

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

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Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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**22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A**

3 September 2023

The way of the cross

Is self-sacrifice ever mentioned in your workplace, along with service, commitment, excellence or respect? Probably not because, as one website suggests, it's not normal and very unhealthy, while another warns us that you'll sacrifice your own well-being.

There are positive views too, suggesting we are a little ambivalent and unsure about the idea of self-sacrifice. While there's probably not much mention of it at work, we quite unselfconsciously refer to it when it comes to our families and sports teams.

See how this plays out in the gospel: when Jesus mentions his suffering, death and resurrection to Peter, Peter takes him aside and argues with him. For Peter thinks he is the Messiah we had been led to expect, not this humiliating alternative Jesus puts to him.

We know the feeling: we often think we know better than Jesus what he's about. But Jesus responds to Peter, in no uncertain terms, that Peter has become an obstacle in God's way. Then, turning to the disciples Jesus says let each "take up his cross and follow me." Taking up our cross, which is Jesus's, we gradually come to befriend God and so begin, at moments, to discover the glory of the resurrection in our lives.

You can see why the prophet Jeremiah is tempted to become an obstacle in the first reading. He sounds off against God, at having to howl violence and ruin at the people, who hurl insult and derision back at him. But the more Jeremiah does God's bidding, the more he realises God is at the core of his life. The fire of God's love consumes him and, in the midst of his dire complaints, Jeremiah recognises, though he can hardly bear it, that God is there.

In the second reading, Paul speaks of how the Good News of the cross shapes our life together as a community. What do we have to let go of to make room in our lives for others, to learn that we belong to each other? This is what Paul is speaking of, learning to 'offer our own lives, together with Jesus, for the life of the world.'

It's what we celebrate in the sacrifice of the Mass and what we are sent out to do in our daily lives. In this way, we begin to discover 'the will of God and know what is good.' It's 'not normal', in the sense that it's not something we have initiated but is a gift of God.

However difficult the situation we may find ourselves in - firmly rebuked, derided, cast out - the readings encourage us to take heart, because it's there we're able to discover the cross and each other. The way into a relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and with each other, is through the cross. It is to the cross that we commit ourselves to each time we make the sign of the cross.

Losing our lives for his sake, we find them. As Jesus makes clear, it's our new normal.

Damian Coleridge @Magellan Media 2023

This week in the Parish

Sunday 3	22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A
	8:30 am - Rosary
	9:00 am - Mass
	10:00 am - Cuppa / Morning Tea after 9am Mass
Monday 4	11:30 am - Requiem Mass - Peter Hyde
Tuesday 5	No Mass today
Wednesday 6	No Mass today
Thursday 7	No Mass today
Friday 8	11:00 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	12:00 pm - Mass
Saturday 9	9:00 am - Rosary
	5:30 pm - Rosary
	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 10	23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A
	8:30 am - Rosary
	9:00 am - Mass
Monday 11	9:00 am - Rosary & Prayers for God's precious Infants and the Unborn Child

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

this Friday
11 am - 11:50 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 5.30 pm - 5.50 pm
Sunday: 8.30 am - 8.50 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.

WEDNESDAY WORD

Copies of Wednesday Word, are available for you in the Church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Peter Hyde, John Quan, John Gooley, Mary Amos, Di Sutherland

ANNIVERSARIES:

John Albury, Glenda Newell, Monica McDonald, Fr D'Arcy McCarthy

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Margaret Hyde, David McLeod, Lorraine Green, Colin Brooks, Kathy Dawson-Malone, David Burke, Malcolm Reid, Paul Calvino, Maureen McCabe, Fr Anthony Lemon, James Wallace

We warmly welcome the children and families preparing for the SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Instruction - 2/3 September

Confirmation Instruction - 9/10 September

Confirmation Instruction - 16/17 September

Retreat Day - Tuesday 10 October

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
Tuesday 10 October - Sacred Heart Church

ROSTERS | READINGS

READING ROSTER

9/10 Sept | 23rd Sunday in Ord Time | Yr A

6pm - Lisa Dusi-Fox

9am - Bernard Nolan

READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A

Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A

Ezek 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

PARISH CUPPA

Please join us for a Cuppa | Morning tea after 9am Mass today Sunday 3 September

EVERYONE WELCOME!



ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 9 Sept | Isla Chapman & Oliver Barrett

Sun 10 Sept | Bonnie Lindsay & Nate Linkins

ROSARY STATUE

3 Sept | Debbie Kaehler

10 Sept | Annette Lofts 17 Sept | Paula Thornton

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](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU) channel - 9:00 am - [youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU](https://www.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.

FATHER'S DAY COLLECTION FOR SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS

This weekend there will be a special collection for the support of Sick and Retired Priests in the Diocese.

Envelopes are provided and can be placed on the Collection plates.

Thank you for your support.

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 3 - 9 September



This year National Child Protection Week will continue to champion the message **'Every child in every community needs a fair go'**.

This message captures the essence of National Child Protection Week which aims to promote a safe and supported life for every child, now and

into the future.

In 2023, the message that **'Every child in every community needs a fair go'** will be complemented with the theme **'Where we start matters'**.

**NEXT SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER IS
SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY**

Sacred Heart Parish

presents

Fr Ray Sanchez

speaking on

GRIEF AND LOSS

Fr Ray will explore the process of the grief we go through and how to make sense of it through our faith, as well as what can help us work our way through it to a place of greater peace.

Two sessions available

- ♦ **Friday 13 October at 6:30 pm** - followed by wine and cheese
- ♦ **Saturday 14 October at 10:30 am** - followed by refreshments

in

Parish Hall | College Library

EVERYONE IS MOST WELCOME



A BLESSING PRAYER FOR FATHER'S DAY

by Greg Sunter

God of Kindness and Compassion,
we are your children and you are Father to us all.

We give honour and thanks to those who reflect your fatherly example:

those who are dads and grandads;
step-dads, foster dads, godfathers and fathers-in-law;
those who are coaches, leaders and mentors;
and those who are elders and wisdom-men of our communities.

We look to these men for strength of body and strength of character.

We look to them to pass on skills and pass on stories.

We look to them to protect and provide.

We look to them for care and compassion.

We look to them to be co-creators and stewards of the world.

For all those who embrace their role as father,
we give thanks.

For those who struggle with being fathers,
give them strength.

For those who are distanced from their children,
give them comfort.

For those who have passed from this world,
give them peace.

Bless these men that we call father.

Bless them in their strength and in their weakness.

Bless them in their joy and in their sorrow.

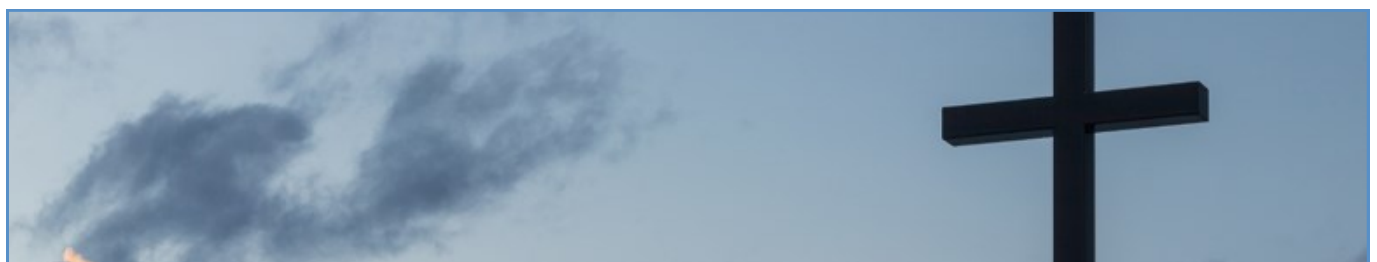
Bless them in their work and in their play.

And bless them, Father, for being fathers.

We make this prayer through the one who taught us to call you Our Father: Your Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven - *Matthew 5:9-10*



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (62)

R: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!



Happy Birthday Fr Michael

**Please join us for Morning Tea
after the 9am Mass this Sunday
as we celebrate Fr Michael's birthday
ALL WELCOME!**

LEGION OF MARY NEWS...

Our Lady's Birthday

An invitation is extended to all auxiliary and parish community to join the Legion of Mary in celebrating Our Lady's Birthday | Friday 8th September | Parish Meeting Centre | 12:45 pm | Rosary and Legion Prayers | followed by Luncheon.

Note: Parish Mass 12:00 noon

CHURCH OPENING HOURS -

Monday 4 to Friday 8 September (*subject to change without notice*)

Tuesday 5 September - 9 am to 4 pm

Wednesday 6 September - 9 am to 4 pm

Thursday 7 September - 12 pm to 4pm

Friday 8 September - 11 am to 1 pm including Mass at 12 noon

Please be aware of your personal safety when you are in the church during these times.

Please report any unsafe conditions or accidents immediately to the parish office on 0413 277 700.

Weekday Mass times in neighbouring parishes... Kingscliff

Tuesday	Pottsville	9:15 am
Wednesday	Kingscliff	8am
Thursday	Kingscliff	9am
Friday	Kingscliff	8am

Tweed Heads

Monday - Friday	9:10 am
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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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BISHOP *of* LISMORE

— GREGORY HOMEMING OCD —

PASTORAL LETTER

GATHERING IN THE EXPECTATION OF THE EUCHARIST

When the Bishops of the world met in Rome from 1962 to 1965 at the Second Vatican Council they issued a document on the role of the laity in the life of the Church. By virtue of their membership of the Body of Christ through Baptism lay people are called to play their part in the Church's mission. In the liturgy they read Scripture and act as acolytes. In parish life they act as pastoral workers in collaboration with the priest.

Some ministries like the distribution of Communion, baptising and officiating at funerals are the normal function of the priest or deacon, but lay people may fulfil these functions as Extra-ordinary Ministers if there is a need.

Over recent years there has been a marked decline in the number of vocations to the priesthood. The effects of this decline are fast becoming evident. Parishes will have to be geared up to cope with fewer priests, and in some cases, without a priest.

At present lay people are being inducted as Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion and are distributing Communion at Mass, taking Communion to the sick, and offering prayers at the bedside of the dying. It is possible that the laity will also be called on to baptise and officiate at funerals. However, by virtue of the sacrament of Orders the celebration of the Eucharist at Mass, the administration of the Sacraments of Penance and the Anointing of the Sick are reserved solely to the priest.

Parish churches may not be able to offer the same choice of Mass times on Sunday and those from outlying centres with easy access to the parish church may be asked to travel.

It is also inevitable that there will be occasions when a priest will not be available for Sunday Mass. This could arise when the priest is away on authorised leave and is unable to get a supply. It could also happen when there is an emergency and the neighbouring parishes are unable to help. There will be places where it is only possible to have Mass once a month or at some other interval. On those Sundays a lay person will preside over a Liturgy of the Word at which Communion is distributed.

In these circumstances, God does not abandon his own. Rather Jesus is present when the assembly gathers in his name, when his word is proclaimed, when the reserved Eucharist is distributed among the faithful and when the various liturgical ministries bring about full, active, and conscious participation in worship. The same is also true when the laity lead prayers and administer the Eucharist (Viaticum) at the bedside of the dying: the risen Lord is there.

It is important that designated lay people be trained to assume these various ministries, drawing on programs provided by the diocese. Further, norms governing these liturgical services will be issued.

For the present it is important to understand that these changes are inevitable and to be prepared for them. It is also important that there be no blurring of the differences between the full celebration of the Eucharist in Mass and Liturgies of the Word at which Communion is distributed.

All are asked to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood so that Catholic communities of the future may share in the unique blessings that come with the full celebration of the Sunday Eucharist at Mass.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "+Gregory Homeming OCD". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'G' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

+Gregory Homeming OCD
Bishop of Lismore

15th August 2023