



Our Lady of Lourdes

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC PARISH WAUCHOPE
ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, BEECHWOOD &
ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, LONG FLAT

29th & 30th August 2026 – Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A



Parish Events

Baptism Preparation Meeting

Wed 9th Sept 2026, 5.30pm

Family Mass

Sat 19th September 2026

Bundaleer Mass

Fri 25th September 2026

Baptism Preparation Meeting

Wed 14th Oct 2026, 5.30pm

Family Mass

Sat 24th October 2026

Parish Mission Statement

We are created by God, called through Baptism to be followers of Jesus Christ in his church. As the Catholic community of Wauchope we are called to live according to God's plan, growing towards a deeper faith and love for one another. We rejoice in his Holy Spirit, who enables us to use our gifts, bringing Christ to each other and the community as a whole.

Parish Priest: Fr Anselm Okeke

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Lisa McPherson & Lyn Murphy

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St Joseph's Primary School

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Parish News

★ Congratulations to Our Parish Children! ★

We warmly congratulate our parish children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion this Sunday.

May this beautiful and joyful occasion be the beginning of a deeper and lasting friendship with Jesus in the Eucharist. May the Lord bless them, their families, and all those who have supported them on their journey of faith.

Congratulations, children!
May Jesus always remain
in your hearts. 🙏✝️



PARISH MEN'S GROUP – Watch out for more

details! We are excited to announce the formation of a Parish Men's Group—an opportunity for men of our parish to come together in faith, fellowship, friendship and service. More information about the group, including meeting dates and activities, will be announced soon. All men of the parish are warmly invited to be part of this new initiative.

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JOIN A PARISH MINISTRY TEAM



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Please complete your form via the QR Code or find paper copies in the church.

Joke of the Week

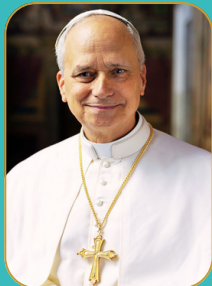
A husband came home from Church, greeted his wife, then suddenly lifted her up and carried her around the house.

The wife was delighted and asked, smiling:

"Did the Priest preach about being romantic and loving your wife?" Out of breath, the husband replied:

"No... he said we must carry our cross!" 😊✝️





Pope's Intentions for August

For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Remember in Prayer

Recently Deceased

Mary Cortis

Anniversaries

Michael Cummins

Other Intentions

Anna Kean

Sick members of the Parish Community

Announcements

As part of the Safe Places for Faith Communities

Program, work has commenced on our new security system. This important initiative strengthens our commitment to creating a safe, welcoming, and respectful environment for all members of our faith community.



Parish Keyholders – Anyone with keys to OLOL Parish buildings to make contact with the Parish office.

With the installation of our new security system, your keys will no longer give you access to the building. Thank you for your support as we implement our new security measures.



The Cenacle including Adoration and Rosary occurs at St Frances of Assisi Chapel, Lochinvar place Port Macquarie at 11am on Wednesdays, and Thursdays at St Mary Star of the sea church Ocean drive Lake Cathie at 2pm.
(Rose Camilleri: 0415435135)

Catholic Life winter issue is out now



ABIDE

PRAISE, WORSHIP & ADORATION NIGHT

"Abide in me, and I in you."

JOHN 15:4

FRIDAY
18TH SEPT

6:00PM - LIGHT SUPPER

6:30PM - WORSHIP & ADORATION

Anointing of the Sick will be available

TO CONCLUDE AROUND **8:00PM**

Abide is an invitation to slow down, draw near, and be with Jesus.

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BE PART OF SOMETHING IMPORTANT

Become a SRE Catechist



Join us in teaching faith

Enquires:

Parish Priest or Lara Silva
lsilva@lismore.catholic.org.au
Ph 0422 699 666



Thinking about Baptism? Baptism is the beginning of life in Christ and entry into our Church family. Please contact the parish office – we would be delighted to welcome you.

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

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



First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9
A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more. Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**
3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**
4. For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. **(R.)**



Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation: See Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!



Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA

A Small Pencil in the Hands of a Loving God

FEAST DAY
5 SEPTEMBER

Saint Teresa of Calcutta, lovingly known as Mother Teresa, gave her life in humble service to the poorest of the poor.

With boundless compassion, she saw the face of Jesus in every person she met.

She founded the Missionaries of Charity in 1950 to care for the sick, the abandoned and the dying.

Her life reminds us that simple acts of love can change the world.



LOVE IN ACTION

Mother Teresa saw Jesus in everyone, especially in those who were unwanted or unloved. Her love was practical, tender and without limits.



SERVANT OF THE POOR

She left behind comfort and security to live among the poorest, bringing dignity, care and hope to those in need.



DEEP FAITH

Her strength came from prayer and a deep trust in God. She believed that even the smallest acts of kindness are beautiful in God's eyes.



A LEGACY OF LOVE

Her words and example continue to inspire us to live with compassion, serve others and be God's love in the world.



Lord, through the prayers of Saint Teresa of Calcutta, help us to see Your face in the poor and to love You in them. Amen.



HISTORICAL CONTEXT

At the time of the writing of Matthew's gospel (around 75-80 CE), Christians were being persecuted and put to death for their beliefs. They were literally giving up their lives for their faith. These persecuted Christians saw Jesus' triumph over death as a sign of great hope and trust in the future for themselves. Jesus' words in the gospel – 'whoever loses his life for my sake will find it' – would give hope to those under persecution that ultimately they too would triumph and that the deaths of their friends were not in vain.

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

This passage immediately follows the passage of last week's gospel which featured Peter's confession of faith – his inspired revelation that 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God.' The reader might think, 'Aha, the disciples have finally got it!' But in a very clever piece of writing, the author of Matthew's gospel follows this revelation of faith immediately with an example of the lack of clarity that the disciples, including Peter, still possess. This happens throughout the gospels. Whenever the disciples have a bit of an insight, they are almost immediately shown to only have a partial understanding of the truth. The full revelation of Jesus' mission and ministry is not easy to grasp and even the disciples were not quite there until they had seen the 'full story' played out before and within them.

LIVING GOSPEL

Have you got what it takes?

For some people, to be a Christian is a 'soft option' – they see being Christian as being a bit 'fluffy'. This week's gospel is a reminder of the real challenge of being a Christian. Jesus reminds us that to be one of his followers we must be prepared to pick up our cross – whatever our particular cross might be – and still follow his example. To be a Christian means that we don't fall in a heap when difficulty comes our way; we take up the burden – our cross – and continue to look forward with hope. To live like Jesus is no easy option.

Liturgy Roster

29th & 30th AUGUST 2026 READERS

- Saturday Vigil: Kathy-Ann Henderson
- Sunday: First Eucharist readers

5th & 6th SEPTEMBER 2026 READERS

- Saturday Vigil: Peta Rourke
- Sunday: Peter Murphy

12th & 13th SEPTEMBER 2026 READERS

- Saturday Vigil: Kathy Ann Henderson
- Sunday: (to be confirmed)

CHURCH LINEN:

- Margaret Suters (September)

CHURCH CLEANING:

- Marie Marchment (30 August-12 September)



Parish Liturgies

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

Tuesday –

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

Wednesday – Mass 8.00AM

Thursday – Mass 8.00AM

Friday – Adoration 11.15AM

- Mass 12 noon – 1st, 2nd, 3rd Friday

ST PATRICK'S, BEECHWOOD

- Mass 1st & 3rd Sunday 9.30AM

ST PETERS LONG FLAT

- Mass 2nd & 4th Sunday 9.30AM

BUNDALIER MASS

- 4th Friday of the month at 11:00AM

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