



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC PARISH WAUCHOPE

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, BEECHWOOD & ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, LONG FLAT

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**Second Sunday of Lent**

**Year B**

**24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**FIRST READING: *Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18***

**A reading from the book of Genesis**

***The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.***

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

**This is the word of the Lord.**

**All: Thanks be to God**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps 115:10. 15-19. R. 114:9***

**(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.**

1. I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted.' O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.....(R.)

2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name.....(R.)

3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.....(R.)

## **SECOND READING: *Romans 8:31-34***

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

***God did not spare his own Son.***

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

**This is the word of the Lord.**

**All: Thanks be to God**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

### **GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-10**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

***This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.***

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

**The gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **Mass Intentions**

No	From	Intention
1	Anonymous	Souls in Purgatory
2		Sick members of Parish Community
3	Kerrie Monkley	John Roberts – Anniversary of death
4	Anne Thornton	Patricia Ryan - Anniversary

# Announcements

1. **Mass times** – Mass will return to normal next weekend 2-3 March. 6pm (2/3) and 7.30am (3/3) at OLOL Wauchope and 9.30am (3/3) at Beechwood.
2. **World Day of Prayer** – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 @ 10.30am at Seventh Day Adventist, cnr Sarah's Cres & King Cr Rd King Creek. Followed by morning tea. All welcome. If anyone needs transport please contact Gemma or Ann Pereira.
3. **Sacrament Dates for 2024** - First Eucharist 2<sup>nd</sup> June and Confirmation 20<sup>th</sup> September. For more information please contact the Parish Office.
4. **Project Compassion/Caritas Australia** - After the birth of her children, 22-year-old Ronita was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family. Please donate to Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.
5. **Bishop Greg's Lenten Talk Series** – Themes of St Therese of Lisieux. Available on The Diocese of Lismore YouTube channel from 28<sup>th</sup> February.
6. **Lenten Program 2024** – starting Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February for 6 weeks in the Dineen Room. Two sessions available, either 11.30am to 1pm or 5.30pm to 7pm. If interested please contact Mark Stewart on 0423271157.

Parish Events		
<b>**March**</b>		
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	PFC Meeting	5:30pm
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Children's Mass	6:00pm
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	PPC Meeting	5:30pm
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Children's Mass	6:00pm
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Palm Sunday	
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Good Friday	
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Easter Sunday – 1 Mass(5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday)	9:00am

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Date	Feast Day	Readings	Colour
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb		Dan 9:4-10; Lk 6:36-38	Violet
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb		Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12	Violet
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb		Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28	Violet
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> Feb		Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31	Violet
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar		Gen 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46	Violet
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar		Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32	Violet

## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Third Sunday of Lent  
Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

**LITURGY ROSTER**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2024**  
**SATURDAY VIGIL 6.00PM**

Reader:	Ken Ogilvie
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**SUNDAY 7.30AM**

Reader:	Brad Vergano
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**9<sup>TH</sup> & 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024**  
**SATURDAY VIGIL 6.00PM**

Reader:	Children's Mass
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**SUNDAY 7.30AM**

Reader:	Lyn Murphy
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**16<sup>TH</sup> & 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024**  
**SATURDAY VIGIL 6.00PM**

Reader:	Kathy-Ann Henderson
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**SUNDAY 7.30AM**

Reader:	Kerry Monkley
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**CHURCH CLEANING**

Jenny Caller & Kerrie Monkley  
 24<sup>th</sup> February to 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**CHURCH LINEN**

Maureen Avery (Mar)

**PARISH LITURGIES**  
**OUR LADY OF LOURDES, WAUCHOPE**

<b>Saturday</b>	
Reconciliation	5:30pm
Vigil Mass	6:00pm
<b>Sunday</b>	
Mass 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	7:30am
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	9:00am
Baptisms 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am
Sundays. (Please contact the Parish office for bookings.)	
<b>Tuesday</b>	
Mass	10:30am
Rosary(Weekly)	11:00am
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Mass	8:00am
<b>Thursday</b>	
Mass	8:00am
<b>Friday</b>	
Adoration	11:15am
Mass	12:00noon

**ST PATRICK'S, BEECHWOOD**

Mass	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	9:30am
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**ST PETER'S, LONG FLAT**

Mass	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	9:30am
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**BUNDALEER MASS**

4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month at 11:00am

**DIOCESAN INVESTMENT FUND**

Pays 4.15%. Effective 1 Nov 2023.  
 The Port Macquarie office of the DIF is open Monday to Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm.  
 Phone Veronica or Mary for any enquiries on 6583 7439.

**The Catholic Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office**  
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 Phone: **(02) 6621 9444** or  
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