

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
YEAR C | 30 MARCH 2025

To love equally

The parable in this week's gospel tells us about the experience of being loved. It is about a father who shares his love equally with both his sons and as they mature into adulthood, he gives them space to make their own decisions.

But the younger son decides he wants to have his own life and so he moves away and becomes disconnected from his father and brother. The oldest son, however, decides to remain loyal and to serve his father. But one day after arriving home after a day working in the fields, he becomes angry after seeing his father embrace his younger brother who has returned home.

It seems unbelievable that his father would welcome the younger sibling because he turned his back on his father and the family home. However, this is where we witness God's mercy which goes beyond our human thoughts and standards. Seeing his younger son coming towards him, his father runs to him, welcoming and hugging him with tremendous joy and love. To his relief, the younger son finds his father is still the same loving and merciful man.

His father can't hide his joy so he throws a party to celebrate his son's return. The younger son feels even more loved by his father than before he left the family property. The oldest son is invited to join the celebrations but refuses and complains that he has served his father loyally all his life but has never been treated like a king. Why would the younger brother be treated like a king when he turned his back on his father? It doesn't make sense!

At this moment he doesn't feel loved even though he experienced his father's care all his life. Both sons at different times fail to see the deepest generosity of their father's heart. The father knows that if they are away and lose contact with him, they will die. They will have no life. The younger son experienced this scenario which is why his father is so happy when he returns. The elder son, momentarily blinded by envy and jealousy, already has a wonderful life with his father but fails to see this.

Likewise, we are all safe in God's house who loves us so much we have the freedom to make our own decisions. Coming home is really a journey of love. It takes a lot of courage as the younger son showed. The parable also reveals that staying with the father can provide great joy and the fullness of life.

God the Father never changes his love for us. He is always waiting for us. Let us make the move and go back home to renew our relationship with God the Father, in order to experience his unconditional love and mercy, and be ready to share God's life with others, especially with the wounded ones.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 30	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C
	8:30 am - Rosary
	9:00 am - Mass
APRIL	
Tuesday 1	8:15 am - Mass (<i>Please note - change of time</i>)
	11:00 am - Christian Meditation Group
	1:00 pm - Lenten Group Parish Admin Centre
	1:30 pm - Lenten Group Christine O'Brien's
Wednesday 2	5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 3	8:15 am - Mass
Friday 4	6 am – 6 pm Adoration & Holy Door Open
	9:30 am - Legion of Mary Parish Meeting Centre
	12:00 pm - Mass
	12:30 pm - Stations of the Cross (<i>see note below</i>)
Saturday 5	9:30 am - Rosary
	10:00 am - Anointing Mass
	5:30 pm - Rosary
	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 6	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C
	8 am – 1 pm Holy Door Open
	8:30 am - Rosary
	9:00 am - Mass
	10:00 am - Parish Cuppa Morning Tea

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 4 April
 6 am - 6 pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
12.30pm Fridays during Lent led by Legion of Mary
 (following 12.00 pm Mass)

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Marie Watson, Graham Robinson, Joel Davidson, Bob Ryder, Peter Lemon, Les Daley, Sheila Border

ANNIVERSARIES:

Fr John Worthington, St Pope John Paul II

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Barbara McGrouther, Neville Morrin, Cade Andrassy, Robert Burton, 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:

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C

Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C

Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

READING ROSTER

5|6 April | Fifth Sunday of Lent | Yr C

6pm - Margaret Mumford

8am - Bernard Nolan



PARISH CUPPA | MORNING TEA

Please join us for a Cuppa | Morning tea after 9am Mass next Sunday 6 April.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 5 April | Mia Cook & Amelia Bennett

Sun 6 April | Bonnie Lindsay

ROSARY STATUE

30/3 Igor Izaszec & Gosia Lachtera

6/4 Dana Fuller

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

'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



**A reminder ...
DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS
3 am SUNDAY 6 APRIL**

LEGION OF MARY

Eucharistic Adoration – 1st 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 4 April.

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.

Characteristics of the Jubilee

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

——— INDULGENCES ———

The Jubilee Indulgence is a concrete manifestation of God's mercy, which goes beyond and transform the boundaries of human justice. This treasury of grace entered human history in the witness of Jesus and the saints, and by living in communion with them our hope for our own forgiveness is strengthened and becomes a certainty. The Jubilee indulgence allows us to free our hearts from the weight of sin because the reparation due for our sins is given freely and abundantly.

In practical terms, the experience of God's mercy involves some spiritual acts indicated by the Pope. Those who cannot make the Jubilee pilgrimage due to illness or other circumstances are nonetheless invited to take part in the spiritual movement that accompanies the Jubilee year, offering up the sufferings of their daily lives, and participating in the Eucharistic celebration.

**DECREE ON THE GRANTING OF THE
INDULGENCE DURING THE ORDINARY
JUBILEE YEAR 2025 CALLED BY HIS
HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS.**

'The real hero of the story of The Prodigal Son is the provident father. He loves both his sons, despite their flaws. In the boys, we see the extremes of human failure. In the father, we see God.' - Fr Richard Lonsdale



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Fourth Sunday of Lent

29th & 30th March 2025

Irene lives in the Kongolo Region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family.

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



MOUNT ST PATRICK PRIMARY SCHOOL 2025
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Join Yr 6 as they lead us through the events of Holy Week through prayer, music and drama.
9.30am April 9th on the Hard Court

Lent 2025 Online Mission

with Bruce Downes – The Catholic Guy

Experience spiritual renewal this Lent through an inspiring online Mission Event with Bruce Downes with people from all around the world.

Online and easy to access, this powerful resource is perfect for individuals, families, and parish groups.

Starts April 5, 2025. Registration required | cost \$79

Register now at: missionevent.thecatholicguy.com



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YR C
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (34)**

To be sung / hymn sheet

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus;
Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ!
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and
against you.
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.

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

PASSION SUNDAY - 13 April

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm - Blessing of Palms.

Passion Sunday: 8:00 am - Blessing of Palms in Sacred Park with the Anglican Community, then procession to Sacred Heart Church for **9:00 am Mass.**

TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday - 17 April:

7:00 pm - Celebration of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration.

Good Friday - 18 April:

9:00 am - Stations of the Cross
3:00 pm - Solemn Celebration Lord's Passion

Easter Vigil - 19 April:

7:00 pm - Easter Vigil - Sacred Heart Church

EASTER SUNDAY - 20 April

9:00 am - Mass - Sacred Heart Church

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.

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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II Rite & First Reconciliation

Sacred Heart Murwillumbah | 6pm Tues 8 April

St Anthony's Kingscliff | 6pm Wed 9 April

II Rite Reconciliation

St Joseph's Tweed Heads | 6pm Friday 11 April

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Agents: ALG/Egan Simpson Solicitors, 15 Prince Street, Murwillumbah.

