

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

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

25 February 2024

Obedience brings the blessing

Abraham is a problematic figure in the biblical story. He lies to Pharaoh about his wife, hanging her out to dry to protect his own skin. He does the same thing a few chapters later to another king, Abimelech. But when push comes to shove, at the moment of the test, he ... 'passed with flying colors' as we used to say in school.

Abraham was not perfect, but he did pass where Adam and Eve failed. The Parents of humanity were called to partnership with God in accomplishing his creation plan. They were given a privileged place of rule in the world; they named the animals; they were fruitful and multiplied. But when push came to shove, at the moment of the test, they took the fruit of the tree and ate it. They failed the test. The serpent deceived them, saying, in effect, that God, in forbidding them access to the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, did not have their good in mind.

They needed to take for themselves the good thing that God held back from them. They decided to determine right and wrong for themselves. Taking the fruit was 'good in their own eyes'. They rejected the only possible path by which they—we—can find the fullness for which we were made. That path is obedience to God's commands. In obedience we are liberated. To ride a bicycle you must *obey*, so to speak, the law of gravity. You must *trust* that collaborating with the bicycle's pedals, seat, and handlebars, and through them, the wheels, will work.

You must submit yourself to be free. Otherwise, you are going to get hurt. The price of being God's (GOD'S!) special collaborator in his creation project is obedience. Trust. We must trust that God has our good in mind, that our Creator is *supremely good*, even when—most especially when—we do not see *how* that can be the case.

Abraham is the Old Testament exemplar of obedience. He was put to the most difficult test imaginable. He trusted God's goodness even through the command to sacrifice his 'one and only son', Isaac. He trusted what God had *promised* him (through his numerous descendants all nations will be blessed) and what God *gifted* him to initiate the fulfillment of that promise (a son).

Obedience brings the blessing. For Abraham, this meant being the father of the people Israel, through whom, finally, the Messiah would come to bless all creation, to bring, in Jesus' words, *the kingdom of God*.

Beyond Abraham, the Messiah, Jesus, passed the test. That test reached its make-or-break moment in the Garden of Gethsemane, where he sweated drops of blood, bringing his fully human will to complete transparency with the divine will, obedience to the point of death, death on the cross. In that obedience, Christ Jesus won *the ultimate blessing* for himself, for humanity, for the world. And he makes us now his collaborators in the project.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 25	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B	
	8:30 am	- Rosary
	9:00 am	- Mass
	10:15 am	- Baptism
Tuesday 27	1:00 pm	- Lenten Group Parish Admin Centre
	5:30 pm	- Mass
Wednesday 28	5:30 pm	- Mass
Thursday 29	8:15 am	- Mass
	4:00 pm	- Christmas Carnival Meeting
MARCH		
Friday 1	9:30 am	- Legion of Mary Parish Meeting Centre
	11:00 am	- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	12:00 pm	- Mass
	12:30 pm	- Stations of the Cross
Saturday 2	9:00 am	- Rosary
	5:30 pm	- Rosary
	6:00 pm	- Vigil Mass
Sunday 3	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B	
	8:30 am	- Rosary
	9:00 am	- Mass
	10:00 am	- Parish Cuppa

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

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:

Wendy Cameron, Leonard Tuga, Colin Reeve,
Alan Cocks, Michael Jandura, Fr Kevin Bates SM

ANNIVERSARIES:

John Moran, Ken Hall, Roberto Dusi,
Tina van den Broek

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Joan Kean, 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:

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - Year B

Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - Year B

Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

READING ROSTER

2/3 Mar | Third Sunday of Lent | B

6pm - Barbara Grant | Louis Staunton
9am - Mary-Ann Thackray

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 2 Mar | Rafe & Danny McAndrew
Sun 3 Mar | Annabel Casey & Sienna Alexander



BAPTISMS:

Please welcome
William James Turner
to our faith community.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

this Friday 1 March
11 am - 11:50 am



PARISH CUPPA

Please join us for a Cuppa | Morning tea
after 9am Mass next Sunday 3 March.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

ROSARY STATUE

25 Feb | Faith Buchanan
3 Mar | Pauline Weber 10 Mar | Kay Ryder

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

PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

The **next meeting** of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held on **Thursday 14 March at 5 pm.**

The **agenda for the meeting will be set on Thursday 7 March.** Any matters that you, our Parishioners, would like to be considered for the agenda should be sent by email to banner@onthenet.com.au or placed in the PPC box in the church no later than Wed 6 March.

'MASS OF ANOINTING'

10AM | SATURDAY | 16 MARCH

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

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FIRST RECONCILIATION

This weekend we welcome the children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and their families as they commence their **4 weekends of instruction.**

The children and their families are invited to attend the Parish II Rite of Reconciliation on Wednesday 20 March at 6 pm where the children will have the opportunity to make their first reconciliation.

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 | **26 February & 11 March**

Available to view on the YouTube channel from 28 February

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

All are most welcome!

REUNION | DE LA SALLE COLLEGE ARMIDALE

All Ex-students of De La Salle College Armidale are invited to a School Reunion to be held In Armidale on Saturday 26th October THIS YEAR, which is the 50th Anniversary of the closing of the College as we knew it.

Very Importantly - in order to secure our booking at this early stage - we need to soon know NUMBERS coming! If you (wife/partner also welcome) intend to come please send a "YES" email to dlsarmidale@yahoo.com. to be put on invitees list. Limited seating for this special Reunion! More information if required from Pete Stanley, mob [0401745406](tel:0401745406).



Caritas
AUSTRALIA

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 24 & 25 February



After the birth of her children, 22-year-old **Ronita** was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

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, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (PS 115)**

R: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Sacred Heart Church - 12.30pm
Fridays during Lent led by Legion of Mary (following 12.00 pm Mass)



**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.

Christmas Carnival 'Evaluation' Meeting
Thursday | 29 February | 4:00 pm
Parish Administration Centre

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.

SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH



Safeguarding in our parish is a community responsibility. If you believe someone is being harmed please speak to your priest or the Safeguarding Office (02) 6621 9444. There are procedures in place to guide how best to help victims - whether children or adults at risk.

DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING NEWS ...

The quarterly newsletter from the Diocesan Safeguarding team is available today in the Church. Only a few copies, but if you would like one, just ask the parish office team.

"We all have the duty to do good."
- Pope Francis



St Joseph's Tweed Heads Parish Fundraiser



TRIVIA AFTERNOON

Sunday 3 March
2 pm - 4 pm

\$5 per person - tables of 6
Come along and join this fun event!
Afternoon tea provided

For further information & to book phone:
Tweed Parish Office 0755 367522

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Agents: ALG/Egan Simpson Solicitors, 15 Prince Street, Murwillumbah.

