



Our Lady of Lourdes

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

5th & 6th September 2026 – Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A



Parish Events

Baptism Preparation Meeting
Wed 9th Sept 2026, 5.30pm

No Mass

Thurs 10th 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.

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Parish News

☀️ *Congratulations to Our Parish Children who received their First Holy Communion last Sunday. May Jesus always remain in your hearts.* 🙏✝️



PRAYER FOR FATHER'S DAY

God our Father, we give thanks and praise for fathers, young and old. We pray for young fathers who are newly embracing their role. May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice. We pray for fathers around the world whose children are lost and suffering. May they know God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow. We pray for men who are not fathers but who still mentor and guide us with fatherly advice. We remember fathers, grandfathers and great-grandfathers who are no longer with us, but who continue to live in our memory, having nourished us with their love.

AMEN

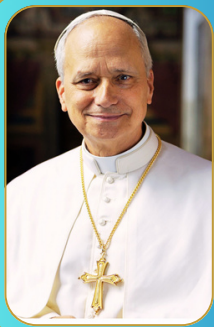


FATHER'S DAY APPEAL – Father's Day is the traditional day for the annual collection for the Priests Retirement Fund. This appeal goes to the care of the retired and sick priests by providing suitable accommodation, medical assistance and a comfortable standard of living for them. Donations are greatly appreciated.



Joke of the Week – A woman bitten by a rabid dog looked like she was going to die from rabies. The doctor told her to put her final affairs in order. So the woman took pen and paper, and began writing furiously. In fact, she wrote and wrote and wrote. Finally the doctor said, "That sure is a long will you're making." She snorted, "Will, nothing! I'm making a list of all the people I'm going to bite!" 😂





Pope's Intentions for September

For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Remember in Prayer

Recently Deceased

Mary Cortis

Anniversaries

Remy Benedict Vergano, Antonio Agnello,
Albertus Eyssens, Anthony Agnello, Michael Cummins

Other Intentions

Anna Kean, Sr Ann Daley,
Sick members of the Parish Community

Announcements

Caritas Australia: Nepal Floods Appeal – Devastating flash floods in northern Nepal have killed over 1,000 people, left many missing and affected thousands of families. Caritas Australia, with Caritas Nepal and local partners, is providing emergency shelter, food, clean water, healthcare and protection. Your support can bring urgent relief and hope to affected communities. To donate to the Caritas Australia Nepal Floods Appeal, please use the QR code to the right, visit www.caritas.org.au/nepal or call 1800 024 413.



Parish Keyholders – Anyone with OLOL Parish keys please contact 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.



PARISH MEN'S GROUP – Watch out for more details! We are excited to announce a new Parish Men's Group—a chance to grow in faith, friendship, fellowship and service. Meeting details will be announced soon. All men of the parish are warmly invited to join.



Our Lady of Lourdes Wauchope Parish

JOIN A PARISH MINISTRY TEAM



SCAN HERE



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



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.

Catholic Life winter issue is out now



September Renewal Newsletter



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



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.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES
WAUCHOPE



First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9
A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8

(R.) O that today you would listen to 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: Romans 13:8-10
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation: 2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!



Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. 'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. 'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

SAINT PETER CLAVER

A Man of Compassion, A Servant of All

FEAST DAY
9 SEPTEMBER

Born in 1580 in Catalonia, Spain, Peter Claver became a Jesuit priest and was sent to Cartagena, Colombia, where he dedicated his life to the enslaved Africans who were brought to the port.

He welcomed them with food, medicine and kindness, taught them about God's love, learned their language and baptised more than 300,000 people.

He saw in every person the face of Christ and served them with tireless love and dignity.



COMPASSION IN ACTION

Peter Claver's life was a reflection of God's boundless compassion for the most forgotten.



VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS

He stood beside the enslaved, defending their dignity and bringing hope to their despair.



FAITH IN SERVICE

Through prayer, the sacraments and humble service, he revealed the love of Jesus to all.



A SAINT FOR OUR TIME

His example calls us to see Christ in others and to act with love, justice and mercy.



Lord, through the prayers of Saint Peter Claver, help us to be instruments of Your love and hope for those in need. Amen.



HISTORICAL CONTEXT

"Tell the Church"

The idea of bringing a 'sinner' or offender before the church community to be confronted is one that the early Christians borrowed from the Jewish culture out of which they were formed. In Jewish society, the local synagogue was effectively a community centre. It was a gathering place, not only for worship and education, but also for meeting, debating and seeking solutions to problems. The synagogue community took on the role of mediator, witness, jury, judge and, if needed, punisher. The role of the scribes in Jewish society was to interpret the Law – the Torah – in resolving everyday situations.

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

A Scriptural Sandwich

The placement of this discourse about confronting your brother within the gospel of Matthew helps to shed light on its meaning. Immediately preceding this passage is the parable of the Lost Sheep, about leaving the 99 to go out in search of the one lost sheep. Immediately following this week's passage is the parable of the unmerciful or unforgiving servant who, despite receiving forgiveness of his own debt from his master, throws a fellow servant in debtors prison for failing to pay back money owed. The three passages together give a detailed discourse on forgiveness and reconciliation – dealing with those who have sinned, even against you personally and the powerful call to compassion and mercy.

LIVING THE GOSPEL

Facing the issue

It can be very difficult when we feel that someone has hurt us to actually go and speak to them about how we are feeling. It is so much easier to revel in our hurt or seek payback for the hurt. Sometimes we feel that we might ruin a friendship by speaking to our friend about a way in which they have hurt us. But a hurt that goes unaddressed will continue to hurt and will probably be repeated. This week's gospel reminds us of the need to challenge our friends when they hurt us but it also reminds us that when we have hurt others we need to be challenged about it and called to account for our actions.

Liturgy Roster

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)

19th & 20th SEPTEMBER 2026 READERS

- Saturday Vigil: Ken Ogilvie
- Sunday: Lyn Murphy

CHURCH LINEN:

- Margaret Sutters (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~~ **No Mass 10th Sept**

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

BUNDALEER MASS

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

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