



# Our Lady of Lourdes

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC PARISH WAUCHOPE**  
**ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, BEECHWOOD &**  
**ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, LONG FLAT**  
**Fr Anselm Okeke, Parish Priest**

**27th Sunday In Ordinary Time– Year C**  
**4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025**



## Parish Events

Sat 4th Oct:  
Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi –  
Bring your pets, 2pm –3pm

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Oct, 5.30pm:  
Baptism Preparation Meeting

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Oct, 11am:  
Bundaleer Mass



### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of OLOL Wauchope

Next year we will be celebrating the 50-year Anniversary of our church building. We are asking for any historical pictures, memorabilia and information on the building's 1976 opening that we can include in the celebrations. Please contact the Parish office if you can assist.

#### Parish Secretary:

Lisa McPherson & Lyn Murphy

#### Parish Office Hours:

9am – 12pm, Tues, Thurs & Fri

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## Parish News

### Feast of St Francis of Assisi – Sat 4<sup>th</sup> October 2025

St. Francis of Assisi, born in Italy in the late 12th century, founded the Franciscan religious order, dedicating his life to poverty and Christian ideals. After a privileged youth and a transformative spiritual awakening, he embraced a life of poverty, repairing churches and preaching repentance. His order, the Friars Minor, lived without possessions, wandering, preaching, and working to support themselves. Known for his devotion to Jesus, St. Francis is one of the most venerated figures in Roman Catholic history and is the patron saint of Italy, ecology, and animals.



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**Wauchope**  
**Parish**

# SURVEY

### Share your feedback!

[Tell us about your experience](#) here at Our Lady Of Lourdes Wauchope parish and share your ideas on what parish life could look like in the future!



**SCAN ME**

*Complete online or paper copies available on back table.*

### Joke of the Week

A priest and a bus driver both go to Heaven at the same time. St. Peter shows the bus driver his house, which is three houses away from God. During this time, the priest is thinking to himself, "Since I'm a priest, I should be right next to God!" Then St. Peter turns towards the priest and beckons him to follow. The priest follows for three miles when they finally come to a house. St. Peter tells the priest that this is his house. The priest looks horrified and says to St. Peter, "I don't understand! The bus driver is really close to God and I'm a priest! That doesn't make sense! St. Peter replies, "Oh, that's easy to explain. When you preach, people sleep. When the bus driver drives, people pray."

# Announcements



**Return to the Simplicity of the Gospel Retreat** – Sat, 11 Oct 2025, 9:30am. Deacon Shane and Leanne Hyland invite you to join them for a day of prayer, reflection, and renewal in the beautiful setting of the Francis Retreat, Bonny Hills. Register here: <https://www.livingspirituality.com.au/>

## YA Camp

Join the YA Festival this December near Murwillumbah – 4 days of camping, worship and peace designed for young adults (aged 18–30). Subsidies are available through the Diocese to help you get there. ✨ Find out more and [register here](#) 📅 Registrations close 14 Nov 2025.

## Adult Online Faith Formation

Registrations for the last cycle for 2025, Cycle 7 Courses with the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) close on 23 October. More info: <https://stagneparish.org.au/faith/> or contact Tony 0436941280.



**Public Rosary**, Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Lake Cathie, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 10am. All welcome. Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima – Our Blessed Mother Mary appeared to the three children in Fatima on this day in 1917. For information contact Rose: 0415435135.



**Closing soon! Help shape the Diocese**  
[Join the Diocesan Pastoral Council](#)

## Closing soon! Help shape the Diocese of Lismore

The Diocesan Pastoral Council returns in 2026. Nominations close on Friday 10 October. This is your chance to contribute to the life of our diocese. You can nominate yourself, someone else, or put forward a name as a parish community. Nominate today: [bit.ly/LismoreDPC](https://bit.ly/LismoreDPC)



## Women's prayer and reflection day

A Women's prayer and reflection day will be held at OLOL Wauchope on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November. The day will be facilitated by Sister Di and Sister Ninfa. Faith formation session will run from 10–2pm. For more information please contact Leanne Hyland.

## November Mass – Pappinbarra All Saints Community Church

Father Anslem will be conducting mass at All Saints Pappinbarra Community Church on Sunday 23rd November 2025 at 2pm.



## Safeguarding Children and Young People?

We ask that parents are accompanying and **supervising** their own **children** at **all times**. Your child's safety is our priority please ensure you can always see them whilst on **Parish grounds**.

Safeguarding Office:  
P: 02 6621 9444 (Chancery)  
E: [safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au)

## The Catholic Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office

the Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office can be contactable if you have any Safeguarding concerns. We will listen to you respectfully; offer support and discuss options you have available to you. Contact the Safeguarding Office - Phone: (02) 6621 9444 or Email: [safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au)



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## **FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4** **A reading from the prophet Habakkuk**

**The just will live by faithfulness.**

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

*The word of the Lord* **Thanks be to God**

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8**

**(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R.)**



## **SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14** **A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy**

**Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.**

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God. Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 1 Peter 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The word of the Lord stands for ever;  
it is the word given to you, the Good News.  
Alleluia!



## GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

### *If you had faith!*

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you. 'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

*The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ*

## Mass Intentions

### From

- 1.
2. *Jenny Woods*
3. *Irene and Bernie O'Grady*

### Intention

*Sick Members of Parish Community*  
*Ted Biefeld*  
*Sharyn Gapps*

## Liturgy Roster

### 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2025 READERS

- Saturday Vigil 6.00PM: Robyn Mackey
- Sunday 7.30AM: Peta Rouke

### 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2025 READERS

- Saturday Vigil 6.00PM: Kathy-Ann Henderson
- Sunday 7.30AM: Peter Murphy

### 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2025 READERS

- Saturday Vigil 6.00PM: Kerrie Monkley
- Sunday 7.30AM: Debbie Fear

**CHURCH LINEN:** Kerrie Monkley (October)

### CHURCH CLEANING:

- Marie Marchment (to 11 Oct 2025)
- Jenny Caller & Kerrie Monkley (12-25 Oct 2025)



## Parish Liturgies

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES, WAUCHOPE

- **Reconciliation:** Saturday 5.30PM
- **Vigil Mass:** Saturday 6PM
- **Sunday Mass 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>:** 7.30PM
- **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** 9AM

### Tuesday

- Mass 10.30AM
- Rosary (weekly): 11AM

**Wednesday** – Mass 8.00AM

**Thursday** – Mass 8.00AM

### Friday

- Adoration 11.15AM
- Mass 12 noon – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday

### ST PATRICK'S, BEECHWOOD

- Mass 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 9.30AM

### ST PETERS LONG FLAT

- Mass 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 9.30AM

### BUNDALEER MASS

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



### DIOCESAN INVESTMENT FUND

Pays 3.65%. Effective 1 August 2025. 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.