



Our Lady of Lourdes

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

26th & 27th September 2026 – Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A



Parish Events

No Thursday Mass

LOL Parish Market Day
Sat 10th Oct 2026

Baptism Preparation Meeting
Wed 14th Oct 2026, 5.30pm

Family Mass
Sat 24th October 2026

Bundaleer Mass
Fri 25th September 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

Deacon: Rev Shane Hyland

Parish Secretary:

Lisa McPherson & Lyn Murphy

Parish Office Hours:

9am–3pm, Tues, Thurs | 9am–2pm Fri

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St Joseph's Primary School

Principal: Nigel Toole

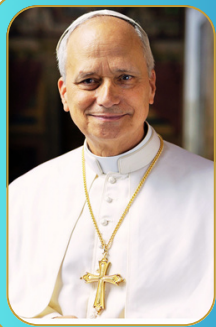
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Parish News

ABIDE, held on 18 September, was an amazingly beautiful and grace-filled evening. ABIDE is a parish initiative born from a desire to build a stronger, more united community and to deepen our love and devotion to Jesus truly present in the Eucharist. It is also part of our parish journey towards the 2028 International Eucharistic Congress, inviting us to prepare our hearts and our community for a deeper encounter with Christ. The evening was filled with joy, healing, worship, silence, and truly angelic music. Above all, we were blessed to witness the presence of Jesus and the beautiful ways He touched hearts throughout the night. A heartfelt thank you to all the organisers, musicians, hospitality team, and everyone who generously shared their time, talents, and gifts to make ABIDE possible. It was especially wonderful to see young people from different parishes coming together in faith, worship, and fellowship. Their presence was a beautiful sign of a growing community of young people seeking to encounter Jesus and abide in His presence. ABIDE is more than an evening—it is a journey. A journey of faith, Eucharistic renewal, community, and preparation as we move towards the 2028 International Eucharistic Congress. May we continue to come before Jesus, be still, and abide with Him. Come before Jesus. Be still. Abide with Him.

Fr Anselm Okeke





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

Betty Hollis

Anniversaries

Wendii Heffernan, Charles Burke

Other Intentions

Irene O'Grady

Sick members of the Parish Community

Announcements



Public Rosary 2026 – Join in a nationwide Rosary chain at St Mary Star of the Sea Church Lake Cathie, Sat 17th October 10am. For more information contact Rose: 0415 435 135.

29 November 2026

FAITH, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

9am Mass followed by a Parish brunch



SAVE THE DATE!
PARISH BRUNCH
29 NOVEMBER 2026
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Discover Cursillo – A Weekend of Spiritual Renewal

The Lismore Diocesan Cursillo Movement warmly invites men and women across the Diocese to our upcoming 3-day live-in weekend. When: 15 Oct to 18 Oct 2026 · Where: Marian Valley Retreat Centre, Witheren QLD. This short, intensive course in Christian living offers a powerful space for personal spiritual renewal, prayer, and fellowship. For more information, please contact Joan (President): 0413 99 360, joanboyle0@gmail.com or Maxine (Secretary): 0429 669 029, mscole945@gmail.com



PARISH MEN'S GROUP – Details coming soon!

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.

Marriage Enrichment Weekend – We are offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! Come and join us on 9th-11th October, 2026 at a Marriage Encounter Weekend at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Book at www.wwme.org.au, or 0490 774 419.



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.

Market & YARD SALE

Saturday, 10 October 2026
9am – 1pm

On the grounds of Wauchope Catholic Church
Corner of Cameron Street and King Street

CALLING ALL STALLHOLDERS!

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!

STALL BOOKINGS:

- Indoor stall in Dineen Hall • \$25
- Outdoor space • \$20

Tea & coffee available with gold coin donation.

Stall fees and all cash donations support Our Lady of Lourdes Wauchope Parish.

Contact Parish office on 6585 1464 | admin@lolwauchope.com.au

Bring your goods, set up your stall and join us for a fun community morning!

A Weekend Retreat on Prayer

Friendship with God

with St Teresa of Avila

27-29 November 2026

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre
Varroville NSW



For more information, contact:
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Sr. Di Moralde, CM - 0434 772 867
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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:

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: Ezekiel 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**



Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: See Acts of the Apostles 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!



Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.' The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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The Archangels



SAINT MICHAEL

Protector and champion of God's people.

PATRON SAINT OF:
Grocers, Police Officers,
and Banking.



SAINT GABRIEL

Bringer of God's message and hope.

PATRON SAINT OF:
Broadcasters, Communicators,
and Postal Workers.



SAINT RAPHAEL

Healer and guide on life's journey.

PATRON SAINT OF:
The Blind, Travelers,
and Medical Workers.

FEAST DAY
28 SEPTEMBER



LIVING THE GOSPEL

Saying "Yes!"

In many ways, it is easy to say 'Yes' and not really mean it. Some people do it all the time in their lives. They say 'Yes' when they have no intention at all of following through on their commitment. It's easy to say 'Yes' and not mean it when it comes to faith as well. It's pretty easy to turn up at Church on a Sunday and be seen to be doing the 'right' thing. But if our faith doesn't change the way we live, then maybe we're really saying 'No' to God.

Joke of the Week - Changing Course Works!

One night an Admiral on a US Navy Battleship ordered a certain course. The navigation officer, seeing a light in the distance, reported that the battleship now seemed to be on a collision course with another ship. So, the Admiral ordered his radio officer to send a message to the on-coming ship that it should change its course 10 degrees to the south. The reply came simply, "Change your course 10 degrees to the north." After two more unsuccessful exchanges, the Admiral, now quite furious, came thundering into the radio control room, grabbed the microphone, and bellowed into it, "Do you know that you are talking to an ADMIRAL in the UNITED STATES NAVY?!" After a brief moment of silence, the even-tempered reply came back, "This is a lighthouse; alter your course 10 degrees to the North."



Liturgy Roster

26th & 27th SEPTEMBER 2026 READERS

- Saturday Vigil: Robyn Mackay
- Sunday: Debbie Fear

3rd & 4th OCTOBER 2026 READERS

- Saturday Vigil: Peta Rouke
- Sunday: Peter Murphy

10th & 11th OCTOBER 2026 READERS

- Saturday Vigil: Kye Dures
- Sunday: Kerrie Monkley

CHURCH LINEN:

- Anne Thornton (September)

CHURCH CLEANING:

- Jenny Caller (13 -26 September)
- Ken Ogilvie & Ian Adams (27 Sept - 10 Oct)



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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