



Our Lady of Sorrows

Serving the communities of
Kyogle, Woodenbong and Urbenville

Jubilee Year of Hope. 2025



EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

14 September 2025

First Reading Nm 21:4-9

When those that were afflicted looked upon it, they were healed.

On the way through the wilderness, the Israelites lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here; we are sick of this unsatisfying food.'

At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you.

Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 77:1-2. 34-38. R. v.7

(R.) Do not forget the works of the Lord!

1. Give heed, my people, to my teaching; turn your ear to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable and reveal hidden lessons of the past. (R.)
2. When he slew them then they would seek him, return and seek him in earnest. They would remember that God was their rock, God the Most High their redeemer. (R.)
3. But the words they spoke were mere flattery; they lied to him with their lips. For their hearts were not truly with him; they were not faithful to his covenant. (R.)
4. Yet he who is full of compassion forgave their sin and spared them. So often he held back his anger when he might have stirred up his rage. (R.)

Second Reading Phil 2:6-11

He humbled himself, therefore God had exalted him.

The state of Jesus was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are;

and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 3:13-17

The Son of Man must be lifted up.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'No one has gone up to heaven

except the one who came down from heaven, the Son of Man who is in heaven; and the Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we concentrate on the power of the cross in our lives. It is the ultimate demonstration of the nature of God. Christ gave of himself even to death on the cross. This is characteristic, not only of the man Jesus, but of the Godhead. Creation is the first example of divine emptying; redemption is the ultimate example. Unlike Good Friday when we stand before the stark cross and mourn the death of our innocent messiah, today we stand before the glorious cross and praise God for God's incomprehensible goodness toward us. God's graciousness is poured out indiscriminately, prodigally as only profound love can be given. Such is the nature of our God, and the cross is the symbol of this nature.

Jesus compares the pole in the wilderness on which was fixed the serpent to the cross which becomes the source of our healing. It was through the cross that Jesus conquered sin and death and won for us access to God. It is through the cross that we die to sin and rise to new life in Christ. As painful as life's crosses may be, they serve to transform us. It can be our hope in the midst of pain and suffering and brokenness, because it promises to carry us into new life.

Through the goodness of God, which has been poured out for us, we have been granted eternal life. It is incomprehensible to think that death is the way to life, but that is the message of this feast. The cross, which is a sign of shame and misery, is now a symbol of glory and exaltation.

PARISH INFORMATION

Kyogle: Our Lady of Sorrows Church | **Woodenbong:** Sacred Heart Church |
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Facebook: OurLadyofSorrowsCatholicChurch

NOTICEBOARD

Tuesday 16th September: Memorial Mass for Our Lady of Sorrows.

Saturday 20th September: St Brigid's Pizza Dinner after Mass.

Sunday 21st September: International Day of Peace.

Thursday 2nd October: Parish Pastoral Council meeting 4:30pm in the Shed. They meet on the 1st Thursday of each month. If you are unable to attend, please send your apology by Wednesday 1st October to Joan Boyle (Chair) | Phone: 0413 999 360 | Email: joanboyle0@gmail.com

Friday 3rd October: Creative Workshop with the Womens Group.

Thursday 21st October: Jubilee Boat Arrives, The Good Ship Hope.

Sunday 21st October: *Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist* - FD.

Monday 29th October: *Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels* - FD

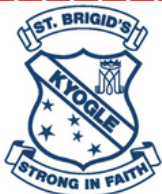
Suggestion Box

We'd love to hear your ideas, thoughts, or feedback on how we can make our parish even better. Feel free to pop your suggestions into the Suggestion Box at the back of the Church. All suggestions are welcome and will be read by the Parish Pastoral Council.

Daylight Savings

Begins Sunday 5th October. Vigil Mass changes to 6pm from Saturday 11th October.

CREATIVE WORKSHOP All Parishioners are invited to join the Women's Group on Friday Oct 3 at 1pm in the Shed to work on a Banner for the Church to honour & celebrate the Jubilee Year "*Pilgrims of Hope*".



PIZZA DINNER

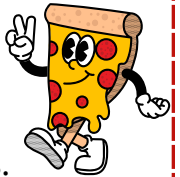
AFTER VIGIL MASS 5PM

SATURDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

PIZZA ORDER SHEET AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH ENTRANCES.



Please RSVP by writing your name and the number of people attending on the sheets at the Church entrances.



Parish Notice – Safeguarding Sunday, 14 September

Today we are gathered on Safeguarding Sunday, a day when we pause to focus on our responsibility to protect and care for those who are vulnerable. In the Bible, we find a clear and strong message about justice, compassion, and speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves. We are called to be a safe, welcoming and hope-filled church. In our everyday lives, let's be mindful of those around us who are vulnerable or marginalised. Who are the "silent" ones in our society, the ones without a voice? Today, God may be calling you to stand up for them. Whether it's through prayer, support, or direct action, we are invited to participate in God's work of justice.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who are sick: Peter Clark, Mark Hancock, Mary Dwyer, Nate Doolan, Dee James, Michael O'Reilly, Kevin Donaghy, Barbara Summers, Arthur Reynolds, Cecilia Dawson, Raphael Oaten.



Prayer Intention - September:

For Our Relationship with all Creation
 Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.



PLANNED GIVING

1st Collection: \$295.00 Supports the Bishop and priests of the Diocese.

2nd Collection: \$330.85 Supports Parish ministries, maintenance, staff salaries & insurance.



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Reference: Your Name

To join planned giving, contact the Parish Office.



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KYOGLÉ WEEKDAY LITURGY

Date	Service	Readers
Monday 15 th Sept	No Mass	-
Tuesday 16 th Sept	5:15pm Memorial Mass	J. Boyle
Wednesday 17 th Sept	9am Mass	D. Layton
Thursday 18 th Sept	9am Mass	B. FitzGerald
Friday 19 th Sept	12 noon Adoration 12:30pm Mass	- D. Layton

WOODENBONG MASS

All services start at 9am

Mass
is held every 3rd & 5th
Saturday of the month

Communion Service
all other Saturdays



KYOGLÉ WEEKEND MASS

Date	Service	Reader	Offertory	Morning Tea
Saturday 20 th Sept	5pm Mass	St Brigid's	St Brigid's	-
Sunday 21 st Sept	9am Mass	D. Layton J. Facer	Kilvert Family	Multi-Culture PNG & T. Vidler



Sunday 21st Sept Counters: D. Layton

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Friday's before Mass from 12 noon | Saturday's before Vigil Mass from 4:30pm

TUESDAY 16TH - MEMORIAL MASS FOR OUR LADY OF SORROWS AT 5:15PM



On Tuesday 16th September we will celebrate a Memorial Mass for Our Lady of Sorrows at 5:15pm.

The Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows (Dolor Rosary) will be prayed before Mass, beginning at 4:50pm. Our Church is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows, whose feast is observed the day after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This day reminds us of Mary's deep participation in Jesus's suffering. Her sorrows reflect her strength and faith, offering comfort and inspiration as we face our own challenges.



Lismore Diocese Cursillo Movement – "A Little Course in Christianity"

The Cursillo is a short course in Christianity designed to deepen our relationship with God, help us better understand our vocation within the Church, and highlight the importance of belonging to an Apostolic Christian community.

This international movement began in Spain in the late 1940s and was introduced to Australia in 1965. Since then, it has offered enriching weekends focused on Christian spirituality, followed by opportunities to continue growing in faith through small Christian communities. The Cursillo Movement has been active in the Lismore Diocese for approximately 40 years. A team of delegates from our Diocese will be attending the National Cursillo Encounter "Pilgrims of Hope", taking place from Sept 19th–21st 2025 in Varroville NSW. Our diocesan representatives are:

Joan (President) – Kyogle | Carryl (National Delegate) – Yamba | Rex (Treasurer) – Yamba | Maxine (Secretary) – Ballina.

A Cursillo Weekend is planned in six months. If you'd like to learn more, contact Joan at 0413 999 360.

Jubilee Art Prize Finalists Exhibition Sat 6th December 2:30pm to 4:30pm. To attend this special event celebrating creativity and the Jubilee Year, please RSVP by 21st November to Madeline on 0491 137 854.



Discover Palms Volunteering: Build community self-reliance and create lasting change! Join our online session with past Palms volunteers to learn how skill-exchange makes a real impact. Discover unique opportunities that match your experience with a life-changing journey.

When: Thursday 30 October 2025, 7–8:30 pm AEDT

Where: Online (Register at palms.org.au/events)

Questions? Call 02 9560 5333 or email palms@palms.org.au





St **Cornelius** was elected as pope in 251 AD; a time when Christians were being persecuted. He faced much opposition within the church over the issue of reconciling those who had distanced themselves from the church (apostates) during these dangerous times. **St Cyprian** was the bishop of Carthage. He supported the pope's view that apostates should be pardoned and welcomed back into the church. A few letters written by Cornelius to Cyprian survive today, including those which were written after he was banished from Rome in 253 AD. Cornelius died in exile most probably from poor health, although it was Cyprian who called him a martyr to the faith.

Use the words below to find out what Jesus said to Nicodemus

___ sent his ___ into
the world not to _____
the world, but so that
_____ him the _____
might be _____.



**condemn
Son
through
saved God
world**

Wordsearch

Try to find these words:



**die
eternal
everyone
heaven
lifted
Man
Moses
only save
Son
world
Nicodemus**

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