

# Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



## PARISH CHURCHES

### Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

### Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C | 6 APRIL 2025

### The art of forgiveness

During Lent have we passed judgment on anyone? On social media say, which thrives on it, or at home, at work, perhaps in church, wherever we find ourselves. Often, we criticise others so we feel satisfied we're not like them, and as we do, we happily deflect attention from our own lives.

However, in this week's gospel Jesus shines a light on the woman brought before him where he sits in the Temple teaching the people; on the scribes and Pharisees who want to trap him; and on us. There's a lot riding on what Jesus says to the woman's accusers because they hope he condemns himself, whatever about her. She might soon be dead because the Law stipulated, she be killed for adultery, though it called for the man's death too, revealing that for her accusers she is simply a means to an end.

Initially Jesus says nothing, so they persist with their questioning. Then he looks up and asks them to consider their own lives if they are to cast the first stone, turning the spotlight back on them: feeling exposed, they move silently away.

Jesus now speaks with her – he's the only one who does – and he doesn't condemn her, or excuse her, instead he offers her the possibility of a first step towards forgiveness. In doing so he reminds us that the naming of our sin and the experience of forgiveness will only happen where there is love, where we are accepted. As happened when a dying man was talking with a friend who often visited him in his flat.

At one point he said, 'Can I just tell you?' He was scared, afraid God wouldn't forgive him.

She replied: 'Why don't you say the names of people who hurt you and the people you hurt.'

He started calling out names and after each one they said, 'Lord have mercy.' It's mercy we need, and like these friends we need to create spaces in our lives where it might happen.

With the woman in the gospel, we're invited to take a first step towards forgiveness, towards a renewed relationship with each other and with God; so that, no longer 'burdened by our persistent judgment, our constant exclusion and our withholding', we might take a first step towards the scribes and Pharisees too. For if we stop condemning her only to turn upon them, we have misunderstood Jesus, who doesn't condemn them. Instead, he encourages in us all, a change of heart.

We're invited to experience the joy of reconciliation in Lent; to experience a change of heart, so we might see a new deed come to light, a vision of new life, which the prophet Isaiah speaks of in the first reading. And this new life doesn't simply depend on our own effort, which Paul powerfully affirms in the second reading, but is God's gift to us, in Jesus: we have only to receive him into our lives.

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# This week in the Parish

Sunday 6	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C</b> <b>8 am – 1 pm</b> <b>Holy Door Open</b> 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Parish Cuppa   Morning Tea
Monday 7	9:30 am - Rosary & Prayers (see note page 3)
Tuesday 8	8:15 am - Mass (Please note - change of time) 11:00 am - Christian Meditation Group 1:00 pm - Lenten Group   Parish Admin Centre 1:30 pm - Lenten Group   Christine O'Brien's 6:00 pm - II Rite & First Reconciliation - SH
Wednesday 9	8:15 am - Mass (Please note - change of time) <b>9:30 am - Stations of the Cross - MSPPS</b>
Thursday 10	8:15 am - Mass
Friday 11	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 12	9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 13	<b>PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD - YR C</b> 8:00 am - Sacred Park with Anglican Community - process to the Sacred Heart Church 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 11 April  
11 am - 11:50 am

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Lydia Cuadro, Sue  
Gallagher, Rachel Formosa (nee Jones), Neville  
Banner, Barry Hall, Marie Watson, Graham Robinson,  
Joel Davidson, Bob Ryder, Peter Lemon, Les Daley

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Maria & Lamberto Francesconi

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

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C

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

#### PALM SUNDAY - Year C

Entrance: Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11;  
Lk 22:14 - 23:56

## READING ROSTER

**12|13 April | Palm Sunday | Yr C**

6pm Vigil & 9am - to be advised



## PARISH CUPPA | MORNING TEA

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

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

## ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Sat 12 April | Jana Lofts

Sun 13 April | Nate Linkins

## ROSARY STATUE

6/4 Dana Fuller      13/4 Jenny Wallace

## 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)

**ROSARY & PRAYERS** for God's Precious Infants and the Unborn Child - Monday 7 April - 9:30 am - Sacred Heart Church.

Pregnancy Help Line: 1300 139 313

## 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

## CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

**March morning tea**

**Wed 16 April | 10:00 am | Mbah Services Club**

Enquiries: Alex Lever 0458 817 021

**ALL MEN ARE WELCOME**

## JUBILEE YEAR

A Jubilee Year is an important and historical event in the life of the church designed for the faithful to experience God's loving mercy in a special way. Traditionally, a Jubilee is proclaimed every twenty-five years, and activities may include pilgrimages, processions, special celebrations of Mass, Reconciliation, Prayer and Adoration.

The Jubilee's activities are meant to encourage Catholics to both receive God's mercy and invite participation in acts of mercy in our daily lives and communities. Pope Francis specifically asks us to consider working for peace and an end to conflicts, promoting human life, showing amnesty to prisoners, upholding the dignity of migrants, healing the sick, and accompanying the elderly.

**The Holy See has designated a number of Jubilee Days** throughout 2025 to recognise and celebrate different groups of people and various ministries in the Church.

**The Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers** this weekend, helps us to celebrate the important service of healthcare providers and to recognise that accompanying the sick is an important vocation. Whether due to our own health or the health of a loved one, each of us has interfaced with health care workers at some point in our lives, and experienced first-hand the value of their accompaniment.

While each of us are called to continue Jesus' mission of love and healing in our own way, we recognize the unique vocation of health care workers during this Jubilee Year.

*Excerpt from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.*



## Fifth Sunday of Lent

**5th & 6th April 2025**

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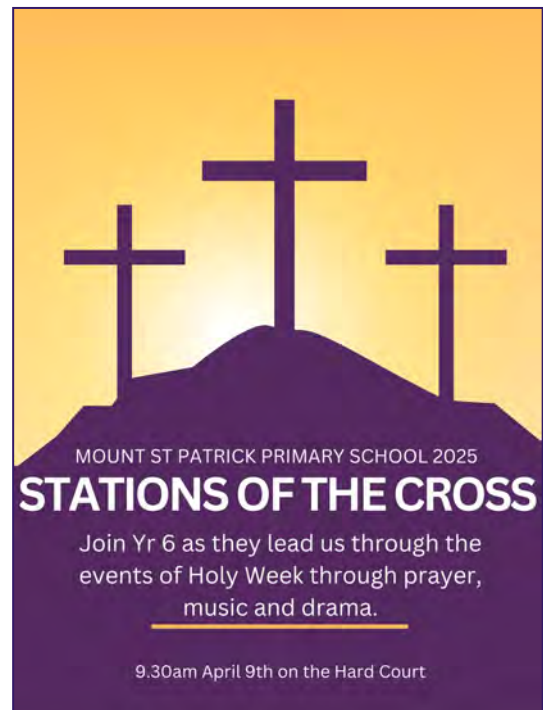
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**this Lent**

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## SAFEGUARDING YOUR CHILDREN

Would parents please keep their children **supervised at all times** in the church and surrounding grounds - including taking them to the bathroom. For their safety, please ensure you can always see them while on Parish grounds.







## FIFTH 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!  
With all your heart turn to me,  
for I am tender and compassionate.  
Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus;  
Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ!*

## PALM SUNDAY | 13 April | 8 am

**Blessing of the Palms in  
Sacred Park (Banner St) with  
our Anglican friends | followed  
by Mass at 9 am**



## 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

## 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.



## THE CATENIANS GOLD COAST TWEED CIRCLE

Join the Catenian Association, enjoy the  
benefits of membership and form long lasting  
friendships. We usually meet on 3rd Thursday of each  
month, however this month we are meeting on 10  
April, because of Holy Thursday.

Why not come along to one of our meetings and share  
a meal with us - it might be just what you need! Your  
first dinner is on us. No pressure to join if it's not for  
you.

**Thursday 10 April | 5:50 pm**  
**South Tweed Sports Club**

Contact:  
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