

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

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St. Columba's Church

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

17 March 2024

Learning to be one with Jesus

How do we speak of God's commitment to us in Jesus Christ?

In today's first reading Jeremiah speaks to the Jewish people who, when the Babylonians besieged Jerusalem (597BC), had lost everything they held dear: land, temple, king. Amidst their desolation Jeremiah offers his people hope: a new covenant, a new intimacy between God and his people, a new relationship with God, this one written in their very hearts, 'deep within their being.' Their past transformed by God's forgiveness, God will now be known by the least, as well as the greatest, with no one excluded.

In the second reading, the letter to the Hebrews speaks of God being with Jesus in his death, in order that Jesus might be with us. Whatever happens, Jesus doesn't give up on us. He doesn't avoid death but rather, in dying, opens himself to the One who hears his prayer and has the power to save him 'out of death.' In following him we gradually begin to realise that now nothing can separate us from the love of God. This is the new covenant written in our own hearts, our very selves.

This God is revealed in the gospel when Jesus asks not to be saved from his forthcoming death, because 'it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.' It poses the question of who might we give our lives for? Who do we live for? Our children, our families perhaps, anyone else?

We struggle with the thought of losing our lives because we fear it will mean losing everything. Jesus' image of the grain of wheat speaks to our fears and teaches us that, if we learn to let go, if we give fully of ourselves, we will yield 'a rich harvest'. In doing so, the glory of God will be revealed. This is to be the pattern of our lives.

It's not always easy, as Jesus suggests, and as we'll hear in next week's Passion. It's what the lay missionary Jean Donovan came to understand when she was urged to leave the violence of El Salvador in 1980. She refused to leave the children, 'the poor, bruised victims of this insanity.' She didn't do 'the reasonable thing.' Consequently, she and three missionary sisters (Maura Clarke, Ita Ford and Dorothy Kazel) were murdered by government soldiers. They died because they shared their lives with the children and their families.

As we follow Jesus ever more closely, we begin to face our fears, their hold on us loosening so we might live in a bigger world, a bigger story, to which we're all invited to be part. This is what we're doing in the Mass: learning to be at one with Jesus, 'offering our lives with him for the world's sake.' Offer our own lives? If we're for real, in doing so we enter ever more deeply into relationship with God, a relationship written in our own hearts, our very selves, forever.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 17	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass with Baptism 10:00 am - Morning tea with MSPC (<i>note page 3</i>) 10:30 am - Baptism
Monday 18	ST PATRICK'S DAY 8:15 am - Mass
Tuesday 19	ST JOSEPH'S DAY 8:15 am - Mass 1:00 pm - Lenten Group Parish Admin Centre
Wednesday 20	8:15 am - Mass 10:00 am - Catholic Men's Group (<i>note page 4</i>) 6:00 pm - II Rite & First Reconciliation
Thursday 21	8:15 am - Mass
Friday 22	9:30 am - Legion of Mary Parish Meeting Centre 12:00 pm - Mass 12:30 pm - Stations of the Cross
Saturday 23	9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 24	PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD - YR B 8:00 am - Sacred Park with Anglican Community process to the Sacred Heart Church 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptism

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Richard Tartan, Dominic McCabe,
Paul O'Connor (son of Maurie (dec) & Jill),
Patricia Walker, Frank Dusi

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

George Flack, Jacinta Immisch, 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

READINGS | ROSTERS

READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year B

Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-30

PALM SUNDAY - Year B

Entrance: Mk 11:1-10; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11;
MK 14:1 - 15:47

READING ROSTER

23/24 March | Palm Sunday | Year B

6pm - to be advised

9am - to be advised



BAPTISMS:

Please welcome
**Grace Rose Staff
& Charlie James Yeo**
to our faith community.

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 23 Mar | Rose Seamer & Lily Daly

Sun 24 Mar | Bonnie Lindsay & Nate Linkins

ROSARY STATUE

17 Mar | Debbie Kaehler

24 Mar | Annette Lofts 31 Mar | Paula Thornton



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

PALM SUNDAY | 24 March | 8 am

Blessing of the Palms in Sacred Park (Banner St) with our Anglican friends | followed by Mass at 9 am



9:00 am Mass + morning tea | this Sunday

Mt St Patrick College students and staff from **Romero House** and **Nagle House** will join us for Mass this **Sunday 17 March** followed by morning tea in the Parish Hall/MSPC Library.

Wear your **Purple (Romero)** and/or **Gold (Nagle)** to support the College Houses.



Romero
BE MORE



Nagle
DEEDS NOT WORDS

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

PASSION SUNDAY | 24 March

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm

commencing with the Blessing of Palms

Passion Sunday: 8:00 am - Blessing of Palms in Sacred Park with the Anglican Community, then process to Sacred Heart Church for **9:00 am Mass**

TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday | 28 March

7:00 pm - Celebration of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration

Good Friday | 29 March

9:00 am - Stations of the Cross

3:00 pm - Solemn Celebration Lord's Passion

Easter Vigil | 30 March

7:00 pm - Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY | 31 March

9:00am - Mass

II Rite & First Reconciliation

6pm Wednesday 20 March

Sacred Heart Murwillumbah

CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

March morning tea

Wed 20 March | 10:00 am | Mbah Services Club

Enquiries: Alex Lever 0458 817 021

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

THE CATENIANS

GOLD COAST TWEED CIRCLE

The Catenian Association is an association of Catholic laymen committed to their Faith, their families and to supporting each other.

We are an association which offers opportunities to develop deep and lasting friendships, share experiences and even have some fun, built on the solid foundations of shared faith and values.

We meet on 3rd Thursday of each month in a group called a Circle. We begin our meeting with a prayer, conduct business and then we share a meal together. After dinner, we often listen to a guest speaker.

Why not come along to one of our meetings - it might be just what you need! Your first dinner is on us. No pressure to join if it's not for you.

Thursday 21 March | 6 pm NSW time | South Tweed Sports Club

Contact: Bernard Nolan 0419 023 108
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WEEKDAY MASS TIMES UNTIL EASTER

Monday 25 | 7 pm | Chrism Mass Lismore Cathedral

Tuesday 26 | 5:30 pm

Wednesday 27 | 5:30 pm

Thursday 28 | No 8:15 am Mass today

LENT
Pray + Fast + Give



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
16 & 17 March**



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