



Our Lady of Lourdes

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

19th & 20th September 2026 – Twenty-fifth 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.

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Parish News

Eucharist28 Update – Walking with Christ

The International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028 ('Eucharist28') will be a global gathering of the Church centred on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian lives. It will be a celebration of faith, rich with worship, prayer, testimonies, art, music, culminating in a Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV. It will be an important moment of Eucharistic renewal for the Church in Australia and beyond. The journey to Eucharist28 has begun! Our lives this side of heaven are a continuous journey of walking with Christ. We are called to walk alongside Him during our trials and our triumphs. In Micah 6:8, scripture tells us, "And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." This journey of walking with Christ is interior, but it can also be expressed physically. We can become pilgrims by walking and prayerfully moving with Him, including through processions. In 2028, the global church that gathers in Sydney for Eucharist28 will have an opportunity to be pilgrims by participating in the Eucharistic Procession. This journey through the streets of Sydney will be a witness to our nation and our world, as tens of thousands of pilgrims walk alongside Jesus Christ, truly present in the Eucharist. In the years leading up to this moment and beyond, the prayer of Eucharist28 is that across Australia, Eucharistic renewal will continue to flourish, and Eucharistic processions and pilgrimages will become a commonplace way for all to walk with Christ in their lives. Scan the QR code to access Walking With Christ: A Companion for Eucharistic Renewal, a resource designed to accompany you in your spiritual preparation for the continuing journey with Christ.

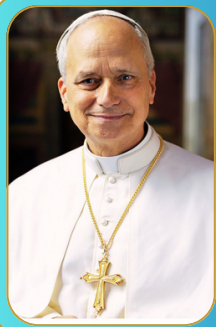
<https://eucharist28.org/>



Joke of the Week – "ARE YOU ENVIOUS BECAUSE I AM GENEROUS?"

There was a guy who died and was being given a tour of heaven, and he saw a friend of his drive by in a beautiful Mercedes. He said, "Boy, this is great! "Oh, yes," St. Peter said, "your friend was really generous on earth; we had a lot to work with. Your transportation up here depends on your generosity down there." Then St. Peter gave him his transportation: a Honda motor scooter. He said, "Wait a minute, he gets a Mercedes, and I get a scooter? "That's right, it's all we had to work with." So the guy drove off in a huff. A week later Peter saw this guy all smiles and said, "You feeling better now?" The guy said, "Yeah, ever since I saw my preacher go by on a skateboard!" – A life of generosity reflects God's nature in a special way. Surely, God is just; but He is also outrageously generous and merciful at the same time. We do not get what we deserve. Rather God gives us more than we deserve. Today, He calls each one of us to be a generous people.





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

Anniversaries

Charles Burke, Remy Benedict Vergano,
Antonio Agnello, Albertus Eyssens,
Anthony Agnello

Other Intentions

Irene O'Grady
Sick members of the Parish Community

Announcements

☀️ CALL OUT! ☀️ OLOL Market & Yard Sale – Sat, 10 Oct 2026 | 9–1pm

Do you have pre-loved treasures, handmade crafts, clothing, kitchenware, bric-a-brac or other goodies to sell? **Come along and be part of our parish Market & Yard Sale!** 🛒 Indoor stall in Dineen Hall – \$25, 🌿 Outdoor space – \$20. It's a wonderful opportunity to clear out, sell your treasures and connect with the local community – while supporting Our Lady of Lourdes Wauchope Parish. 📍 Wauchope Catholic Church grounds Cnr of Cameron Street & King Street. **Stall spaces are limited, so book your space early!** ☕ Tea and coffee will also be available for a gold coin donation. Bring your goods, set up your stall and join us for a fun community morning! If you simply want to donate items for the sale is great too! **Contact: Parish office 65851464, admin@lolwauchope.com.au**



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 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



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.

Smart wearables & recording devices



As smart watches and glasses with recording capabilities become more common, we must protect the privacy and dignity of everyone in our parishes.

Recording people or conversations without consent is not permitted, especially in child-related and pastoral environments. Please check with your parish or ministry before using personal recording devices.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and respectful environment.



A Weekend Retreat on Prayer

Friendship with God

with St Teresa of Avila

27–29 November 2026

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre
Varroville NSW

Come away for a weekend of prayer, silence and renewal.

Facilitated by Fr Aloysius Rego OCD



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CLICK HERE

Please register before 1 October.

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:

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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: Isaiah 55:6-9
A reading from the prophet Isaiah

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts. **All:** Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. the Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**



Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24. 27
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

For me to live is Christ.

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ. . **All:** Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation: See Acts of the Apostles 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!



Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

SAINTS COSMAS AND DAMIAN

Twin Brothers, Healers, Martyrs

FEAST DAY
26 SEPTEMBER



HEALERS

Cosmas and Damian were physicians, known for their skill, compassion and care for the sick, especially the poor.



FAITHFUL WITNESSES

They used their gifts to serve others, healing not only the body but also the soul, and sharing the message of Christ.



SERVANTS OF ALL

They ministered without payment, offering their care to everyone, regardless of wealth or status.



MARTYRS

When their faith could not be shaken, they were put to death for their witness to Christ in 287 AD.



Lord, through the prayers of Saints Cosmas and Damian, may we be generous in service and faithful in our witness to You. Amen.



Have you thought?

Equality or Equity?

How would you feel if you had done a full day's work and were paid the same as someone who had only worked for one hour? Is the landowner in the parable being unjust? He pays the workers exactly what he promised them – but he promised everyone the same amount, regardless of when they started work. The workers who started at 6.00 am complain. How do you think the workers who started later in the day felt? The landowner claims the right to be generous – is generosity unfair? There is a difference between treating people equally and equitably. What has the landowner done here?

Scriptural context

Kingdom parables

A feature of the kingdom parables that Jesus used is a challenging 'shift' to the unexpected. Jesus only ever uses parables to describe what the kingdom is like, and never says exactly what it is or isn't. In each parable he compares the kingdom of God to something that would be familiar to a 1st century audience but then he twists the familiar and makes the challenging shift by making the familiar, unfamiliar. (This 'shift' is sometimes called a 'discombobulating shift'.) Jesus tells us that the kingdom of God disrupts our normal way of thinking, it turns our expectations upside down and it completely challenges our 'normal' relationships.

Historical context

Labourers for hire

Jesus' parable describes a situation that would have been very familiar to his audience. At the time, there were many quite wealthy landowners who controlled large vineyards, orchards and crop fields. They would have employed a certain number of permanent workers but come harvest time there was a need for more workers and, much like today, they sought to employ part time workers for a short period of time until the rush was over. Men looking for work would gather in the marketplace of a village and landowners would select workers and send them to their property to work.

Liturgy Roster

19th & 20th SEPTEMBER 2026 READERS

- Saturday Vigil: Ken Ogilvie
- Sunday: Lyn Murphy

26th & 27th SEPTEMBER 2026 READERS

- Saturday Vigil: Robyn Mackay
- Sunday: Debbie Fear

3rd & 4th OCTOBER 2026 READERS

- Saturday Vigil: Peta Rouke
- Sunday: Peter Murphy

CHURCH LINEN:

- Anne Thornton (September)

CHURCH CLEANING:

- 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

BUNDALEER MASS

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

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