today, early in our Lenten journey, we recall one of the moments in his life when his divine identity is revealed to his closest disciples.

There, up a high mountain, before Peter, James and John, Jesus was transfigured. His face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. Moses and Elijah also appeared, conversing with Jesus.

What an amazing sight for those three disciples: Jesus in his dazzling glory. It is a moment of sheer ecstasy. No wonder they wanted to stay in that moment forever. Peter exclaims: "Lord, it is good that we are here." Wanting to stay there, he suggests building three tents, one each for Jesus, Moses and Elijah.

But a voice from heaven speaks, as at Jesus' baptism at the start of his public ministry: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

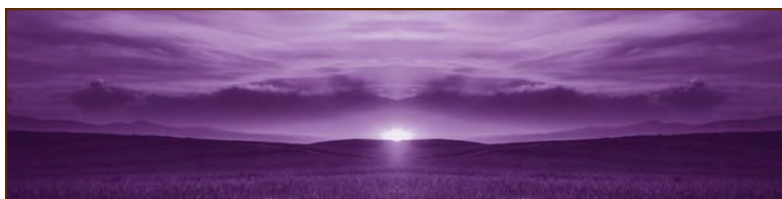
It is a gentle but firm correction for Peter! There was to be no staying there; rather there is a mission to accomplish. Listen to him! Jesus, his identity as Son of God now so clearly revealed to them, is destined to suffer and die. How Peter struggled to listen and to hear that the Messiah would suffer.

The Church always recounts this story of the transfiguration on the second Sunday of Lent. This year we hear Matthew's account. As for the disciples, the transfiguration reminds us of who Jesus really is. He is the Son of God, truly and fully divine. He is God with us. We are to remember this when he is tortured and crucified, all for our sake and for our salvation.

We too will have the occasional mountain-top experiences in our lives, those precious moments when we are our very best selves and life is blissful. However, just as surely, suffering and hardship will also come our way, as it did for Jesus. But the message that resounds through the gospels, and especially in the Easter liturgies, is that God works in and through suffering. Suffering is no aberration or obstacle on our journey to the fullness of life and to the glory that is promised to us. So it was for Jesus. His resurrection is not just as a moment of triumph "after" his suffering and quite separate from it, but a mystery born in and of his suffering. So too for us.

So let us live each day in faith, hope and love, with courage and trust that God does not desert us, but is truly and steadfastly with us, through hard times and good. As The Letter to Timothy reminds us today: "Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God."

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 5	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - Year A 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Parish Cuppa Morning Tea
Monday 6	9:00 am - Rosary & Prayers (see note below) 11:00 am - Lenten Group venue to be advised
Tuesday 7	5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 8	No 5:30 pm Mass today
Thursday 9	No 8:15 am Mass today
Friday 10	10:00 am - Lenten Group venue to be advised No 12 noon Mass today 12:30 pm - Stations of the Cross
Saturday 11	9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 12	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - Year A 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass

Please note: The Parish Office will be closed from Monday 6 March - Friday 10 March - due to unforeseen circumstances (see note page 3)

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

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: John Moran, Tina van den Broek (sister of Peter), Kevin 'Dordy' Graham, Elaine Peachey, Patrick Barrett

ANNIVERSARIES:

Marion Roberts, Kayla Hufton

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

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



SUNDAY 'CUPPA'

Our monthly 'Cuppa' will be held in the Church after the 9am Mass this Sunday.

PLEASE JOIN US!

ROSTERS | READINGS

READING ROSTER

11/12 March | Third Sunday of Lent | Year A

6pm - To be advised

9am - Maree Coley

READINGS FOR TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY:

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - Year A

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - Year A

Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

ROSARY STATUE

Paula Thornton



ROSARY & PRAYERS -

for God's Precious Infants and the Unborn Child
Monday 6 March | 9am | Sacred Heart Church

Pregnancy Help Line: 1300 139 313

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Sacred Heart Church - 12.30pm

Fridays during Lent led by Legion of Mary (following 12.00 pm Mass)



CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

March morning tea

Wed 15 March | 10:00 am | Mbah Services Club

Enquiries: Alex Lever 0458 817 021

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

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.



Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. Through the Baabayn Young Mums and Bubs Group, Tereesa was able to reconnect with her culture and create a better future for her children.

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.



PLEASE NOTE:

- ◆ Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 7 March.
- ◆ Fr Peter will be away this week at the Diocesan Priests & Principals Conference in Coffs Harbour from Wednesday 8 March to Friday 10 March, therefore there will be no weekday Masses on those days.
- ◆ Due to a series of unforeseen circumstances the Parish Office will be closed this week from Monday 6 until Friday 10 March. We apologise for any inconvenience.
- ◆ Phone messages and emails will be monitored throughout the week.
- ◆ Urgent Calls - phone Parish Office on 66721118 and leave a message; send an SMS message to 0413 277 700 or email shpmbah@norex.com.au



II Rite of Reconciliation

St Anthony's Kingscliff
6pm Tuesday 28 March

Sacred Heart Murwillumbah
6pm Wednesday 29 March

This weekend we welcome the children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and their families as they commence their 4 weekends of instruction.

The children and their families are invited to attend the parish II Rite of Reconciliation on Wednesday 29 March at 6 pm where the children will have the opportunity to make their first reconciliation.

'MASS OF ANOINTING' 9AM | SATURDAY | 1 APRIL

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is a prayer of healing which may be celebrated individually and communally, and may be received more than once.

All Parishioners Are Welcome

Bishop Greg's Lenten Talk Series continues...

The Spirituality of St Teresa of Avila:

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

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/LismoreDioceseAU>

ALL ARE MOST WELCOME!

LENT

Pray + Fast + Give



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - A RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PS 32)

**R: Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **R.**
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R.**
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

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

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.

COMMUNION

If you are unable to walk to/or have difficulty walking up the aisle for communion at the Vigil or Sunday Mass, please: stand, or raise your hand and sit at end of the pew, or in the chairs, and the Acolyte will come to you.

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.

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4:30 PM SATURDAY 25 MARCH

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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.

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him
- Matthew 17:5

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