

# *Sacred Heart Catholic Parish*



## **PARISH CHURCHES**

### **Church of the Sacred Heart**

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

### **Our Lady of Perpetual Succour**

River Street, South Murwillumbah

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## **PARISH STAFF**

### **Administrator**

Fr. Peter Wood

### **Parish Manager**

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### **Pastoral Associate**

Barbara Grant

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## **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

**YEAR C | 13 APRIL 2025**

### **A place for us in God's kingdom**

The liturgy of Palm Sunday is designed to reflect the dramatic mood swing that accompanies the events of that day when Jesus was triumphantly welcomed into Jerusalem, only to face his rejection and crucifixion a few days later. On one occasion, I experienced the excitement, especially among the children, when a live donkey led the procession into the church. More difficult is the challenge of helping the congregation adjust to the change of mood as we read the Passion a few minutes later.

This year the Passion is from Saint Luke. Unlike the Passion of Saint John, which we read on Good Friday, the narratives of Matthew, Mark and Luke are very different. John has Jesus in control: indeed, we could almost say triumphant, as he dies on the cross, "accomplishing" all he had been sent by the Father to achieve.

By contrast, in the synoptic gospels there is little to lift the darkness surrounding the events that lead to Calvary. However, in Luke, who was a doctor and throughout his gospel concentrated on Christ's compassion for the sick and the sinner, there are a few unique encounters, which are worth noting. Firstly, we are told that large numbers of people followed Jesus as he carried his cross.

Turning the attention from himself to them, he said: "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and for your children." Then, after he had been nailed to the cross, he offers this remarkable prayer to his Father: "Forgive them, they do not know what they are doing." And finally comes the intense exchange with the two criminals who were being executed with him. As one begins to abuse Jesus and challenge him as to whether he is the Christ, the other rebukes him with the reminder that the two of them deserve punishment, at the same time, noting that Jesus had done nothing wrong. Then comes his heartfelt request: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom," and the most wonderful promise in reply: "Today, you will be with me in paradise."

As we enter Holy Week, I suggest that we guard against being overwhelmed by the darkness of the events that surround Christ's Passion or even the darkness we may be experiencing in our own lives and times. Certainly, across the world there is a great deal of tension and anxiety as people view the rise of extremist views along with the dangers of climate change that are beginning to threaten the very existence of our planet. The pope has declared this year a Jubilee Year in which we see ourselves as pilgrims in hope.

Accordingly, I suggest we listen attentively to the Lord, praying to his Father to forgive us, with the promise – also to be found in St John – that he is going to prepare a place for us in his Kingdom, where there will be room for us all!

Timothy J Buckley CSsR © Magellan Media 2025

# This week in the Parish

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
Monday 14	<b>7:00 pm - Chrism Mass   St Carthage's Cathedral</b>
Tuesday 15	11:00 am - Christian Meditation Group
	5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 16	10:00 am - Catholic Men's Group (note page 3)
	5:30 pm - Mass

## THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Thursday 17	7:00 pm - <b>MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER FOLLOWED BY ADORATION</b>
Friday 18	9:00 am - <b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>
	3:00pm - <b>FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b>
Saturday 19	7:00 pm - <b>EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</b>
Sunday 20	9:00 am - <b>SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION</b>

## RECONCILIATION

### THIS WEEKEND

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:

Lorraine Birch (Bryanne Jardine's mother), Lydia Cuadro, Sue Gallagher, Rachel Formosa, Neville Banner, Barry Hall, Marie Watson, Graham Robinson, Joel Davidson, Bob Ryder, Peter Lemon

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Barbara McGrouther, Neville Morrin, Cade Andrassy, Robert Burton, Libby Varela, Marie nee Flack, 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.*

## ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Altar server roster will resume weekend 3/4 May

## ROSARY STATUE

13/4 Jenny Wallace

20/4 Faith Buchanan

## 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)



## BAPTISM:

Please welcome  
**Jackson James Turner**  
to our faith community.

### Readings for the coming weeks:

#### PALM SUNDAY - Year C

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

#### THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

##### THURSDAY of the LORD'S SUPPER

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

##### FRIDAY of the PASSION of the LORD

Is 52:13 - 53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9;  
Jn 18:1 - 19:42

##### HOLY SATURDAY - EASTER SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION of the LORD

Gen 1:1-2:2; Ex 14:15 - 15:1; Is 55:1-11;  
Rom 6:3-11; Lk 24:1-12

##### SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

## 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.*

We thank the Legion of Mary members who have made our Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday this year. Thank you for these very special "made with love" gifts for our Parish family.



## CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

April morning tea

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

Enquiries: Alex Lever 0458 817 021

**ALL MEN ARE WELCOME**

During Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of Holy Week, when we recall the central events of our faith. Today we remember Jesus entering Jerusalem and His Passion according to St. Luke.

The **TRIDUUM** is one ceremony over three days.

On **HOLY THURSDAY** we recall the Lord's Last Supper when He gave us the sacrament of himself in the **Eucharist**.

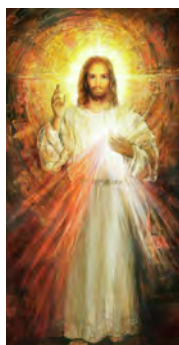
**GOOD FRIDAY** is the day when we recall the sacrifice that Jesus offered in **His death** on the cross.

The **EASTER VIGIL** is the great Christian celebration of the **Resurrection** of the Lord and the night we recommit ourselves in faith by renewing our Baptismal promises.

## DIVINE MERCY NOVENA and DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Divine Mercy Novena commences on Good Friday 18 April.

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter (within the Easter Octave).



**Wednesday**

**7 May**

**Friday**

**9 May**

**Saturday**

**10 May**

**7:30 pm @ the  
Gilbey Centre**

**MT ST PATRICK  
COLLEGE PRESENTS**



## CATHOLIC LIFE

The April edition of Catholic Life magazine is now available for you to read online.

Go to: [chancery.lismore.catholic.org.au](http://chancery.lismore.catholic.org.au)

Click on main [Diocese of Lismore](http://Diocese of Lismore) website & then click on Catholic Life - read here.

Copies of this new edition will be available in the Church next weekend.



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

## Palm Sunday

12-13 April 2025

As Project Compassion 2025 draws to a close for another year, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support throughout this Lenten Season.

This year, we shared the inspiring stories of 3 individuals whose lives have been transformed through your compassion and generosity.

*But the work isn't done yet.* There is still time to donate! Together, we can *Unite Against Poverty* and help transform lives this Lent.



**UNITE  
AGAINST  
POVERTY**  
this Lent

**Please donate today.** 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](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

**Or by calling:** 1800 024 413

## DIOCESAN APPOINTMENTS

Bishop Greg Homeming has made the following Diocesan appointments - to commence 1 June.

- ♦ Fr Felix Ekeh, Parish Priest | Clarence Valley
- ♦ Fr Joe Holloway, Parish Priest | Kyogle
- ♦ Fr Anselm Okeke, Parish Priest | Wauchope
- ♦ Fr Erick Quinteros, Assistant Priest | Ballina
- ♦ Deacon Anthony Gooley, Director of Vocations

## SAFEGUARDING TRAINING COURSES

Safeguarding Courses in the northern region of the Diocese will be held at **St Anthony's Parish, Kingscliff on Thursday 15 May at 10am.**

**10am-11.15am**

**Safeguarding awareness**

**11.15am-11.45am**

**Integrity of our common mission**

**12noon-1.15pm**

**Mandatory reporting & reportable conduct**

**All employees, church personnel, volunteers & parishioners are invited to attend.**







## **PALM SUNDAY - YR C**

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (21)**

**R: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

***Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus;***

***Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ!***

**Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.**

***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, 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.

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it,  
your will be done. | Matthew 26:42

## **HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES**

### **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

## **GOOD FRIDAY - Holy Land Collection**

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, 18 April.

This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on the assistance from the Good Friday collection.

The reality for the Holy Land mission is that they will continue to face challenges financial and spiritual and so we again ask Catholics around the world again to be as generous as possible, with their financial support as well as the spiritual support.

Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land again on Good Friday and keep them in your prayers.

Envelopes are available for your donation, with Credit Card facility.

Thank you for your support of the Holy Land. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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

