

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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St. Brigid's Church

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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -
YEAR B

11 February 2024

Healing the 'unclean'

The Old Testament Law existed to protect God's people from physical and moral hazards that could harm the whole community. The Law's emphasis on spiritual and bodily purity established how God's people could live together in a healthy relationship with God and each other.

And a leper was a danger to the whole community. While leprosy, more commonly known today as Hansen's disease, is still a highly contagious infection, in ancient times, it was incurable, and its diagnosis was virtually a death sentence.

The only thing a community could do to protect itself was to quarantine those infected permanently. As a result, lepers had to live outside walled cities, could no longer enter God's presence in the Temple and were forbidden to interact with the community. Even a chance encounter with a leper could make someone unclean.

To re-enter right relationship with God and the community, a leper would need to be healed and ceremonially purified. The process required a Temple priest to investigate a leper claiming to have been healed and then pronouncing them fit to re-enter contact with God and with other people. The healing of leprosy was so rare that many rabbis considered it akin to raising someone from the dead and the rare holiness of the healer.

The leper in today's gospel identifies Jesus as the one through whom the power of God is uniquely present. Instead of notifying Jesus of his condition by shouting "unclean, unclean" and avoiding contact with Jesus, as the Law demanded, the leper's plea of "If you wish, you can make me clean" shows his utter confidence in Jesus' power. And instead of avoiding the leper to preserve his cleanness, Jesus touches him. From the perspective of the leper, this may have been the first time another human being touched him in years. In this moment, Jesus restores both human and divine contact to the leper who had been cut off from both.

The response of Jesus to the leper is his response to all of us who have been devastated by the effects of sin, sickness, and death. Jesus is not disturbed, scandalised, or tainted by any human impurity. Instead, he restores in us the capacity for communion with God and others.

As St Paul reminds us, the true fulfilment of the Law, and the primary healing work of God, is cleanness from the disease of sin, which rots the inside of a person and prevents authentic communion. As Jesus says elsewhere in the gospels, "First clean the inside of the cup, so that the outside also may become clean."

Jesus' holiness goes beyond what the Temple priests could accomplish and what the Law of Moses could prescribe. Jesus can purge uncleanness from everyone who comes to him in faith since no defilement can touch him. Jesus does not just pronounce us clean, like the Temple priests could, but he makes the whole person clean, inside and out.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 11	6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptism
Tuesday 13	10:00 am - Requiem Mass for Michael Jandura 7:00 pm - Baptism Preparation Meeting
Wednesday 14	ASH WEDNESDAY 7:30 am - Mass 5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 15	8:15 am - Mass 10:30 am - Funeral Prayers for Colin Reeve
Friday 16	9:30 am - Legion of Mary Parish Meeting Centre 12:00 pm - Mass 12:30 pm - Stations of the Cross
Saturday 17	9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 18	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass

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

ROSARY
The Rosary is prayed on
Saturday morning at 9:00 am.
As well as 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Colin Reeve, Alan Cocks, Michael Jandura,
Fr Kevin Bates SM, Edward Hart

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mons. Jerome O'Rourke (PP 1964-1975),
Fr Frank O'Gorman (PP 1975-1988),
Fr James O'Rourke, Dordy Graham

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Wendy Cameron, 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:

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - Year B
Gen 9:8-15; 1 Pet 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

READING ROSTER

17/18 Feb | First Sunday of Lent | B

6pm - Tim Waugh
9am - Jan Bruce

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 17 Feb | Rose Seamer & Lily Daly
Sun 18 Feb | Eliza & Charlotte Dowling



BAPTISMS:

Please welcome
Sloane Grace Tarulli
to our faith community.

CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

February morning tea

Wed 21 Feb | 10:00 am | Mbah Services Club

Enquiries: Alex Lever 0458 817 021

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

ROSARY STATUE

11 Feb | Evelyn Cook

18 Feb | Jenny Wallace 25 Feb | Faith Buchanan

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



PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY 10 & 11 February

Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation, and disaster risk reduction.

Project Compassion 2024 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. 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 and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

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.

32ND WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2024 - 11 FEBRUARY

“The sick, the vulnerable and the poor are at the heart of the church; they must also be at the heart of our human concern and pastoral attention.”

Pope Francis

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.

Registrations for Cycle 2 Courses are now open. Close 28 February. Courses commence 4 March. We have access to over 100 courses at a reduced rate.

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

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

SEASON OF LENT

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence (not eating meat). All who have completed their 18th year & have not yet begun their 60th year are bound to fast. All who have completed their 14th year are bound to abstain.

All Fridays in Lent are recommended as days of fast (perhaps not eating meat and forgoing luxuries, and food over and above what is necessary), prayer and deeds of charity.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

If you are considering having your child baptised please phone the Parish Office (0266721118) for enquiries and to book in for the Baptism Preparation Meeting.

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held this Tuesday 13 February at 7pm in Parish Hall / MSPC Library.

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 | **19, 26 February & 11 March**

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

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

All are most welcome!

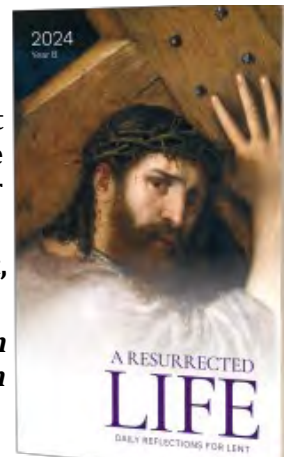
2024 LENTEN PROGRAMME 'A Resurrected Life'

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 are available at the Church or Parish Office. \$8 each.



6TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME - YEAR B

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (PS 31)

R: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

14 FEBRUARY

Sacred Heart Church: 7:30 am & 5:30 pm

Kingscliff - St Anthony's: 7:30 am & 9 am

Pottsville - Sts Mary & Ambrose : 9:15 am

Tweed Heads - St Joseph's: 7 am & 12:30 pm



THANK YOU!

Sincere thanks to all who contributed in any way to the St Vincent de Paul Society's Christmas Appeal – how generous you are!

The amazing support of parishioners, Parish schools, local businesses and the broader community enabled Mary MacKillop Conference Murwillumbah to distribute very substantial Christmas support to 72 local families!

Many donations of both money and gift cards were anonymous - please know that your generosity made a REAL DIFFERENCE to how these families could celebrate Christmas.

Our Conference Members wish you all God's good blessings for 2024.

Denise Banner, President, Mary MacKillop Conference

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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