

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



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Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YR C | 16 MARCH 2025

Time to embrace the mountain

In Celtic Christianity, there is a concept of "thin spaces"—places where the boundary between the earthly and the divine feels particularly close. In the Biblical stories, mountains often serve as "thin spaces", where moments of transcendence lead to direct encounters with the sacred.

In the Old Testament, mountains are consistently portrayed as spaces where the divine presence breaks into the phenomenal world. Abraham's profound test of faith occurs on Mount Moriah, where his willingness to sacrifice Isaac leads to an encounter with God's fidelity (Genesis 22:1-14). Moses' transformative moments with God also take place on mountains—first the mountain of the burning bush (Exodus 3:1-2), and later Mount Sinai, where he receives the law amidst thunder, lightning, and divine glory (Exodus 19).

Elijah, too, finds God not in the dramatic but in a gentle whisper on the same mountain (1 Kings 19:8-18). These stories highlight the mountain as a place where ordinary life is interrupted, and profound clarity and divine presence are experienced.

In the New Testament, Jesus exemplifies the importance of seeking out these thin spaces. He goes up a mountain to pray alone (Matthew 14:23; Luke 6:12), teaches his disciples on mountains (Matthew 5:1; Mark 3:13), and resists Satan's temptations there (Matthew 4:8; Luke 4:5). The Transfiguration, one of the most striking mountain episodes, occurs when Jesus ascends with Peter, James, and John and is revealed in divine glory, speaking with Moses and Elijah (Luke 9:28-36). These moments are pivotal, as they illuminate the necessity of stepping away from the world to gain spiritual insight and strength.

The Transfiguration story reminds us of the rhythm between mountain-top experiences and the everyday challenges of life. After descending from the mountain, Jesus embarks on his journey to Jerusalem, encountering the complexities of human suffering and marginalised communities. This pattern mirrors our own lives, where moments of spiritual clarity must eventually translate into action and compassion in the thick of daily existence.

Taking time to "go up the mountain" and enter the rarified atmosphere above is essential. It is only there that we step away from the noise of daily life to seek clarity and gain perspective. These encounters are opportunities to pray, reflect, and encounter God. They help us to take stock of our priorities and discern the path ahead for the "thick spaces" where we live our lives rarely mindful of the divine reality that underpins all existence.

This Lent, we are called to embrace the mountain as a metaphor for renewal. Whether through prayer, retreat, or silent reflection, let us ascend to meet God in the thin spaces, allowing these moments to transform our hearts. May these experiences empower us to live with renewed purpose, carrying the grace of our divine encounters into every interaction and challenge. The mountain is not an escape but a vantage point, reminding us of the deeper call to love, serve, and remain rooted in God amidst the complexities of the world.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 16	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptisms
Monday 17	ST PATRICK, BISHOP 8:00 am - Mass
Tuesday 18	1:00 pm - Lenten Group Parish Admin Centre 1:00 pm - Lenten Group Christine O'Brien's No Mass today
Wednesday 19	ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 10:00 am - Catholic Men's Group (<i>note page 3</i>) 5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 20	8:15 am - Mass
Friday 21	9:30 am - Legion of Mary Parish Meeting Centre 11:00 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12:00 pm - Mass 12:30 pm - Stations of the Cross (<i>see note below</i>)
Saturday 22	9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass MSPC Romero & Nagle 7:00 pm - Dinner with MSPC (<i>note page 4</i>)
Sunday 23	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptism

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.

**EXPOSITION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**
this Friday 21 March
11 am - 11:50 am

BAPTISMS:
Please welcome
**Peter Torres Perske-Fripp
& Maya Pearl Perske-Fripp**
to our faith community.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Les Daley (father of Ray),
Sheila Border, Zenaida Balagot, Margaret Chiesa

ANNIVERSARIES: Iris Johnson

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Neville Morrin, Cade
Andrassy, Robert Burton, Bob Ryder, Sue Gallagher,
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:

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C

Ex 3:1-8, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

READING ROSTER

22|23 Mar | Third Sunday of Lent | Yr C

6pm - MSPC

8am - Christine O'Brien

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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



ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 22 March | tba Sun 23 March | Nate Linkins

ROSARY STATUE

16/3 Susan Kean 23/3 Evelyn Cook

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)

FIRST RECONCILIATION

This weekend we welcome the children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and their families as they commence their 4 weekends of instruction.

The children and their families are invited to attend the **Parish II Rite of Reconciliation on Tuesday 8 April at 6 pm** where the children will have the opportunity to make their first reconciliation.

CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

March morning tea

Wed 19 March | 10:00 am | Mbah Services Club

Enquiries: Alex Lever 0458 817 021

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

Legion of Mary

WORKSHOP | PALM CROSSES

Thursday 20 March | 1pm

Parish Meeting Centre

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

Everyone is welcome!

'MASS OF ANOINTING'

10AM | SATURDAY | 5 APRIL

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

Characteristics of the Jubilee

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

——— LITURGY ———

The liturgy is the Church's public prayer, the 'participation of the people of God in the work of God' (CCC #1069), seen as both the source and summit of the Christian life. At its heart is the Mass, where Christ is truly present in the divine sacrifice of the Eucharist. As a pilgrim, Christ himself walks alongside us and reveals to us the mysteries of the Father. Just like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we encounter Christ in the liturgy. A key liturgical rite of the Jubilee year is the opening of the Holy Door. Historically, the Pope initiated its unsealing by breaking a brick wall, but since 1950, the wall is removed prior, and the Pope ceremonially pushes the door open, passing through it as the first pilgrim. This act symbolises the collective pilgrimage of God's people toward His Kingdom.



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Second Sunday of Lent

15th and 16th of March 2025

Toefuata'iga - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000 L water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.

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

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

Tuesday | 1:30 pm | Christine O'Brien's home

Lenten books are available at the Church. \$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 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!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved son, hear him.
Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus;
Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**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.

**Saturday 22 March
6PM MASS & DINNER**

Mt St Patrick College students and teachers from **Romero** and **Nagle** Houses will join us to celebrate Mass next Saturday 22 March. Parishioners and students will then gather for a bite to eat after Mass.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

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.

PARISH DATABASE UPDATE –

Do we have your current email address and/or mobile phone number?

Thank you for your patience and understanding over the last week when we needed to close the church for weekend Masses and throughout this week.

Messages about the Mass changes were sent out by email and also by text message to advise you all about the changes.

If you have an email address and/or a mobile phone number and *you did not receive advice* from us, then we may not have your current details on our database.

To ensure you stay up to date with any last-minute changes that might happen from time to time, we ask that you please give your email address and /or mobile phone number to the Parish Office staff and we will add your details to our database.

Email us at murwillumbah@lismore.catholic.org.au; text to 0413 277 700 including your name; or give us your details before or after Mass. Thank you.

Global Mission: No age limit!



Ever thought volunteering overseas was beyond you? IT'S NOT. Palms always values our older participants for the wisdom and resourcefulness they share in communities!

Palms is celebrating Seniors Week with a special [online session](#) showcasing older volunteers' experience and insights from the mission field.

Explore our [unique opportunities](#) and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime!

Venue: Online via Zoom- Scan the QR or register at palms.org.au/events

Date: Thursday 27 March 2025

Time: 11 am – 12 pm

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