

# 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

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Mary-Ann Thackray

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## PARISH OFFICE

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### Mt. St. Patrick College

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Principal: Mr. Brendan Ryan

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Principal: Mr. Jason Clarke

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

YEAR A | 15 MARCH 2026

### *Learning to see as God sees*

When Jesus says he is the light of the world what do we make of it? Have we ever experienced this light? Or do we live somewhere between the darkness and the promise of it, perhaps too caught up in the light of our phones to see the people around us? In the gospel Jesus sees a man born blind, and the disciples ask whether it was his sin or his parents that caused it? Neither he replies. Beyond the social shaming Jesus sees the man himself, one in whom we'll behold the glory of God.

Our coming to sight doesn't always happen instantly, as the man reveals, but step by step. It begins when Jesus sees him and the man goes and bathes in the pool as Jesus had said; trusting in him he receives his sight. However, now he's doubted by his friends, abandoned by his parents, and three times he's questioned by the Pharisees, who determine Jesus is a sinner, until finally they drive the man out of the synagogue – and through it all he holds his nerve and simply tells them what he knows, what Jesus has done: he bears extraordinary witness to him.

Hearing what's happened Jesus comes looking for him and invites him to take a further step into the light. When he says yes, and worships him, he affirms that it's Jesus alone who gives real meaning to our lives, that he is our life. In doing so the man reveals what we long for but are often uncertain about. Are we able to see him in those we are close to, or in the dark moments of our lives, let alone in the outcast and the stranger?

As one young man did when he began leaving food with homeless people in a nearby street, until one evening one of them said to him, 'talk to us, don't just feed us like dogs'. He then realised they were human too; that they had something to give him, and it changed his life: in their company he came to know Jesus.

Finally, Jesus speaks with the Pharisees of his coming into the world to enable us to choose. Do we begin to open our lives to his light – to the glory of God - or hold fast to what we've known, blinded by our reluctance to see? Jesus doesn't condemn the Pharisees but reveals to them their blindness, as he does with us. The first two readings speak of a God who 'looks at the heart' not simply our self-presentation. This is what informs God's way in directing Samuel's choice of a king. And like the prophet, we have to learn to see as God sees. While Paul speaks of discovering 'what the Lord wants of you' by facing into the darknesses of our lives and letting them be illuminated by the light of Christ. As those about to be baptised at Easter reveal to us, this transformation is at the heart of Lent.

Damian Coleridge @ Majellan Media 2026

# This week in the Parish

## MARCH

Sunday 15	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YR A</b> 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Thanksgiving Mass   Celebrating MSPC 100 Years   <b>Sacred Heart</b>
Tuesday 17	1:00 pm - Lenten Group   Parish Admin Centre 5:30pm - <b>Mass   Feast of St Patrick   Sacred Heart</b>
Wednesday 18	9:00am - Mass   <b>OLPS</b>
Thursday 19	8:00am - <b>Mass   Feast of St Joseph   Sacred Heart</b> 11:00am - <b>Requiem Mass for Norma McDonald   SH</b>
Friday 20	12:30pm - Mass   <b>OLPS</b> 1:00 pm - Stations of the Cross   <b>OLPS</b>
Saturday 21	9:00 am - Rosary 10:00am - Mass Anointing of the Sick   <b>Sacred Heart</b> 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass   <b>Romero &amp; Nagle   Sacred Heart</b>
Sunday 22	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YR A</b> 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass   <b>Sacred Heart</b>
Monday 23	11:00am - <b>Chrism Mass   St Carthage's Lismore</b>

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 5.30 pm - 5.50 pm  
Sunday: 8.30 am - 8.50 am

## ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed on Saturday morning at 9:00 am. As well as half an hour before each weekend Mass

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

This Friday 20th March  
11:30am- 12:15pm  
at **OLPS**

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent  
1pm

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Norma McDonald, Warren Kenny

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Peter Lemon, Bob Ryder, Graham Robinson, Marie Watson, Iris Johnson

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Anthony Rodighiero, Kath Dawson-Malone, Leo Kelly, Alex Lever, Rita Loughman, Isobel Grant, Fr Joseph Guinea, Gabrielle Hackenberg, Albert Albertini, Maive Collett, Narelle Martin, Pam Willock, Patrick Fox, Margaret Traves, Lorraine Green, David Burke, Paul Calvino, Fr Anthony Lemon

*Names removed after a considerable time. Please assist the Parish Office by advising if you wish names to remain.*

## 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)



WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT **JEFF HOOD**, WHO IS KNOWN TO MANY OF US, WILL BE ORDAINED TO THE DIACONATE IN THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA IN APRIL. JEFF WILL BE ORDAINED AS A DEACON AT ST PATRICKS CHURCH BLACKTOWN ON SATURDAY 11 APRIL 2026 AT 5:30 PM. PLEASE KEEP JEFF IN YOUR PRAYERS AS HE PREPARES FOR HIS ORDINATION NEXT MONTH.



## READINGS | ROSTERS

### READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YR A

1 Sam 16:1,6-7 10-13, Eph 5:8-14, Jn 9:1-41

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YR A

Ezek 37:12-14, Rom 8:8-11, Jn 11:1-45

### READING ROSTER

#### 21/22 March | Fifth Sunday of Lent - A

6pm - MSPC

9am - Philomena Zambelli

### ROSARY STATUE

15/3 - Faith Buchanan

22/3 - Trish Jandura

# ASPIRE

Young Adult Spiritual Formation  
with Bishop Greg Homeming, OCD

Wednesday, 18 March

Monday, 4 May

Thursday, 18 June

Monday, 27 July

Friday, 14 August

Monday, 7 September

Monday, 12 October

Tuesday, 24 November



5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Microsoft Teams  
Login: 471 422 568 74059  
Password: DB946Sp6



For more information, contact Sr. Di Moralde, CM  
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## Saturday 21 March 6PM MASS & DINNER

Mt St Patrick College students and teachers from **Romero** and **Nagle** Houses will join us to celebrate Mass next Saturday 21 March. Parishioners and students will then gather for a bite to eat after Mass.

## 'MASS OF ANOINTING'

10AM | SATURDAY | 21 MARCH

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

## Chrism Mass 11am Monday 23 March 2026 St Carthage's Cathedral Lismore

All welcome to attend this symbolic Mass as the Bishop consecrates the Sacred Chrism and blesses the Oils of Catechumens and the Sick. Priests from across the Diocese will gather to renew their commitment to the priesthood.



## Planned Giving– 2026-2027

*Give and it shall be given unto you, a full measure...overflowing." Luke 6:38*

It's time for us to order Planned Giving Envelopes for the 2026-2027 financial year. Your continued and renewed giving allows our parish to meet the needs of our parish and to plan and develop as a vibrant community. If you are new to the Parish and would like to participate in our Planned Giving program using a printed box of envelopes, please contact our Parish Manager so we can ensure sufficient sets of envelopes are ordered. A reminder for new parishioners and visitors that envelopes and cash donations are put in the collection plates located at the Welcome Table at the church entrance as we do not "pass the plate/s" during Mass.

It is also possible to participate in Planned Giving via EFT donation. Details for EFT donations are:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – FOR OUR PARISH** |  
BSB: 062 580 | Account No: 0090 4506  
Account Name: Catholic Church Murwillumbah

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection – FOR OUR CLERGY** | BSB:  
062 580 | Account No: 0090 5461  
Account Name: Presbyterium Account  
Murwillumbah Parish

*For EFT donations, please include your surname and/or Planned Giving number as a reference on your deposits.*

If you are interested in regular EFT planned giving donations, please contact the Parish Manager so we can allocate a Planned Giving Number for your EFT reference.

Thank you for your generous support of our parish and our priests.

## AN UPDATE ON THE SALE OF COUNTRY CHURCHES

The recent offer for the sale of the St Brigid's Church land & building; due to external factors has fallen through. We will continue to market the property for sale.

## THE CATENIANS GOLD COAST TWEED CIRCLE

Join the Catenian Association, enjoy the benefits of membership and form long lasting friendships. We meet on 3rd Thursday of each month. 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.

**South Tweed Sports Club | Thurs 19 Mar | 6 pm**  
Contact:  
Bernard Nolan 0419 023 108 | 02 6672 3733  
Chris Gallagher 0428 416 288

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (22)

**R: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

*Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus;  
Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ!  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord,  
whoever follows me will have the light of life.  
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.



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

## Fourth Sunday of Lent 14 – 15 March 2026

Life was hard for **Manaini** and her children living in rural Fiji. With the support from Caritas Australia's partner, FRIEND, she learnt food processing and gardening skills, improving nutrition and creating new income opportunities to support her children's education.



### Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: [www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate)

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*



## Choir Practise

Choir practise to be held 1st and 3rd  
Thursdays of each month at 6pm in the  
church.

All are welcome



### Murwillumbah Community Centre FOOD DONATION BASKETS



Before and After our "**Basket of Hope**" donations are delivered to the Community Centre  
*Thank you to all for continuing to support our Hope Basket.  
Your generosity truly helps us care for others in very real ways.*



**Interest Rate - 3.40%**

For further information and our current interest rate,  
please visit our website [www.dif.org.au](http://www.dif.org.au) or contact us on 1800 802 516