

# *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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## **PARISH STAFF**

### **Administrator**

Fr. Peter Wood

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Beth Gorton

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## **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**YEAR A | 23 April 2023**

## **Finding God among the outcasts**

Over the next couple of weeks, we move from the Gospel of Matthew to the Fourth Gospel. Often described as the “spiritual gospel,” this gospel presents Jesus’ teachings in the form of long theologically-charged speeches or his many-levelled interactions with various characters representing key groups within first-century Roman Palestine.

Today’s gospel is no exception. The dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria in this passage is among the most historically interesting and the most theologically profound in the New Testament. To astute readers of the gospels, this story comes as a surprise. One would not expect the Jewish Jesus to be found in conversation with an unaccompanied woman in public; and, more significantly, a woman from neighbouring Samaria; a territory and people with whom the Jewish community had a hostile relationship.

Samaritans shared with their Jewish neighbours a common ancestry and a common faith in God (YHWH). But they were considered ethnically and religiously tarnished because they had intermarried with foreigners and adopted aspects of pagan worship into their religious practice.

The story reflects something of this history. It indicates the Samaritan woman had ‘many husbands’ prior to her present partner.

Typical of the Fourth Gospel, there are various levels of meaning here. On the one hand, the reference can be understood as an obvious allusion to the dubious ethnicity of the Samaritans. On the other hand, it may be meant literally, indicating that the woman’s irregular relationships had made her an outcast in her own community too.

Jesus breaks several social taboos in first speaking to the woman, and then sharing her drinking vessel. In the eyes of his fellow Jews, Jesus acted shamefully in speaking with the woman alone. And in drinking from the same cup he rendered himself ritually “unclean” – unfit to enter the precincts of the Temple and offer prayer to God. After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple, even though she is neither a Jew nor a “respectable” member of her community. She returns to her town and proclaims the gospel and succeeds in leading others to Jesus.

There are at least two lessons to be learned from this passage. First, there is nothing that we have done in our past or in our present situation that prevents us from finding God in our lives. Second, genuine Christian communities must be open and welcoming. Christianity is meant to be counter-cultural.

It cuts across all conventional boundaries that separate people, communities and nations from each other. But such boundaries do not separate us from God, who loves us and is open to giving us a second chance. There is nothing in our past that should prevent us from proclaiming the gospel, especially to those closest to us: our family, friends and neighbours.

# This week in the Parish

Sunday 23	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
	8:30 am - Rosary
	9:00 am - Mass
Tuesday 25	ANZAC DAY
	9:00 am - Mass
	Parish Office Closed
Wednesday 26	Parish Office Closed
	11:00 am - Requiem Mass for Stephanie Lemon
Thursday 27	8:15 am - Mass
Friday 28	12 noon - Mass
Saturday 29	8:30 am - Rosary
	5:30 pm - Rosary
	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 30	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Good Shepherd Sunday)
	8:30 am - Rosary
	9:00 am - Mass
	10:15 am - Baptisms

**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, 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:

Stephanie Lemon, Fr Bob McGuire, Fr Bill Ryder SM,  
Elsie Graham, Les Rose, John Flanagan

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Bishop John Satterthwaite (4th Bishop of Lismore),  
Monsignor Eugene Harley

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Doug (skydiving accident), Malcolm Reid, Paul Calvino,  
Margaret Hyde, Leo Kelly, Maureen McCabe, Fr Anthony  
Lemon, James Wallace

## ROSTERS | READINGS

### READING ROSTER

#### 29/30 April | Fourth Sunday of Easter | Yr A

6pm - Mike Brennan

9am - Philomena Zambelli

### READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year A

Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pet 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year A

Acts 2:14, 36-41; 1 Pet 2:20-25; Jn 10:1-10

### Office Closure...

The Parish Office will be closed Tuesday 25 & Wednesday 26 April.

To reopen Thursday 27 April.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

### First Holy Communion Parent Meeting:

Tuesday 9 May 6.30pm in Sacred Heart Church

**First Holy Communion  
6pm Saturday 10 or 9am Sunday 11 June**



## ROSARY STATUE

Evelyn & John Cook



## 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 - [youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU](https://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.

# ANZAC DAY

This day of commemoration goes beyond the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. It is the day we remember all Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts and peace keeping operations.

The spirit of ANZAC, with its human qualities of courage, mateship and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity.



**Mass on Anzac Day will be celebrated at 9.00am in the Sacred Heart Church.** Parishioners are encouraged to remember and pray for all who lost their lives in the various wars in which Australia has been involved, those who are currently serving in the Defence Forces overseas and to pray for world peace.

## THE ODE

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old,  
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,  
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning

We will remember them.

### LEST WE FORGET.

*Fourth stanza of the poem For The Fallen  
Laurence Binyon (1869 - 1943)*

*Greater love has no one than to lay down his life  
for his friends, says the Lord - John 15:13*



**The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus  
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.**

*(Luke 24:35)*

## VALE FR BILL RYDER SM...



William (Bill) Ryder was born on 24 November 1936 in Murwillumbah and grew up on a dairy farm at Burringbar. Here he received his primary education at the Burringbar Convent school. From this school he won a diocesan bursary for his secondary education as a boarder at St John's College, Woodlawn, Lismore from 1950-1954.

During his time at Woodlawn he decided to join the Marists and following his formation in Armidale & Toongabbie was Ordained to the Priesthood in Lismore in July 1961.

His first appointment was to Armidale where he completed a degree in Science at the University of New England (1962-64). From 1965 until 1985 Fr Bill was on the staff of colleges at Lismore (1965-77) and Bellambi (1978-85). He was appointed principal of St Paul's Bellambi in 1980, Holy Spirit College 1983-85 and in 1986-87 pursued a Master of Religious Education at Catholic University of America. Fr Bill was principal at St John's College, Woodlawn (1988-93) and Marist Regional College, Burnie (1994-2000) and became Provincial of the Province of Australia in 2001 until 2006.

In latter years he joined the community of Montbel, Hunters Hill, before moving to Southern Cross Aged Care, where he died peacefully on 15 April, 2023 after a short illness and several years of nursing care.

May he rest in peace.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION ...

This story is the story of each one of us at Mass. Each Mass is structured on the Road to Emmaus travelogue. Two men set off on a journey of their own making. At the beginning of Mass we confess that we have gone off course.

The traveller helps the men on the road to Emmaus understand what had happened to Jesus of Nazareth by showing God's plan revealed in the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Liturgy of the Word, we hear Scriptures expounded, revealing more fully the true identity of Jesus of Nazareth. Every so often you will experience the burning sensation in your heart as something that is said hits home.

The traveller takes bread, blesses it, and gives it to them to eat. In that moment of bread-sharing, the two men recognised their travelling companion as the Risen Lord. Eat the bread consecrated at Mass, and we receive into our very being the Divine Companion for our journey through life.

We could pause for a moment to thank God for the privilege at every Mass of having our eyes opened so that we recognise Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia!

-Fr Michael Tate

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 15)

R: Lord, you will show us the path of life.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

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.

Alstonville|Wardell Parish

presents

Fr Ray Sanchez

speaking on

### GRIEF AND LOSS

Two sessions available

- ♦ **Friday 12 May at 6:30 pm** - followed by wine and cheese (BYO)
- ♦ **Saturday 13 May at 9:30 am** - followed by morning tea (*please bring a plate to share*)

in McCarthy Hall

(next to Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Alstonville)

**Everyone is most welcome**

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**Wednesday**      **Friday**      **Saturday**

**3rd of May, 2023**    **5th of May, 2023**    **6th of May, 2023**

**7:30 pm**      **7:30 pm**      **7:30 pm**

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### 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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