



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH FAMILY

Weekly News *Let Your Light Shine*

(Matthew 5:16)

Fifth Sunday of Lent Year C

6 April 2025



TODAY'S READINGS *Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11*

NEXT WEEK (Palm Sunday, Year C) *Isaiah 50:4-7; Ps 21; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14 – 23:56*



Fifth Sunday of Lent The transformative work of Caritas Australia is only possible thanks to supporters like you and the dedication, passion, and resilience of

our local partners, who tirelessly work to empower communities and create brighter futures. In Vietnam, Caritas Australia's partner programs, like I-SHINE, helped Lam, a young man with a disability, gain graphic design skills and start a successful freelance business, inspiring others to pursue their dreams.

In Samoa, Caritas Australia works with Caritas Samoa to improve access to clean water and sanitation through initiatives like water tank installations, transforming health and well-being for families like Toefuata'iga's.

In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Caritas Australia partners with Caritas Kongolo on the Youth Capacity Strengthening Program. This initiative equipped Irene, a single mother, with sewing and farming skills, enabling her to support her family and empower others in her community.

Through partnerships like these, Caritas Australia creates lasting change in communities across the globe.

EASTER MASS TIMES

17 April ~ Holy Thursday

(Please note there is no 9.10am Mass on Holy Thursday)

Mass of the Lords Supper ~ 6pm

18 April ~ Good Friday

Stations of The Cross ~ 9am

Solemn Liturgy ~ 3pm

19 April ~ Holy Saturday

~The Easter Vigil ~

Liturgy of Light, Word, Blessing of Water & Eucharist ~ 7.00pm

20 April ~ Easter Sunday

7am & 9am at St Joseph's



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

**REQUESTS
FOR
PRAYER**

The recently deceased: Marion Cronan, Lydia Cudrao, Barbara Young, Dan Bolen, Ken Murray, Brett McKimmin, Francisco Mendita, Maureen Cooper, Dorothy Guest, **Anniversaries:** Kevin Young and those occurring at this time **Also:** for all those whom Masses and prayers have been requested **AND For those who are sick:** Leon Darmody, Fr Michael Brady, Pat Strotton

THE ART OF FORGIVENESS

A celebratory graphic with the text "100 years!" written in a cursive, handwritten style. The text is surrounded by several small, five-pointed stars and a thick, golden, glowing oval shape that encircles the text.

*A very happy birthday to
Betty Jean Margurite Kirby
celebrating 100 years on
Friday 4 April.*

*Very best wishes from you
parish family at St Joseph's.*

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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PARISH NEWS

PASTORAL CORNER At the “**Welcome Table**” there are sheets calling for volunteers for Palm Sunday and our Easter ceremonies. Please add your name to any that you wish to take part in. For those offering to read the Passion, could you please contact me for a copy of this for you to practice. We appreciate your assistance in volunteering. Our ceremonies during Holy Week would not be the same without your active participation.

Remember many hands make light work.

Kathy Twohill - Pastoral Associate

RETIREMENT LUNCH FOR FR MICHAEL BRADY

Saturday 12 April at Club Banora,

If you have booked for this lunch and have not paid, It would be appreciated if you could do this to secure your spot as we have a waiting list of parishioners wishing to attend.

As there was only a limited number of seating available, please don't worry if you have missed out as we will be holding a final mass with a morning tea closer to Fr Michael's retirement date.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH LADIES GROUP

Our next meeting will be held at

Club Tweed on Tuesday 15 April.

We will be finalising our trip to Yamba and Iluka on that day.

The cost is \$50 plus buying your own lunch. This trip is fully booked but we are happy to have a waiting list if anything becomes available.

For further enquiries please contact:

Jenice: 0413060290

Jan: 0405448719

Confession

THE
Sacrament of Penance
AND
Reconciliation



RECONCILIATION

Leading up to Easter, the following Reconciliation options will be available.

WEDNESDAY 9 APRIL
at St Anthony's Kingscliff
6-8pm 2nd Rite

FRIDAY 11 APRIL
at St Joseph's Tweed Heads
5.30PM 2nd Rite

**MONDAY 14 TUESDAY 15 AND
WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL**
reconciliation will be available
following the 9.10am Mass

FR MICHAEL'S HOMILY

You can find copies of Fr Michael's homily at the Welcome Table.

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL
@6.00 pm

SUNDAY
@7AM @9AM

ST CAMILLUS BILAMBIL
9AM

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES
Monday to Friday
9.10AM
Saturday 9AM

ROSARY
Before Mass Monday to Friday
Commencing at 8.40am
Saturday 8.30am

RECONCILIATION
Saturday 4.30 - 5.30PM
and 1st Friday 9.40 – 10am

BAPTISM
Please contact the parish office
with any Baptism enquiries.

SACRAMENTS AND
VISITS TO THE SICK
Please contact the parish office

NEWSLETTERS
If you would like to receive the
weekly news or any upcoming
events and information via email
please contact the parish office
on 0755367522
Or email
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ROSTERS 12/13 APRIL 2025 PALM SUNDAY YEAR C

6PM FR MX REGO SM

Sacristan: Pat Twohill
Adult Server: Cathy Cripps
Liturgy Coordinators: Mary Lynch
Commentator & POF: Maree Cargnoni
Readers: J Dransfield & Jenny Williams
Communion: Mary Lynch & Carmen Carra

7AM FR NICOLAS MAURICE

Sacristan: A & M Laarhover
Adult Servers: Marie Norton & Simon Dolosa
Liturgy Coordinator: Rosie Cutmore
Commentator: Paul Bolster
Readers: Iris Nathan & Jennifer Welk
Communion: Gavin Holmes & Helen Carlile

9AM FR MICHAEL ALCOCK SM & FR MICHAEL BRADY

Sacristan: Len Searle
Adult Server: Len Searle
Liturgy Coordinators: Mary Mason
Commentator: Colleen Blake
Readers: Marie Wilkinson & Pam Sullivan
Communion: Helen Muldoon & Sheeja Raj



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safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au