

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -
YEAR B

4 February 2024

How to stop the suffering

The story of Job was a huge challenge to the accepted moral outlook of the Old Testament people: namely, that suffering was God's way of punishing the sinner. Yet, Job was convinced of his innocence and was not afraid to bemoan his lot, complaining to God, despite his friends' admonitions that he must be guilty.

I doubt whether, at times, there is anyone who is unable to identify with Job's sentiments. For example, the times when we have cried out, at least internally: *Is not ... life on earth nothing more than pressed service, ... time no better than lived drudgery?... Like the slave, sighing for the shade... months of delusion I have assigned to me... nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, "When will it be day?" Risen I think, "How slowly evening comes!"*

Job, possibly more than anyone else in the Scriptures, is the one who cries out on behalf of all those who want an explanation for the suffering of the innocent.

In every generation people yearn to be released from their pain and suffering, yearn for a messianic figure to transform their lives. The Old Testament people were convinced that when that day came, there would be an end to the suffering, which was why they did not recognise Jesus as the one. As we listen to how Jesus reached out to all those who came to him for healing or for release from the enslavement of the devil, we can glimpse how we are to deal with suffering.

Jesus entered into the pain and suffering of our world, identified himself with those who were suffering and would eventually endure his own passion and death. In entrusting his mission to the disciples, he tried to prepare them, not only for his passion and death, but also for their own. Paul, who originally thought that his mission was to persecute the early Christians, came late to discipleship, but his encounter with Jesus taught him that in fact he needed liberating from his enslavement.

Accordingly, he was able to proclaim: *So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.*

Our age is no different to any other, except perhaps that, as we discover more and more ways of alleviating the suffering that accompanies so many of our ailments, we seem less able to conquer the evil spirit that sows the seeds of discord and division, leading to ever greater violence and conflict. The call to discipleship for you and me is undoubtedly to seek every possible means to bring Christ's peace and healing to our broken world. What are we waiting for?

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This week in the Parish

Saturday 3	9:30 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 4	5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Parish Cuppa / Morning tea
Monday 5	9:30 am - Rosary & Prayers (<i>note new time</i>)
Friday 9	9:30 am - Legion of Mary Parish Meeting Centre 12:00 pm - Mass
Saturday 10	9:30 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 11	6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass

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, with this weekend's readings, are available in the Church.

Weekday Mass will recommence
This Friday 9 February

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Michael Jandura, Fr Kevin Bates, Edward Hart

ANNIVERSARIES:

Peter Norris

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Violet Albury, Margaret Traves, John Lee, Wendy Bolden, Margaret Hyde, Lorraine Green, Colin Brooks, Kathy Dawson-Malone, David Burke, Malcolm Reid, Paul Calvino, Maureen McCabe, Fr Anthony Lemon, James Wallace

READINGS | ROSTERS

READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B
Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B
Lev 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31 - 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

READING ROSTER

10/11 Feb | 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time | B

6pm - Margaret Mumford

9am - Mary-Ann Thackray

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 10 Feb | Jana Lofts & Isla Chapman

Sun 1 Feb | Annabel Casey & Sienna Alexander

ROSARY STATUE

4 Feb | Susan Kean

11 Feb | Evelyn Cook

18 Feb | Jenny Wallace

PARISH CUPPA

Please join us for a Cuppa | Morning tea after 9am Mass this Sunday 4 February.

EVERYONE WELCOME!



ROSARY & PRAYERS

for God's Precious Infants and the Unborn Child - Monday 5 February - 9:30 am - Sacred Heart Church.

Pregnancy Help Line: 1300 139 313

Pope's Mission Intention for February...

For the terminally ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We 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.

VIEW MASS AT HOME -

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

- Freeview TV - Channel 10 Sunday 6 am
- Bishop Greg's online-stream Sunday Mass will resume in February



**Happy Birthday
Fr Peter**
Best wishes to Fr Peter
as he celebrates
his birthday this week.

**ASH WEDNESDAY
14 FEBRUARY**

MASS TIMES:

7.30am - Sacred Heart Church
5.30pm - Sacred Heart Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

During Term One a number of children from our parish will be preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

There will be a Parent Information Meeting on Tuesday 20 February at 6:30pm in the Sacred Heart Church.

Parents of children who were Confirmed in 2023 and would like their children to continue with their Sacraments, are asked to attend.

ADULT ONLINE FAITH FORMATION

The Diocese has just begun a fourth year of a partnership with the *Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation* (VLCFF) at the University of Dayton, Ohio.

Over fifty people across the Diocese have accessed various 3-week and 5-week courses in their ongoing faith formation. (We have access to over 100 courses at a reduced rate.)

Registrations for Cycle 2 Courses with the *Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation* (VLCFF) are now open. Close 28 February. (Courses commence 4 March)

If anyone is interested in pursuing any of the listed courses, don't hesitate to contact Tony Worner at VLCFF.LismoreDiocese@stagneparish.org.au or 0436941280.

Learn more about the VLCFF at <https://vlcff.udayton.edu/about/> or through [St Agnes Parish's website](https://stagneparish.org.au).

ePETITION - PALLIATIVE CARE FUNDING

In the last State budget \$150 million of allocated funding was cut from Palliative Care and end of life care. The Hon. Susan Carter, Member of the Legislative council, is urging NSW residents to sign the ePetition to restore palliative care funding to support people throughout NSW with a life-limiting illness. The ePetition is open now and closed 33/4/2024.

The link to the petition is: [LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL - Signing ePetition - Restore palliative care funding to support people throughout New South Wales with a life-limiting illness \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.legislativecouncil.nsw.gov.au/signing-ePetition-Restore-palliative-care-funding-to-support-people-throughout-New-South-Wales-with-a-life-limiting-illness)

Bishop Greg's Lenten Talk Series continues...

Themes of St Therese of Lisieux

Bishop Greg's talks will be held on Mondays at 6pm at St Mary's Chapel:

Monday 19 February

Monday 26 February

Monday 11 March

(Note: no talk will be given on 4 March)

It will be available to view on the YouTube channel from 28 February

<https://www.youtube.com/c/LismoreDioceseAU>

All are most welcome!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

~ Saturday 17 February 2024 ~

CROWLEY CARE ACTIVITY CENTRE, BALLINA

7:30 am to 10:30 am

\$30 per person

Registrations and payment to

Ballina Parish Admin Office

by Friday 9 February

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Guest Speaker: Robert Falzon

co-founder of menALIVE

**2024 LENTEN PROGRAMME
'A Resurrected Life'**

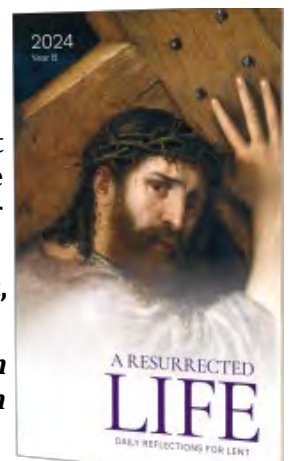
Short daily reflections for Lent, Holy Week and to Easter Sunday.

A Resurrected Life is a new 6-week reflection resource that can be used during Lent by individuals and groups. Each day's reflection is inspired by a text of Scripture from the day's Gospel reading, followed by Contemplating the Word, a thought or two on how to Putting the Word into Practice and concludes with a Prayer.

You are invited to join us for prayer and reflection during the weeks of Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday 14 February.

If you would like to be a leader, please nominate preferred day and time, with name and phone number on the sheet provided. Please note Parish Administration Centre is available to hold Lenten Group meetings.

Lenten books have arrived and are available at the Church or Parish Office. \$8 each.



5TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME - YEAR B

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (PS 146)

R: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering.

Alleluia!

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

This weekend, the First Sunday of February, the Church in Australia celebrates Word of God Sunday, which was instituted by Pope Francis in 2019 in his apostolic letter, *Aperuit Illis*. The letter encouraged the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God.

Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter *Aperuit Illis* suggests that on Sunday of the Word of God, the book containing God's Word might be "enthroned" or given due honour in the church. It is a point also made in Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on *Verbum Domini* (2010) n. 68, so the faithful can reflect upon God's Word.

An important point to remember here is the Second Vatican Council's insight that Christ's presence is recognised in the actual "proclamation" of the Word, when the Church believes that Christ is present and speaking to those assembled through the words of the Church's minister (*Sacrosanctum concilium* (1963) art. 7), rather than in the physical book itself.

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 (NICENE CREED)

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

(All bow during these two lines)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
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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