

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

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St. Columba's Church

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A 26 March 2023

Jesus is the resurrection and the life

The Resurrection is central to the Christian faith. Yet it is probably one of the most misunderstood doctrines. What does it mean to say Jesus is risen? What does Jesus' resurrection mean for us?

In today's gospel we are presented with the story of the raising of Lazarus, which is intended to point towards our Easter celebrations of the resurrection of Jesus. It is also intended to stress the unique character of Jesus' resurrection.

The writers of the New Testament make clear that Jesus' resurrection was not like the raising of Lazarus, a resuscitation of a dead body. The gospels have several stories of Jesus resuscitating the dead: Lazarus (John 11:1-44); the daughter of Jairus (Mark 5:21-43); and the son of the widow of Nain (Luke 7:11-17). What makes these people's experiences fundamentally different from that of the resurrected Jesus is that all three were raised and would live on for a while; but would eventually die again.

By contrast, Jesus would never die again and his risen life would be very different from the manner or nature of life he had lived for more than three decades among his family, friends and followers. After his resurrection, Jesus could walk through walls (John 20:19). He was not immediately recognised by some of his closest disciples. He seems to have "appeared" to numerous different people in differing situations. He could walk along with disciples on the road to Emmaus and, then, simply "vanish" (Luke 24:31).

It is also true to say that, after the Resurrection, Jesus was the same person whom his disciples had known and loved. They recognised his voice. They touched him. They shared meals with him. Much of this serves the gospel writers' concern to emphasise the physical character of Jesus' appearances. Still it bears testimony to the corporeality of the disciples' experience. Jesus' resurrection was that of a human being, not just some disembodied spirit.

Of course, the resurrection of Jesus is but a portent of what God has in store for all who believe – as Jesus says in today's gospel, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die" (John 11:25-26).

It is remarkable that all the early Christian texts known to us signal that the ultimate hope of the earliest Christians was the resurrection of the body. For those first Christians and for us, Jesus' resurrection was only part one of an eschatological drama that must await a future fulfilment with the second coming of Christ, when all who believe will be raised and transformed into a new reality where there will be no suffering or death. We will live on.

The story of Lazarus points towards this future!

Ian J Elmer @ Majellan Media 2023

This week in the Parish

Sunday 26	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year A 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - BBQ breakfast hosted by MSP College
Monday 27	11:00 am - Lenten Group Parish Office
Tuesday 28	No Mass today 6:00 pm - II Rite of Reconciliation - Kingscliff
Wednesday 29	5:30 pm - Mass 6:00 pm - II Rite of Reconciliation - Murwillumbah
Thursday 30	8:15 am - Mass
Friday 31	10:00 am - Lenten Group Parish Office 12 noon - Mass 12:30 pm - Stations of the Cross
APRIL	
Saturday 1	8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass Of Anointing 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 2	PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD - Yr A 8:00 am - Sacred Park with Anglican Community - process to the Sacred Heart Church 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass

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:

Theo Mottee (cousin of Kay Bewes), Alan Francis, Ken Hall, John Moran

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Margaret Hyde, Leo Kelly, 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)



ROSTERS | READINGS

READING ROSTER

1/2 April | Palm Sunday | Yr A

6pm - See separate roster
9am -

READINGS FOR TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY:

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year A

Ezek 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

PALM SUNDAY - Year A

Entrance: Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11;
Mt 26:14 - 27:66

'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.

Palm Sunday 2 April 8 am

Blessing of the Palms in Sacred Park with our Anglican friends | followed by Mass at 9 am | our regular Sunday Cuppa will also be on this day - before and after Mass



PARISH CUPPA

Please join us for a Cuppa | Morning tea after 9am Mass next Sunday 2 April.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

ROSARY STATUE

Narelle Gear



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 brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Tereesa, Priscilla and Thu. Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.

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.



HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

All ceremonies will be celebrated in Sacred Heart Church

PASSION SUNDAY | 2 April

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm
commencing with the Blessing of Palms

Passion Sunday: 8:00 am - Blessing of Palms in Sacred Park with the Anglican Community, then process to Sacred Heart Church for **9:00 am Mass**

TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday | 6 April
7:00 pm - Celebration of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration

Good Friday | 7 April
9:00 am - Stations of the Cross
3:00 pm - Solemn Celebration Lord's Passion

Easter Vigil | 8 April:
7:00 pm - Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY | 9 April

9:00am - Mass

II Rite & First Reconciliation

St Anthony's Kingscliff
6pm Tuesday 28 March

Sacred Heart Murwillumbah
6pm Wednesday 29 March

Easter Oils \$25

The story of Easter in oils

All proceeds to The Michaelite Fathers' mission efforts in PNG.

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0414 201 940

Curious about which **Eucharistic Prayers** Fr Peter has been using in the past couple of weeks? They are the Eucharistic Prayers from "*Celebrating with Children*" which Fr Peter has chosen to use whilst the First Reconciliation children are attending instruction and Mass.

Reconciliation: Parenting Points



The difference between 'I'm sorry' and 'forgive me?'

Saying 'sorry' is different to asking for 'forgiveness'. When we say sorry to someone, it is an 'I-centred' statement expressing sympathy, but not necessarily inferring that we take any responsibility. As such, it requires nothing from the person to whom we say it. It is always good to say 'sorry' but it is nowhere near as hard to do, or as effective, as asking for forgiveness.

Asking for forgiveness is an act of vulnerability; not only does it put us in a position of accepting responsibility for hurting the other, it is a request to be invited back into unity with the person we have hurt. Full reconciliation can only occur in a relationship when we say sorry and ask for forgiveness. This is the basis of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, but applies equally to any intimate relationship such as with a spouse, a child or family and school/parish community members.

Francine & Byron Pirola
CathNews

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - A RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PS 129)

**R. With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.**

1. Out of the depths I cry to you. O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. **R.**
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. **R.**
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.) **R.**
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

**I am the resurrection and the life,
says the Lord; whoever believes in me
will not die for ever.**

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

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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**A reminder ...
DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS
3 am SUNDAY 2 APRIL**

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

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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Applications close Friday 31 March 2023

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