

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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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR B | 14 April 2024

Called to be prophetic witnesses

To his Nazi captors, Polish priest and Conventual Franciscan friar Maximilian Kolbe was prisoner number 16670. But to Franciszek Gajowniczczek, his fellow inmate in Auschwitz, Maximilian was much more and his sacrifice would change his life forever.

In late July 1941, a prisoner escape in Auschwitz prompted the deputy camp commander to order the deaths of 10 men to deter future escape attempts. When Maximilian heard Franciszek, who was one of the ten selected, cry out for his wife and children, he volunteered to take his place. Franciszek was reunited with his wife after the war and lived to be 93. He said that, as long as he lived, he would tell everyone about Maximilian's courageous act of love.

Jesus's dying and rising again, like Maximilian's act of sacrifice and love, was not only a moving act of humanity; it was also a prophetic witness of God's redemptive love.

The gospel reading today describes a vivid post-Resurrection appearance of Jesus. The disciples met Jesus on the road but only recognised him in the breaking of the bread. Then, quite dramatically, they see him standing in their midst and they were both terrified and overjoyed to see him again. He invites them to touch his hands and feet. He eats a piece of fish which they give him.

At Easter, we enter into the mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus. God, in his love for us, yearns to draw us into his presence for all eternity. It is a profound paradox that his gift of eternal life and love entailed the ultimate sacrifice of an excruciating death on the cross.

For each of us, taking up our cross also means we are utterly vulnerable to pain, suffering and death. Nevertheless, with the grace of One who has also walked this path, we find strength to do the same. St John of the Cross likened suffering to being like a log in the fire. We are consumed by his love and are forever transformed by the experience. Our suffering becomes transformative if we yield ourselves entirely to God.

Yet, our faith is not only a source of grace in our own individual suffering and death. It is a prophetic witness for all time. Jesus reminds his disciples that everything that was written about him in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms has now been fulfilled, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached to all nations, beginning with Jerusalem.

We are called to rise with Jesus to a new life. In communion with our faith companions and all the saints from ages past, present and future, we are also called to be prophetic witnesses to his redemptive love. Clothed in our baptismal garments, anointed by holy oil, and redeemed by blood, let us proclaim this Easter promise to everyone. He is risen indeed.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 14	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Parish Vision and Mission Statement meeting - Sacred Heart Church
Tuesday 16	No Mass today
Wednesday 17	10:00 am - Catholic Men's Group (see note page 3) No Mass today
Thursday 18	No Mass today
Friday 19	9:30 am - Legion of Mary Parish Meeting Centre 12:00 pm - Mass - Fr Anthony
Saturday 20	9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 21	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B (Good Shepherd Sunday) 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.

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

Fr Peter will be away over the next week returning Tuesday 23 April.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
First Holy Communion Parent Meeting:
Tuesday 30 April 6.30pm
in Sacred Heart Church
First Holy Communion
6pm Saturday 1 or 9am Sunday 2 June

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Joan Drummond, Deneille Wills, John Larkin

ANNIVERSARIES:

Stephanie Lemon, Michael McCarthy, Ray Grant

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Donna Pearson, George Flack, 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 NEXT SUNDAY:

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year B

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5; Lk 24:35-48

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year B

Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

READING ROSTER

20/21 Apr | Fourth Sunday of Easter | B

6pm - Margaret Mumford

9am - Christine O'Brien

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Altar server roster will resume weekend 4/5 May

ROSARY STATUE

14 Apr | Lisa Dusi-Fox 21 Apr | Narelle Gear

28 Apr | Philomena Zambelli



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY APPEAL

Next Sunday 21 April is Good Shepherd Sunday and the Church asks each of us to pray for, or to consider a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Each person in the community has a role to play in encouraging vocations – whether by prayer, encouragement or personal suggestion.

Envelopes will be available to make a contribution.

'There is nothing in the world that resembles God as much as silence.'
- Meister Eckhart

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 continues to online-stream Sunday Mass on the [Diocesan YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU) - 9:00 am - [youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU)



CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

April morning tea

Wed 17 April | 10:00 am | M'bah Services Club

Enquiries: Alex Lever 0458 817 021

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME



THE CATENIANS GOLD COAST TWEED CIRCLE

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- ◆ Practical support in times of difficulty and need.

Deep and lasting friendships, built on the solid foundation of shared faith and values, ensure a member is never alone whatever difficulties he or a member of his family encounters.

We meet on 3rd Thursday of each month in groups called Circles. We share a meal 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.

**Venue: South Tweed Sports Club
Thursday 18 April | 6 pm**

Contact:

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Chris Gallagher 0428 416 288

SACRED HEART PARISH VISION & MISSION STATEMENT

Sunday 14 April following 9:00 am Mass

Father Peter and the Parish Pastoral Council invites all Parishioners to attend a workshop to provide input into writing a Sacred Heart Parish Vision and Mission Statement.

The Vision Statement focuses on where we are going as a parish community. What is our purpose? What is our goal?

The Mission Statement will express how our church will work towards meeting our Vision Statement.

All parishioners' input is important in preparing these statements so we look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

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phone the Parish Office 02 6672 1118 or email: murwillumbah@lismore.catholic.org.au

The Parish Office will be in touch with you and send you our Parish bulletin each week.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 4)

R: Lord, let your face shine on us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you
speak.**

FRANCIS' FOCUS

Gospel Reflection by Nick Brodie

Reflecting on this Gospel passage, Pope Francis draws our attention to the three key verbs: look, touch, and eat.

'To look is not only to see,' the Pope points out, adding that 'it is more; it also involves intention, will.' When Jesus asks the disciples to look at his hands and feet, therefore, he is not only offering visual proof of identity. Rather, Jesus is inviting his disciples to look at his wounded limbs as 'a first step against indifference, against the temptation to look the other way before the difficulties and sufferings of others.' Jesus' wounds are still present for those with the courage to look at them.

Similarly, Jesus' invitation to the disciples to confirm his presence by touch has a teaching element too. 'By inviting the disciples to touch him,' the Pope suggests, 'Jesus indicates to them and to us that the relationship with him and with our brothers and sisters cannot remain "at a distance".' Having seen the wounds, we must be close to the wounded.

Finally, by eating with his disciples Jesus again did more than prove he was physically present at that specific moment. As the Pope points out, 'eating, when we do so together, among family or friends ... becomes an expression of love, and expression of communion.'

Once again, the Gospel suggests Jesus' action had a deeper meaning about Jesus' continuing presence among his followers. As St Augustine said of the Eucharist, we become what we consume, which means something truly amazing: The Risen Jesus still eats with us!

The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; in his name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all the nations, alleluia

- Luke 24:46-47

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 (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.

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You are invited... to contribute your thoughts and ideas

Sunday 14 April 2024 in the Sacred Heart Church
from 10 am for approximately 2 hours

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Sacred Heart Parish Vision and Mission Statement

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so we look forward to seeing you at 10 am on Sunday 14 April

“Authentic mission is always about going somewhere, not just about what we ought to be doing. Think of it this way: Our Christian life is meant to be a journey. To use a metaphor: We disciples of Jesus are all on the ‘bus’. The Mission Statement (fostering the presence of Christ; growing disciples for the Lord Jesus) is the bus we are on. The Vision Statement is the SIGN on the bus, telling us where we are going.” From St Joseph’s Catholic Church, Mechanicsburg PA

