



Our Lady of Lourdes

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

12th & 13th September 2026 – Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A



Parish Events

No Thursday Mass

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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Parish News

Join Us at Abide

The heart of ABIDE is an encounter with Jesus truly present in the Eucharist. Inspired by His words in John 15, "Abide in me, and I in you", ABIDE is an invitation to come before Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration and simply be with Him. In the midst of the noise and busyness of life, we often need to stop, be still, and remember that Jesus is not distant. In the Eucharist, He is truly present, waiting for us to draw near. Through worship, silence, Eucharistic Adoration, and the opportunity to receive the Anointing of the Sick, ABIDE creates space to encounter Christ personally, rest in His presence, and allow His love to meet us where we are.

ABIDE
PRAISE, WORSHIP & ADORATION NIGHT

FRIDAY
18TH SEPT

"Abide in me, and I in you."

JOHN 15:4

6:00PM – LIGHT SUPPER

6:30PM – WORSHIP & ADORATION

Anointing of the Sick will be available

TO CONCLUDE AROUND **8:00PM**

**OUR LADY OF
LOURDES
WAUCHOPE**
CNR CAMERON ST
& KING ST
WAUCHOPE

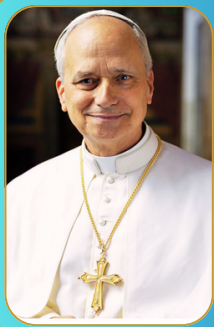


Abide is an invitation to slow down,
draw near, and be with Jesus.

Come before Jesus. Be still. Abide with Him.

Joke of the Week – Two little brothers, Harry and James, had finished supper and were playing until bedtime. Somehow, Harry hit James with a stick, and tears and bitter words followed. Charges and accusations were still being exchanged as their mother prepared them for bed. She said, "Now boys, what would happen if either of you died tonight and you never had the opportunity again for forgiving one another?" James spoke up, "Well, OK, I'll forgive him tonight, but if we're both alive in the morning, he'd better look out."





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.

LOVE PROTECTS

Safeguarding Sunday

13 September 2026

Safeguarding is a practical expression of Christian love.

Children, young people and vulnerable adults deserve safety, dignity and wellbeing.



Safeguarding Sunday – Love Protects

13 September 2026

This Safeguarding Sunday, we reflect on the theme "Love Protects" and our shared responsibility to ensure that children, young people and vulnerable adults are safe, respected and valued within our Church community.

Safeguarding is more than a policy—it is a practical expression of Christian love, calling us to listen, act and place the wellbeing of others at the heart of our ministry.

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)

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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: Sirach 27:30 – 28:7
A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence. **All:** Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**
3. His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **(R.)**
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. **(R.)**



Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. **All:** Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation: John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!



Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven. Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'



Have you thought?

The parable sees the unforgiving servant putting his fellow servant in prison 'until he paid back the debt'. This is almost exclusively what prisons were used for until only a few hundred years ago. When a person could not repay a debt, they were held in prison until the debt was paid. Of course, being in prison, they had little opportunity to repay the debt themselves and relied on friends and relatives to repay the debt on their behalf. To pay someone's debt was to 'redeem' them. The earliest ideas of Christ as a 'Redeemer' were based on the idea of Christ paying a debt on behalf of humankind.

Living the gospel

Just like Peter

Throughout the gospels, Peter is a fantastic example of the common person. He has insights of faith at times but usually messes it up with his next breath. His question in this week's gospel is one that any one of us might ask. I try to do what's right, but how long do I have to hang in there? There has to be a limit to patience with someone who keeps upsetting me, surely? Jesus shows us that if we operate from a motivation of compassion and a desire to constantly build relationships that are life-giving for both parties, then there is no end to the number of times that we try to re-build that relationship.

Gospel Focus

How many times?

Peter says, 'How many times should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Peter probably thought that he was being pretty generous. The religious law of his time required people to forgive three times, so by suggesting seven times, Peter would have thought that he was really going the extra mile. To forgive someone seven times is a pretty big call. But the number seven has great significance in scripture; it is regarded as a number of perfection. Peter is suggesting that there is an ideal number of times that one should forgive. Jesus blows this out of the water by saying, take that perfect number of times and multiply it by seventy. There is no perfect number of times to forgive.

Liturgy Roster

12th & 13th SEPTEMBER 2026 READERS

- Saturday Vigil: Kathy Ann Henderson
- Sunday: Monica Watt

19th & 20th SEPTEMBER 2026 READERS

- Saturday Vigil: Ken Ogilvie
- Sunday: Lyn Murphy

26th & 27th SEPTEMBER 2026 READERS

- Saturday Vigil: Robyn Mackay
- Sunday: Debbie Fear

CHURCH LINEN:

- Anne Thornton (September)

CHURCH CLEANING:

- Marie Marchment (30 August - 12 September)
- Jenny Caller (13 - 26 September)



Parish Liturgies

OUR LADY OF LOURDES, WAUCHOPE

- **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 - No Mass on Thursdays

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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