

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

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YR C | 23 MARCH 2025

Bearing fruit in our lives

You never get a second chance to make a first impression. I saw these words on a poster in an employment agency I blessed. Yes, so often we judge others, based on first impressions. Once formed, first impressions can be difficult to let go, in order for us to give someone another chance or see them anew. It's not easy to change our opinions or judgements.

Thankfully, God doesn't relate to us in this way. God is "compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy," and offers us many chances and opportunities to change, and to free ourselves from whatever weighs us down or prevents us from living as people of love committed to Christ and His Kingdom. This week's gospel parable illustrates this truth perfectly.

A fig tree requires the right conditions to produce fruit. The tree in the parable remains fruitless after three years. The vineyard owner wants the gardener to cut it down because it's taking up ground that could be put to better use. The hope-filled gardener appeals to the owner to leave it for another year, during which time he will "dig round it and manure it." Just as the gardener is patient with the fig tree, so God is patient with us, and gives us many chances to bear fruit in our lives.

The challenge is not to waste the opportunities given to us. We must repent. Jesus warns the people: "Unless you repent, you will all perish." Repentance is a central demand of the Good News, and Jesus begins his mission to proclaim the Kingdom with: "Repent and believe the Good news." (Mk 1:15).

Repentance is not focussed on the past, but the future. It's a decision to turn away from where we are and move towards God. To turn away from the darkness in our lives and journey towards the light. To completely change our direction and joyously 'come home' to God. Repentance calls us to leave behind the past and all that has been, and to open our minds and hearts to the person God wants us to be. God's grace will bring us to newness of life.

Sadly, a reluctance to believe that God really loves us, no matter what we've done or where we've been in life, often hinders our willingness to repent and change direction. All too often, our understanding of God is engulfed by fear and anxiety, which trap and bind us from reaching out to God with faith, trust and confidence.

God never gives up on us. Instead, God continually reaches out to us, helping us to become the people that God yearns for us to be. Let's take heart this Lenten season, that God who is compassion and love, is waiting patiently for us, and will transform our repentant hearts, so that the vineyard of our lives will bear abundant fruit.

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This week in the Parish

Saturday 22	9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass MSPC Romero & Nagle 7:00 pm - Dinner with MSPC (note page 4)
Sunday 23	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptism
Tuesday 25	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD 8:00 am - Mass (please note change of time) 1:00 pm - Lenten Group Parish Admin Centre 1:30 pm - Lenten Group Christine O'Brien's
Wednesday 26	5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 27	11:30 am - Memorial Mass for Bob Ryder
Friday 28	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 (see note below)
Saturday 29	9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 30	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptisms

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 28 March
11 am - 11:50 am

BAPTISMS:

Please welcome
Finley Thomas Rowley
to our faith community.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Graham Robinson,
Joel Davidson, Bob Ryder, Peter Lemon, Les Daley,
Sheila Border, Zenaida Balagot

ANNIVERSARIES:

Fr Bill Mills (PP 1988-1996), Jacinta Immisch

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Barbara McGrouther,
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:

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C

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

READING ROSTER

29|30 Mar | Fourth Sunday of Lent | Yr C

6pm - Barbara Grant

8am - Philomena Zambelli

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 29 March | Yasmin van Rossi

Sun 30 March | Sienna Alexander

ROSARY STATUE

23/3 Evelyn Cook

30/3 Igor Izaszec & Gosia Lachtera

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)

'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

PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held on **Thursday 3 April at 5 pm.**

The agenda for the meeting will be set on **Thursday 27 March.**

Any matters that you, our Parishioners, would like to be considered for the agenda should be sent by email to vanessa.hughes@lism.catholic.edu.au or placed in the PPC box in the church no later than Wed 26 March.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Christian Meditation is starting again in our parish. We meet on **Tuesdays at 11am in the Parish Office.** Our time together is about 45 minutes.

Jesus says, in Matthew 6:6 'When you pray go to your inner room, close the door and pray to your Father who you will find there.'

"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."

- St Teresa of Calcutta

Characteristics of the Jubilee

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

——— PROFESSION OF FAITH ———

The profession of faith - also known as the 'Symbol' - is a sign of the identity of the baptised person. It expresses the central content of the faith: it succinctly captures the main truths that a believer accepts and witnesses to on the day of his or her baptism and share with the entire Christian community for the rest of his or her life.

There are various professions of faith which show the richness of the experience of encountering Jesus Christ. Traditionally, however, there are two that have gained special recognition in the Church: The Apostles Creed and the Nicene Creed.

"To say the Creed with faith is to enter into communion with God the Father, son and Holy spirit, and also with the whole Church which transmits the faith to us and in whose midst, we believe" (CCC197).



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Third Sunday of Lent

22nd and 23rd of March 2025

Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Through the I-SHINE program Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. He now runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income.

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"he fasted for forty days and forty nights"

Do you want to fast this Lent?

(in the words of Pope Francis)

Fast from hurting words ... say kind words

Fast from sadness ... be filled with gratitude

Fast from anger ... be filled with patience

Fast from pessimism ... be filled with hope

Fast from worries ... have trust in God

Fast from complaints ... contemplate simplicity

Fast from pressures ... be prayerful

Fast from bitterness ... fill your hearts with joy

Fast from selfishness ... be compassionate to others

Fast from grudges ... be reconciled

Fast from words. .. be silent so that you can listen

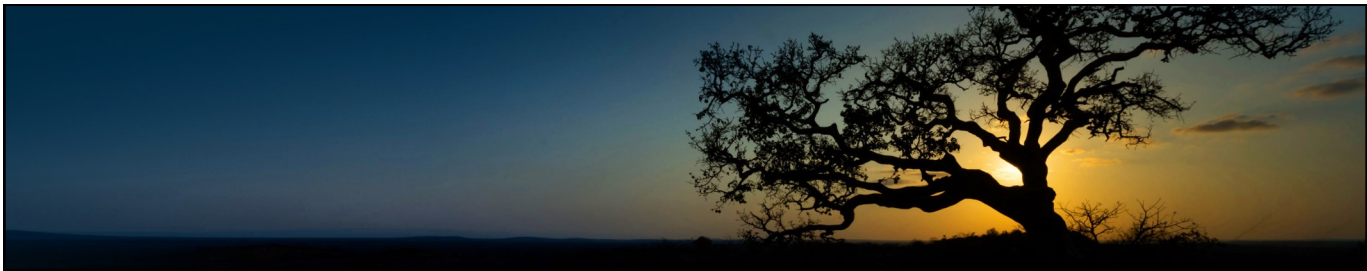
Bishop Greg's Lenten Talk Series continues...

The Jubilee Year of Hope

Bishop Greg's talks will be held on Mondays at 6pm at St Mary's Chapel: **Monday 24 March**

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

All are most welcome!



**THIRD 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!
Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven
is at hand.
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.

Welcome MSPC Romero and Nagle Houses

This weekend we welcome Mt St Patrick College students and staff from **Romero House** and **Nagle House** who are joining with us at the Vigil Mass this **Saturday 22 March** & they invite you to join them for a bite to eat in the Parish Hall/MSPC Library afterwards.

Romero
BE MORE



Nagle
DEEDS NOT WORDS



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.

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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