

# 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

Convent Lane, Uki

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## PARISH STAFF

### Administrator

Fr. Peter Wood

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### Mt. St. Patrick College

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B 10 March 2024

### Never give up because God doesn't

The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent is traditionally known as Laetare Sunday, so called because of the first word "Rejoice" in the Entrance Antiphon of the liturgy. Laetare is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Midway on our long Lenten journey to Easter, our energy and enthusiasm may well be flagging. Today's readings remind us of the source of our joy as Christians and prompt us to renew our resolve and to persevere for the rest of the journey. In the gospel, we hear the reason for our rejoicing: "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son" (John 3:16).

In the Old Testament, from Genesis on, the constant thread in all the books is the steadfast love that God has for God's people. No matter how many times the people and their leaders faltered in their faith and hope in God, from Exodus to the Prophets, like Isaiah and Jeremiah, to the Kings, such as David and Solomon, and in the time of the Exile in Babylon after Jerusalem was besieged and captured and the people were exiled from Israel, God stood by and cared for the people and, each time they wavered and fell, God called them back and reminded them to try again and be faithful.

In the reading from John's gospel, we learn about Nicodemus, a prominent member of Jewish society, who wanted to speak to Jesus but, perhaps afraid or confused or embarrassed, went to meet him under the cover of darkness. He was an admirer of Jesus but he was unsure about who Jesus really was: Did Jesus really perform miracles and was he the Messiah?

Jesus reveals to Nicodemus the astonishing truth at the heart of our faith and the source of our joy: "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son . . . God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." In Jesus, this overflowing super-abundant love of God for the world is revealed in its unsurpassable fullness. He is the Light of the World. No amount of darkness will ever be able to cover it or shroud it.

So, as we continue to journey through this Lenten period, let us stop for a moment on this Laetare Sunday, to marvel, celebrate, give thanks, and rejoice in God's abundant and faithful love that continues to overflow in and around us in spite of the many troubles in the world. We may waver in our hope and faith, but God will never give up on us, even when we give up on ourselves and lose hope.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son. The gift of God's Son was the ultimate gift of love. Let us rejoice! And let us press on with our Lenten journey.

Mark Chia CSSR © Magellan Media 2024

# This week in the Parish

Sunday 10	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B</b> 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptisms
Tuesday 12	1:00 pm - Lenten Group   Parish Admin Centre 5:30 pm - Mass 7:00 pm - Baptism Preparation Meeting
Wednesday 13	5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 14	<b>Parish Office Closed</b> 8:15 am - Mass 5:00 pm - Pastoral Council Meeting
Friday 15	<b>Parish Office Closed</b> 9:30 am - Legion of Mary   Parish Meeting Centre 12:00 pm - Mass 12:30 pm - Stations of the Cross
Saturday 16	9:00 am - Rosary <b>10:00 am - Mass of Anointing</b> 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 17	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B</b> 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Morning tea with MSPC 10:30 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.

## WEDNESDAY WORD

Copies of Wednesday Word,  
with this weekend's readings,  
are available in the Church.

**Parish Office will be CLOSED**  
**Thursday 14 & Friday 15 March**  
**for staff training.**

**Urgent matters phone:**  
**0413 277 700**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Frank Dusi, Wendy Cameron, Leonard Tuga

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Trish Walker, 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



## BAPTISMS:

Please welcome  
**James Robert Nolan**  
& **Jake Paul Nolan**  
to our faith community.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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



## READINGS | ROSTERS

### READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year B

2 Chron 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year B

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

### READING ROSTER

#### 16/17 March | Fifth Sunday of Lent | B

6pm - Christine Wightley

9am - to be advised

### ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 16 Mar | Grace Severs & Yasmin van Rossi

Sun 17 Mar | Jana Lofts



### ROSARY STATUE

10 Mar | Kay Ryder

17 Mar | Debbie Kaehler 24 Mar | Annette Lofts

### 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

## '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

**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 April**

**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

*"Start by doing what is necessary;  
then do what's possible;  
and suddenly you are doing the impossible."  
- Saint Francis of Assisi*

## Save the Date | Sunday 17 March | 9am Mass + morning tea

Mt St Patrick College students and staff from Romero House and Nagle House will join us for Mass on Sunday 17 March. Parishioners are invited to join the students from Romero and Nagle for morning tea after Mass.

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



Romero  
BE MORE



Nagle  
DEEDS NOT WORDS

## II Rite & First Reconciliation

St Anthony's Kingscliff | 6pm Tues 19 March

Sacred Heart Murwillumbah | 6pm Wed 20 March

## II Rite Reconciliation

St Joseph's Tweed Heads | 6pm Thurs 21 March

## WEEKDAY MASS TIMES UNTIL EASTER

Monday 18 | 8:15 am | St Patrick's Day

Tuesday 19 | 8:15 am | St Joseph's Day

Wednesday 20 | 8:15 am

Thursday 21 | 8:15 am

Friday 22 | to be confirmed

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

## EASTER LITURGY ROSTERS

The liturgy roster for **Palm Sunday** and the **Easter Ceremonies** will be prepared shortly.

If you would like to volunteer for a ministry at any of the Easter ceremonies, please contact the Parish Office by Friday 15 March.



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 10 & 11 March



As the eldest child in a low-income farming family in rural Malawi, Memory faced many barriers to her education. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, she enrolled in a technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village.

**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](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (PS 136)

**R:** Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

**God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.**

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

### 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 international 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 groups called Circles to pray and conduct business, then we share a meal together and 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

## 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.

## 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.

**Bishop Greg's last Lenten Talk will be held on  
Monday 11 March at 6pm at St Mary's Chapel  
Themes of St Therese of Lisieux**

Available to view on the YouTube channel now  
<https://www.youtube.com/c/LismoreDioceseAU>

**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.

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