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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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 ss 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 (note page 3)
	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 (note page 4)
	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

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



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)

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



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

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





FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 16 & 17 March





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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.



Nagle DEEDS NOT WORDS



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 praver. 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 Chris Gallagher 0428 416 288



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (PS 50) R: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be. *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

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 closes 3 April 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)

Adult Online Faith Formation

The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) at the University of Dayton, Ohio, offers over 100 online courses in adult faith formation. These courses are usually five weeks, with a commitment to spend around 5 hours per week reading and submitting responses/reflections. (There are no exams!) The cost is very reasonable, and further subsidies are provided because of the partnership with the Lismore Diocese. The price is \$US50.

Registrations for Cycle 3 Courses are now open. Close on April 3. (Courses begin April 8.)

If anyone is interested in pursuing any of the listed courses, don't hesitate to contact Tony Worner at <u>VLCFF.LismoreDiocese@stagnesparish.org.au</u> or 0436 941 280.

Learn more about the VLCFF at <u>vlcff.udayton.edu</u> or follow the links at <u>stagnesparish.org.au/faith</u>

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 holv 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.

'Whoever does not seek the cross of Christ doesn't seek the glory of Christ.' - St John of the Cross

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