

# 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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## 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR C | 1 MARCH 2025

### The spotlight on our own hearts

This week's first reading offers the kind of pithy advice that would have been common in the ancient world. In this case, the author of Sirach, or Ecclesiasticus as also called, encourages the reader to test the words and actions of others. This way, we avoid looking foolish for endorsing someone with egregious character flaws.

This is good advice and, at first glance, in the gospel reading it seems that Jesus is encouraging his disciples to do the same. He even uses the same visual metaphors of examining the fruit (words and actions) to determine the true quality of a tree (the inner character of a person).

Jesus agrees that a person reveals their inner spiritual state through their words and actions. However, he spins this advice around towards the people he is addressing. Instead of measuring the character of *others* by interrogating *their* thoughts and actions, Jesus is pointing us towards *our own capacity for self-deception*.

Jesus immediately turns the spotlight on our own hearts. He exposes how our attempts to justify our own selfish desires as morally good do as much good as trying to pick grapes from brambles.

However, because it requires us to thoroughly examine and change our own hearts and minds, we often try to look for other ways to make ourselves seem and feel good. When we do this, we demonstrate in the way that we live that we follow a teacher other than Christ. But, as Jesus explains, there is only one teacher who has conclusively proved, by the fruits of his words and actions, the goodness of his character and teaching. This is why St Paul exhorts us in the second reading to remember that Jesus has won the victory that will make us capable of living God's way.

God works through our humble hearts when we acknowledge how much we need the truth and love that Christ alone brings, and labour to change ourselves accordingly. In this way, we become like the "fully trained disciple" Jesus describes who can fully emulate "his teacher."

What we experience in the day-to-day journey of following Jesus, with the thousands of little corrections that we need to make to stay on course, is God transforming us into the image of his Son.

This work of transformation in this life will be completed in the life to come. St Paul, in the second reading, shows us a glimpse of the kind of people that we will be when our "perishable natures" will "put on imperishability" and our "mortal nature" will "put on immortality".

St Paul exhorts us to keep going with the spiritual introspection and labour that will turn us from brambles into fruitful trees where, in the words of the Psalm, we will "flourish in the courts of our God".

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# This week in the Parish

Sunday 2	<b>8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C</b> 8:00 am   1:00 pm - Church Doors open 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Parish Cuppa / Morning Tea
Monday 3	9:30 am - Rosary & Prayers (see note below)
Tuesday 4	6:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 5	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> 7:30 am - Mass 5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 6	8:15 am - Mass
Friday 7	<b>6 am – 6 pm Adoration &amp; Holy Door Open</b> No Mass today
Saturday 8	9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 9	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C</b> 8:00 am   1:00 pm - Church Doors open 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptisms

**RECONCILIATION**  
Friday 28: 11:00 am - 11:45 am  
Sunday: 8:30 am - 8:50 am  
Saturday: 5.30 pm - 5.50 pm

## 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, are available in the Church.

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

this Friday 7 March  
6:00 am - 6:00 pm

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Zenaida Balagot, Margaret Chiesa

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Chris Hill, Marion Roberts, Tony McKerrow, John Moran

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Neville Morrin, Cade Andrassy, Robert Burton, Bob Ryder, Sue Gallagher, Les Daley (father of Ray), Libby Varela, Marie (George Flack's sister), Narelle Martin, Pam Willock, Patrick Fox, George Flack, Margaret Traves, Lorraine Green, David Burke, Malcolm Reid, Paul Calvino, Maureen McCabe, Fr Anthony Lemon

*Names removed after a considerable time. Please assist the Parish Office by advising if you wish names to remain.*

## READINGS | ROSTERS

### READINGS FOR TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY:

**8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C**  
Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45:

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C**  
Deut 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13:

### READING ROSTER

**8|9 Mar | First Sunday of Lent | Yr C**

6pm - Lisa Dusi-Fox

8am - Jan Bruce

### ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 8 March | Jana Lofts

Sun 9 March | Sienna Alexander

### ROSARY STATUE

2/3 Narelle Gear 9/3 Philomena Zambelli



## PARISH CUPPA | MORNING TEA

Please join us for a Cuppa | Morning tea after 9am Mass this Sunday 2 March.

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

**ROSARY & PRAYERS** for God's Precious Infants and the Unborn Child - Monday 3 March - 9:30 am - Sacred Heart Church.

Pregnancy Help Line: 1300 139 313

**Bishop's Special Collection** | Our parish raised \$716 at Masses over the past 2 weekends for the flood victims in the Townsville Diocese.

**Thank you for your generosity.**

## 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 is an option 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](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU) channel - 9:00 am - [youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU)

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

During Term One a number of children from our parish will be preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**There will be a Parent Information Meeting on Tuesday 11 March at 6:30pm in the Sacred Heart Church.**

Parents of children who were Confirmed in 2024 and would like their children to continue with their Sacraments, are asked to attend.

## SEASON OF LENT

*Lent begins next Wednesday.*

*Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence (not eating meat). All who have completed their 18th year & have not yet begun their 60th year are bound to fast. All who have completed their 14th year are bound to abstain.*

*All Fridays in Lent are recommended as days of fast (perhaps not eating meat and forgoing luxuries, and food over and above what is necessary), prayer and deeds of charity.*

*All Catholics are obliged to receive holy communion at least once a year between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.*

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP

Brief Meeting | Social Afternoon Tea

Tuesday 11 March | 1:30 pm | M'bah Services Club

Enquiries Barbara Cook:

Ph: 026672 3377 Mobile: 0459 955 394

**ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME**

## LEGION OF MARY

**Eucharistic Adoration – 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month**

**In honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in this Jubilee Year, there will be a 12-hour Eucharistic Adoration on the 1st Friday of each month | Friday 7 March.**

Print your name, phone number & preferred time on the roster located at the front door of the Church. Starts from 6am. There must be 2 or more people present for each hour of the day. Contact Trish Jandura.

## HOLY DOORS

The Holy Doors will be open on the **1st Friday of each month during the Jubilee Year** from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm and includes all day Eucharistic Adoration, often with Mass celebrated at 12 noon.

The Holy Doors will also be open on the **1st Sunday each month** from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm with Sunday Mass at 9:00 am and the opportunity to share a cuppa and a chat from 10:00 am.



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

## Project Compassion Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2025

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.



**UNITE  
AGAINST  
POVERTY**  
this Lent

**Please donate today.**

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

**Or online at:** [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

**Or by calling:** 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we  
*Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

## 2025 LENTEN PROGRAMME 'Start Anew In Christ'

*Start Anew In Christ* is a 6-week reflection resource that can be used during Lent by individuals and groups. Each day's reflection is inspired by the day's Gospel reading, followed by a Reflection, Discussion Questions and concludes with a Prayer.



**You are invited to join us for prayer and reflection during the weeks of Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday 5 March.**

Lenten books are available at the Church or Parish Office. \$8 each.

*Bishop Greg's Lenten Talk Series continues...*

## The Jubilee Year of Hope

Bishop Greg's talks will be held on Mondays at 6pm at St Mary's Chapel:

**Monday 10 March**

**Monday 17 March**

**Monday 24 March**

*It will be available to view on the YouTube channel*  
<https://www.youtube.com/c/LismoreDioceseAU>

**All are most welcome!**





## 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR C

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (91)

**R:** Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.**

**Alleluia!**



### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

**Focus country: Cook Islands**

**St John's Catholic Church**

**Mullumbimby**

**Friday 7 March 10 am**

**(includes morning tea  
& refreshments)**

## ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

**5 MARCH**

**Sacred Heart Church: 7:30 am & 5:30 pm**

**Kingscliff - St Anthony's: 7:30 am & 9 am**

**Pottsville - Sts Mary & Ambrose : 9:15 am**

**Tweed Heads - St Joseph's: 7 am & 9:10 am**

## 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 (NICENE CREED)

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,

*(All bow during these two lines)*

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the  
Virgin Mary,  
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory

to judge the living and the dead

and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored  
and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins

and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come.

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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