

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



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Church of the Sacred Heart

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YR C | 9 MARCH 2025

Resisting temptation

As we begin the season of Lent, we hear Luke's version of the three temptations of Jesus at the beginning of his public ministry. His responses will determine the direction of his mission.

The first temptation is about food. "Turn this stone into bread." After being without food for forty days it would have been simple for Jesus to satisfy his hunger by turning stone into bread by using his divine power. Jesus does not succumb to self-gratification but quotes the Book of Deuteronomy reminding the devil that we do not live "on bread alone."

Today, the temptation to self-indulgence is not simply about food, but it may be about a lifestyle where our personal concerns are prioritised above the needs of others.

The second temptation is about power over others when the devil invites Jesus to exercise authority over nations. This is a seductive temptation for power and control is an aphrodisiac, and Pope Francis constantly warns us against the abuse of power when we use our roles in church and society to aggrandise ourselves rather than promote the concerns of those less fortunate. Jesus calls us to promote not ourselves but commitment to the needy as evidenced in the ministry of Jesus.

The third temptation is for Jesus to do something amazing by throwing himself off the top of the temple and asking the angels to catch him. Jesus resists the temptation to do something spectacular and reproves the devil by quoting scripture to confirm God's love for those who are faithful. Success is not everything as Mother Theresa famously put it: "God has not called us to be successful but to be faithful."

This does not mean that our lives will be free from temptation, but scripture teaches us that Jesus overcame the devil and won the battle for us and for our world. In the wilderness and on the cross Jesus resisted the devil's temptations. He did not listen to Peter, who tried to convince him to stay away from Jerusalem and certain death. He did not call on an army of angels when arrested in the garden of Gethsemane. Even crucified on the cross, Jesus refused to save himself.

We do not have to fear the devil because Jesus has defeated him. Which means that no matter what is happening in our lives, no matter the temptations, trials and tests we might be going through, we can turn to Jesus, and he will be there for us, to lead and guide us along the way.

We will not be challenged as Jesus was, but we will be tempted to live for ourselves, to exercise power and control, and to focus on success rather than faithfulness. Jesus teaches us that through prayer, scripture, the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and service of others we will be able to resist temptation and be missionary disciples proclaiming the good news by word and deed.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 9	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptisms
Tuesday 11	1:30 pm - Catholic Women's Group (<i>note below</i>) 5:30 pm - Mass 6:30 pm - Reconciliation Parent Meeting
Wednesday 12	5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 13	NO Mass today
Friday 14	9:30 am - Legion of Mary Parish Meeting Centre 12:00 pm - Mass 12:30 pm - Stations of the Cross
Saturday 15	9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 16	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - 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

PRIVATE PRAYER
from 4:30 pm before Tuesday
& Wednesday 5:30 pm Mass

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Sheila Border, Zenaida Balagot, Margaret Chiesa

ANNIVERSARIES:

Peter Luxford

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:

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C

Deut 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13:

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C

Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17 - 4:1; Lk 9:28-36:

READING ROSTER

15|16 Mar | Second Sunday of Lent | Yr C

6pm - Christine Wightley

8am - Mary-Ann Thackray

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 15 March | Grace Severs

Sun 16 March | Bonnie Lindsay

ROSARY STATUE

9/3 Philomena Zambelli

16/3 Susan Kean



BAPTISMS:

Please welcome

**Peter Torres Perske-Fripp
& Maya Pearl Perske-Fripp**
to our faith community.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP

Brief Meeting | Social Afternoon Tea

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

Enquiries Barbara Cook:

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ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME

A note regarding Sheila Border's funeral -

A private family funeral will be held for Sheila.

The family would like to invite you to celebrate Sheila's life at Kingscliff Bowls Club at 2pm Thursday 13 March.

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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



Legion of Mary

WORKSHOP | PALM CROSSES

Thursday 13 March | 1pm

Parish Meeting Centre

If you would like to help make crosses for Palm Sunday, come along and join in.

Everyone is welcome!

Characteristics of the Jubilee

The seven characteristics of the Jubilee are: Pilgrimage, Holy Door, Reconciliation, **Prayer**, Liturgy, Profession of Faith and Indulgences.

PRAYER

There are many reasons and ways to pray, but at the root of prayer is always the desire to be open to God's presence and His offer of love. In the context of the Jubilee Year and the theme *Pilgrims of Hope*, prayer holds a deeply significant role and becomes a central part of the journey.

Prayer is an essential means through which one opens oneself to God's grace.

Hope is rooted in trust in God's promises, and prayer deepens that trust and allows us to affirm that, despite the challenges faced on their journey, God is always with us.

Pilgrims are encouraged to pray for those in need. This prayerful solidarity brings the faithful closer to the mission of Christ, who prayed for others, and strengthens the sense of universal Church.

By engaging in prayer, pilgrims find themselves strengthened in their faith and commitment, ready to share the joy and peace they receive with others on the journey.

There are 36 events throughout the Jubilee Year highlighting special aspects of church life. This weekend it is the Jubilee of the World of Volunteering.



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

First Sunday of Lent 8th and 9th of March 2025

Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world. We'll meet **Toefuata'iga** - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) from Samoa, **Lam** from Vietnam and **Irene** from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

Each of this year's stories reflects diverse challenges, yet they are united by the shared determination to overcome adversity and create better futures for themselves and their communities.

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

Or by calling: 1800 024 413



2025 LENTEN PROGRAMME

'Start Anew In Christ

You are welcome to come along and join in the Parish Lenten Group.

Tuesday | 1 pm | Parish Administration Centre

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

THE SEASON OF LENT

A good Lenten practice is to do something extra in prayer (e.g. taking the opportunity to attend Stations of the Cross), something involving fasting (whether limiting our intake of food or giving up something non-food related), and something involving almsgiving (giving money or goods to the needy or doing extra acts of charity, such as Project Compassion).

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, 17 & 24 March**

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

All are most welcome!

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YR C

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (91)

To be sung / hymn sheet

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus;

Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus;

Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ!

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

THE SEASON OF LENT is most appropriate for celebrating the **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**.

Already on Ash Wednesday the people of God have heard the solemn invitation, *Turn away from sin and believe the good news*. It is therefore fitting to take advantage of the opportunities offered in the parish for Confessions so that all may have the opportunity to be reconciled with God and their neighbour, and so be able to celebrate the paschal mystery in the Easter Triduum with renewed hearts.

RECONCILIATION DURING LENT

Friday: 11:30 am - 11:50 am

Saturday: 5.30 pm - 5.50 pm

Sunday: 8.30 am - 8.50 am

YOU'RE INVITED

Romero and Nagle

House Mass

SATURDAY

15TH MARCH 2025

6PM

ROMERO AND NAGLE STUDENTS AND PARENTS ARE INVITED TO THE COMBINED HOUSE MASS.

WE WILL GATHER FOR MASS AT 6PM AT THE SACRED HEART PARISH AND COME TOGETHER FOR A BITE TO EAT AT THE CONCLUSION.

SACRED HEART CHURCH
137 MURWILLUMBAH STREET
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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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2025 JUBILEE YEAR

FACT SHEET



In 2025, the church invites us into a Jubilee Year, a sacred time of renewal, mercy, and joy. Rooted in biblical tradition, a Jubilee is more than just a celebration - it's a call to restore relationships, deepen our faith, and live our God's love in tangible ways. As parents and educators, we have a unique opportunity to bring the spirit of Jubilee into our homes, schools, and communities.

The Heart of Jubilee: Mercy, Reconciliation, and Renewal.

WAYS OF LIVING THE JUBILEE YEAR

Welcome Christ into Your Heart

This year of Jubilee - as in any other year! - is a time to welcome Christ more profoundly into our hearts. For some, this may mean welcoming Him to be the Lord of their lives for the first time. The Jubilee urges others to deepen the relationship begun at Baptism and re-centre themselves in Him.

Indeed, the Jubilee of Hope can inspire a new beginning in our spiritual life, the possibility of starting again from Christ and the Gospel.

Sow Hope

Christian hope differs from the wishful thinking that everything will align with what we want. Optimism is fleeting; it always has an expiration date. On the other hand, Christian hope is an enduring gift of the Holy Spirit. It remains steadfast because it's rooted in God's unwavering fidelity. This hope strengthens us, allowing us to navigate even the most challenging times with confidence.

True hope doesn't lead to passivity but to action. "The one who has hope lives differently; the one who hopes has been granted the gift of a new life." In this Jubilee year, let's combat pessimism by fanning the spark of hope into a flame and helping others look to the future with confidence.

Become signs of hope for those facing adversity of any kind: newly arrived refugees and immigrants, the homeless, those battling addictions, trafficked persons, women experiencing unexpected pregnancies, the lonely and abandoned, victims of injustice, prisoners, and those suffering greatly and tempted to end their life by euthanasia. Christian hope has the power to transform these lives and situations.

In the words of Pope Francis, "*Hope is not a possession you can put in your pocket. No, it does not belong to us. It is a gift to share, a light to transmit.*"

Go on a Pilgrimage | Walk through a Holy Door

Our Christian life is a journey that calls for times of greater spiritual intensity. Making a pilgrimage encourages and sustains "hope as the constant companion that guides our steps towards the goal of our encounter with the Lord Jesus."

Going on a pilgrimage means setting out each day, constantly starting anew, and rediscovering the strength needed to pursue every stage of the soul's journey to God.

However tiring and difficult the interior pilgrimage of the heart might be, it leads to a more profound knowledge of the Lord and understanding of oneself.

One of the traditions of a Jubilee Year is passing through a Holy Door, symbolising a journey of faith and renewal.

Places of Pilgrimage in our Diocese

Bishop Homeming has designated these four churches as shrines for the Jubilee:

St. Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore

Sacred Heart Church, Murwillumbah

St. Augustine's Church, Coffs Harbour

St. Agnes' Church, Port Macquarie

Receive the Jubilee Indulgence

- ◆ One must be a baptised Catholic, in a "state of grace" and detached from sin of any kind, including venial sin (if the detachment is not complete, the indulgence will be proportionally partial rather than plenary).
- ◆ One must have the general intention to receive the indulgence.
- ◆ One must receive Holy Communion on the day of the indulgence and the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the close proximity to it. If one wishes to receive indulgence every day in a consecutive sequence of days, it is not necessary to go to Confession every day. However, it is necessary to receive Holy Communion on the day of the indulgence.
- ◆ One must pray for the intentions of the Pope (usually an Our Father and a Hail Mary).
- ◆ One must recite either the Apostles Creed or the Nicene Creed.

Imitate the Jubilee Saints

Canonisations play an essential role in holy year celebrations, showcasing extraordinary individuals who exemplify holiness. In 2016, for example, Pope Francis canonised Mother Teresa of Calcutta during the Jubilee of Mercy.

In light of such a tradition, this year the Holy Father will canonise two young people esteemed for their witness to holiness and hope: Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati.

Blessed Carlo Acutis will be canonized 27 April, at the Jubilee for Teenagers. Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati will be canonized 3 August, during the Jubilee for Young Adults.

By studying their lives, imitating their virtues, and seeking their intercession, we can share in the graces of the Jubilee.

As we journey through this Jubilee Year, may we all take up the call to **renewal, mercy and joy** - starting with the hearts and homes entrusted to us.

*Excerpt from the pastoral letter of Archbishop Miller,
Archbishop of Vancouver.*



**Opening of Holy Doors
Friday 28 February 2025
Sacred Heart Church**



CARLO ACUTIS

“To always be close to Jesus, that’s my life plan”

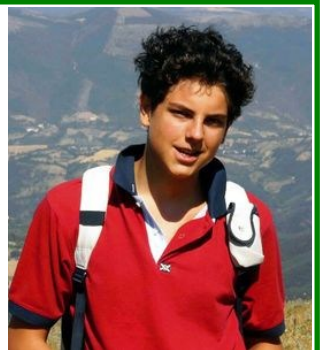
Blessed Carlo Acutis, a Catholic Italian teenager was born in London on 3 May 1991. He was a gamer and computer programmer who loved soccer and the Eucharist. Pope Francis referred to Carlo as a model of holiness in a digital age. Carlo’s life should teach today’s young people how to properly use and enjoy technology, including the internet and social media.

He was only 15 years of age when he died of leukemia, in Monza Italy 12 October 2006. He will be canonised 27 April 2025, at the Jubilee for Teenagers and is being popularly dubbed “the patron saint of the Internet” and “the first millennial saint.”

Blessed Carlo Acutis Relic and International Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition

St Joseph’s Parish Tweed Heads warmly invites you to experience the first-class relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis and the International Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition, which was put together by Carlo himself.

This event will take place between Friday 21 & Wednesday 26 March and will be available to view in the Tweed Heads Parish Hall following each of the Masses.



PIER GEORGIO FRASSATI

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, born on 6 April 1901, in Turin, Italy, was a remarkable young Catholic whose brief life left a unique mark on those around him. Frassati developed a deep faith and compassion for the poor. He balanced his studies in mining engineering with an active spiritual life, daily Mass attendance, and extensive charitable work through the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Frassati was known for his joyful demeanor, love of outdoor activities, and ability to inspire faith in his peers. His political activism against the rising Fascist movement in Italy and his commitment to Catholic social teaching made him a voice for justice in his time.

Tragically, Frassati contracted polio, likely from his work with the sick and poor, and died 4 July 1925, at the age of 24. Pier Giorgio Frassati will be canonised during the Jubilee of Youth in Rome on 3 August, 2025 and he is honored as the patron saint of students, Catholic youth, mountain climbers, skiers, and Dominican tertiaries.

