



# Our Lady of Lourdes

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

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> October 2026 – Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A



## Parish Events

**No Thursday Mass**

**LOL Parish Market Day**  
Sat 10th October 2026

**Baptism Preparation Meeting**  
Wed 14th October 2026, 5.30pm

**Bundaleer Mass**  
Fri 23rd October 2026

**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

**Deacon:** Rev Shane Hyland

**Parish Secretary:**

Lisa McPherson & Lyn Murphy

**Parish Office Hours:**

9am–3pm, Tues, Thurs | 9am–2pm Fri

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**Website:** [www.lolwauchope.com.au](http://www.lolwauchope.com.au)

**Facebook:** @lolwauchope

**St Joseph's Primary School**

**Principal:** Nigel Toole

**School phone:** (02) 6585 1745

## Parish News

### A Rosary in Our Hands, Prayer in Our Hearts

The month of October invites us to place the Holy Rosary once again at the heart of our prayer. Each bead is an invitation to pause, reflect, and walk with Mary through the mysteries of her Son, Jesus. Whether prayed alone, with our families, or as a parish community, the Rosary unites us in faith and reminds us that we are never alone on our journey. On October 7, we honour Our Lady of the Rosary. May she intercede for us and help us to live with greater faith, hope, and love. Take up your Rosary. Find a quiet moment. Pray with Mary. Draw closer to Jesus.

*Fr Anselm Okeke*



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WAUCHOPE  
PARISH

## Market & YARD SALE

**Saturday, 10 October 2026**  
9am – 1pm

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

**THERE'S STILL TIME TO BOOK YOUR STALL!**

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.

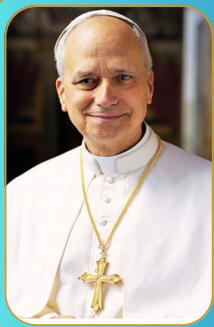
Stall fees and all cash donations support  
Our Lady of Lourdes Wauchope Parish.

**Book your stall today: 6585 1464** | [admin@lolwauchope.com.au](mailto:admin@lolwauchope.com.au)

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

**Joke of the Week** – There is a story about an elderly gentleman. He had serious hearing problem for many years. He went to a very competent doctor, and he was given an amazing set of hearing aids that fully restored his hearing faculty. After a month, he went back to his doctor. The doctor was pleased: "Your hearing is perfect! Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again." The gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to their conversations. I've revised my last will three times already."





## October

### For mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

## Remember in Prayer

*Recently Deceased*

**Betty Hollis**

*Anniversaries*

**Ted Biefeld, Wendii Heffernan, Charles Burke**

*Other Intentions*

**Irene O'Grady**

**Sick members of the Parish Community**

## Announcements



THE 54<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL  
**EUCCHARISTIC  
CONGRESS 2028**  
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

24 September - 1 October 2028

### International Eucharistic Congress

Eucharistic Congresses began in the 1880s to promote reverence for Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, uniting Catholics in prayer and worship. They serve as vibrant, revitalising, faith-filled expressions of love for Jesus in the Eucharist, and the congress will be coming to Sydney in 2028!

Learn more at <https://eucharist28.org/>



**Public Rosary 2026** - Join in a nationwide Rosary chain at St Mary Star of the Sea Church Lake Cathie, Sat 17<sup>th</sup> October 10am. For info call Rose 0415435135.

**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 (Pres): [joanboyle0@gmail.com](mailto:joanboyle0@gmail.com) or Maxine (Secretary): 0429 669 029, [mscole945@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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.

## ASPIRE

**Young Adult Spiritual Formation  
with Bishop Greg, OCD**

**Monday, 12 October**

and

**Tuesday, 24 November**

**Darcy Room**

(back of the Cathedral)

**5:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore

or join us via Zoom

**Zoom Login: 260 411 8529**

**Password: ASPIRE**

For more information, contact:

Sr. Di, CM - 0434 772867

[dmoralde@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:dmoralde@lismore.catholic.org.au)

**29 November 2026**

## FAITH, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

9am Mass followed by a Parish brunch



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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**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)

E: [safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto: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](mailto:safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au)



## First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

### A reading from the prophet Isaiah

**The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.**

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed; integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

### Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7

**(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.**

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **(R.)**
2. Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. **(R.)**
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**
4. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **(R.)**



## Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

**Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.**

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation: See John 15:15

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

**Alleluia!**



## Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

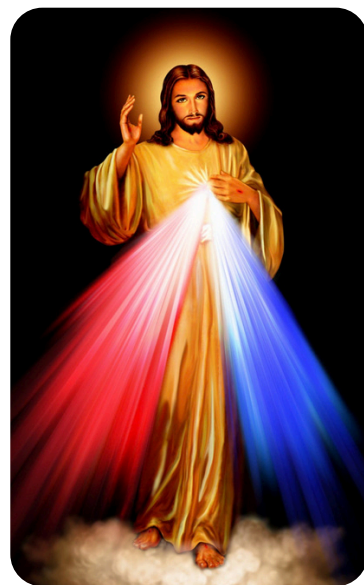
### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

**He leased his vineyard to other farmers.**

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ.**



**Sister Faustina (1905–1938)** was a young, uneducated nun in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland during the 1930s. Jesus asked Sr. Faustina to record these experiences, which she compiled into notebooks. These notebooks are known today as the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, and the words contained within are God's loving message of Divine Mercy. Though the Divine Mercy message is not new to the teachings of the Church, Sr. Faustina's Diary sparked a great movement, and a strong and significant focus on the mercy of Christ. Saint John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina in 2000 making her the "first saint of the new millennium." Speaking of Sr. Faustina and the importance of the message contained in her Diary, the Pope called her "the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time." Read more at <https://thedivinemercy.org/message>

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## Liturgy Roster

### 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2026 READERS

- Saturday Vigil: Peta Rouke
- Sunday: Peter Murphy

### 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2026 READERS

- Saturday Vigil: Kye Dures
- Sunday: Kerrie Monkley

### 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2026 READERS

Saturday Vigil: Ken Ogilvie

Sunday: Lyn Murphy

### CHURCH LINEN:

- Angela Johnston (October)

### CHURCH CLEANING:

- Ken Ogilvie & Ian Adams (27 Sept - 10 Oct)
- Marianne Agnello (11 Oct - 24 Oct)



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## Parish Liturgies

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES, WAUCHOPE

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

### ST PATRICK'S, BEECHWOOD

- Mass 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 9.30AM

### ST PETERS LONG FLAT

- Mass 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 9.30AM

### BUNDALEER MASS

- 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month at 11:00AM



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