

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

YEAR A | 9 April 2023

God reigns through the Spirit

As we near the end of the Easter Season and approach Ascension and Pentecost, the liturgy contains a gospel reading that refers to the Holy Spirit. There is a promise of the coming of the Advocate, the Spirit of truth. There is a promise of the divine dwelling among us, the promise that the Spirit will be both *with us*, and *in us*.

The Advocate or the Paraclete is reflected in the various English translations of the noun *parakletos* for “comforter” or “counsellor”. This noun derives from the Greek verb *parakaleo* which has many meanings including “to encourage”, “to comfort and console” “to call upon for help” and “to appeal.”

The Paraclete is not simply another name for the Spirit but is a way of describing the functions of the Spirit. What the Paraclete does is not new but is a continuation of the work of Jesus. God is present among the community of the faithful through the Spirit.

The coming of the Holy Spirit, therefore, crowns the promise of the divine presence. It is as though Jesus says, “Through the Holy Spirit I will be with you always. You will not be abandoned; you will not be orphans”. The coming of the Paraclete ensures that the revelation of God in the incarnation does not end with Jesus’ death and return to God. This Holy Spirit will continue Jesus’ presence on earth.

In the face of their fear, anxieties, and despair, these promises are made directly to the disciples. Jesus assures them of new life and hope through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus offers his disciples the good news of the love of God and of the abiding presence of God with them, even when the circumstances of their lives seem most unpromising. Jesus speaks words of hope with the assurance of God’s presence, so that the disciples can live a life shaped not by Jesus’ absence, but by his unending presence.

God is always with us, and his presence will continue and grow despite our fears and distress. What Jesus promises provides endless resources for the life and faith of the church.

His promises give the church renewed strength and hope even when, we, as God’s people, face the many difficulties and challenges of our day. Therefore, we shall not fear because we are in God’s care, we are in the community of love and God is present in our midst.

The promises of divine presence are promises made, not to the individual, but to the community who lives in love. Those who live in love will experience God’s presence in their midst. A relationship with God does not depend on physical presence, but on the presence of the love of God in the life of the community.

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This week in the Parish

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Thursday 6	7:00 pm	- MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER FOLLOWED BY ADORATION
Friday 7	9:00 am	- STATIONS OF THE CROSS
	3:00pm	- FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
Saturday 8	7:00 pm	- EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
Sunday 9	9:00 am	- SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION
Monday 10		Parish Office is Closed
Tuesday 11		No Mass today
Wednesday 12		No Mass today
Thursday 13		No Mass today
Friday 14		No Mass today
Saturday 15	6:00 pm	- Vigil Mass
Sunday 16	9:00 am	- Mass
		SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy Sunday)

WEDNESDAY WORD

Copies of Wednesday Word, 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.

CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

April morning tea

Wed 19 April | 10:00 am |

Mbah Services Club

Enq: Alex Lever 0458 817 021

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

John Flanagan, Theo Mottee

ANNIVERSARIES:

Genevieve Natera, William Carroll, Mary Flanagan

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Paul Calvino, Margaret Hyde, Leo Kelly, Maureen McCabe, Fr Anthony Lemon, James Wallace

ROSTERS | READINGS

READING ROSTER

15/16 April | Second Sunday of Easter | Yr A

6pm - Lisa Dusi-Fox

9am - Kay Ryder

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year A
(Divine Mercy Sunday)**

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pet 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

ROSARY STATUE

Anne Palmer



PARISH OFFICE THIS WEEK ...

Parish Office will be CLOSED Monday 10 April
and will re-open 9am Tuesday 11 April.

POSITION VACANT

Presbytery Housekeeper

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish Murwillumbah

Applications are sought for the position of Presbytery Housekeeper. This is a part-time position working approximately 20-24 hours per week.

Duties will include general household cleaning, washing, ironing, household shopping, meal preparation and cooking. The position would suit an active person who respects the teachings of the Church and the ethos of the Parish and Diocese.

Working with Children and Criminal History Checks will be required.

If you would like more information about this position, please contact Mary-Ann Thackray, Parish Business Manager between 9 am to 3 pm weekdays.

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Application closing date extended to Friday 14 April 2023

VIEW MASS AT HOME -

There are several options to tune into Mass at home when you can't join us:

- Bishop Greg will be online-streaming all the Easter Ceremonies from the Cathedral on the [Diocesan YouTube channel](#) - youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU
- Freeview TV - Channel 10 Sunday 6 am

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.



**'He is risen!
Truly, he is risen!'**
'He departed from our sight
that we might
return to our heart,
and there find him.
For he departed,
and behold, he is here.'
- St Augustine

HAPPY AND HOLY EASTER

to all parishioners
from Fr Peter, Fr Anthony
and the Parish staff.
May it be a time of special grace
for you and your families.

THANK YOU

A very special thank you to all
who participated in any way
in the Holy Week Ceremonies
& their preparation.
Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

The Divine Mercy Novena commences on Good Friday 7 April. **Novena prayer cards are available this weekend.** Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter (within the Easter Octave).

GOOD FRIDAY - Holy Land Collection

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, 7 April. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing. Parishes, and orphanages.

In 2022 Australian Catholics were extremely generous and we were able to send to the Holy Land \$1.4 million. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday.

Envelopes are available on Good Friday—donations may be made by cash or cheque or by completing credit card details on the back of the donation envelope. Thank you for your support.

EASTER SUNDAY

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2023 Lenten appeal.



You can donate through Project Compassion envelopes available in the church, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

BISHOP GREG'S EASTER MESSAGE 2023



Dear Brothers and Sisters

It's Easter again. How quickly the year has gone. 2022 was a difficult year marked by floods, loss, anxieties and Covid. Things are not back to normal yet, but we are not burdened with the heaviness of last year. There is freedom in the air and a new sense of hope.

Over Easter we celebrate the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. His path to the Cross was filled with anxiety, distress and suffering. On the Easter Sunday the one who died is resurrected, he is alive again. The heaviness of the time leading to Calvary is gone and like us he must have a great sense of freedom and life, but his experience of life is different.

Life is not the opposite of death, life is about living. Risen from the dead, Jesus knows what it is to be alive. Easter invites us to experience with new freedom what it is to be alive. Life should never be taken for granted, it should be lived with joy and gratitude, it refashions us as we look in hope to the future.

I wish you a happy and blessed Easter.

Bishop Greg

HOLY THURSDAY

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 115)

R: Our blessing-cup is a communion with the blood of Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

GOOD FRIDAY

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 30)

R: Father, I put my life in your hands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
Christ became obedient for us even to death,
dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high and gave
him a name above all other names.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 117)

**R: This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

SEQUENCE: (ALL READ)

**Christians,
to the Paschal victim offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
Death with life contended:
combat strangely ended!
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.
Tell us, Mary:
say what thou didst see upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen:
he goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, Alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!**

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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