Our Lady of Lourdes

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

10th & 11th October 2026 - Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



Parish Events

No weekday Masses
Tues 13th-16th October 2026

Baptism Preparation Meeting
Wed 14th October 2026, 5.30pm

Bundaleer Mass
Fri 23rd October 2026

Men's BBQ BreakY, 8am
Sat 24th October 2026



Family Mass - 6pm
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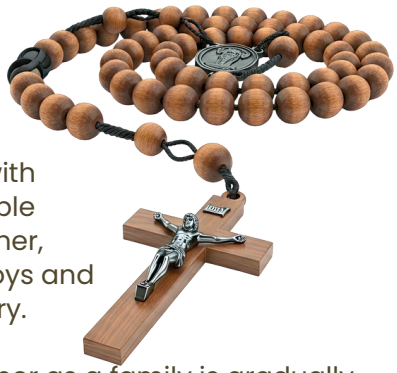
Parish Misson Statement

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

On 7 October, we celebrated the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary.



For many of us, the Rosary is connected with childhood memories. We grew up praying it with our families, often every evening. It was a simple but beautiful family tradition: gathering together, holding the beads, and placing our day, our joys and our worries into the hands of God through Mary.

Sadly, this culture of praying the Rosary together as a family is gradually disappearing. The family Rosary, once a regular part of family life, can easily be replaced by television, phones, social media and the many demands of modern life. Yet the Rosary remains much more than a string of beads. It is a deeply biblical prayer and a journey through the Gospel. As we pray each decade, we walk with Mary through the life of Jesus — his birth, his ministry, his suffering, his death and his glorious Resurrection. The Hail Mary itself takes us back to Scripture, to the words of the Angel Gabriel: "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you" (Luke 1:28). The Our Father is the prayer Jesus himself taught us.

Perhaps, therefore, the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary is also an invitation to recover something we may be losing: the family Rosary. We might not be able to pray it every night as families once did, but we can begin again — even with one decade, five minutes, or simply gathering together occasionally. Because when a family prays the Rosary together, it is not merely reciting prayers. It is placing Christ at the centre of the family and teaching the next generation how to pray.

Fr Anselm Okeke

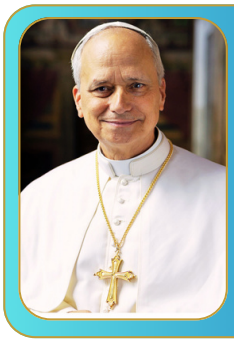
November Masses – Remembering Our Loved Ones

The month of November is traditionally dedicated by the Catholic Church to remembering and praying for those who have died. During November, we are invited to remember our deceased family members and friends in a special way. November Mass Envelopes are available in the church pews and at the back of the church. Please write clearly the names of your deceased loved ones and return the envelopes as directed. The names will be placed on the altar, and Masses throughout November will be offered for those who have died. As a parish community, we will also dedicate a special day during November to pray for and remember our departed loved ones.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."

Joke of the Week -A lady went to the post office to mail a Bible to an old friend. She wrote on the box the warning "Fragile!" The postal clerk asked, "Is there anything breakable in here?" "Yes," she replied. "It contains the Ten Commandments".





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

Leo & Ruby Carney, Ted Biefeld

Other Intentions

Irene O'Grady

Sick members of the Parish Community

Announcements

Catholic Mission - 100 Years Pope Leo XIV's message for this centenary year calls us to a mission "born of love, lived in love and leading to love". Your support this World Mission Month is exactly that - an act of love that travels far beyond your doorstep. To donate please use the envelopes at the back of the church, or via catholicmission.org.au



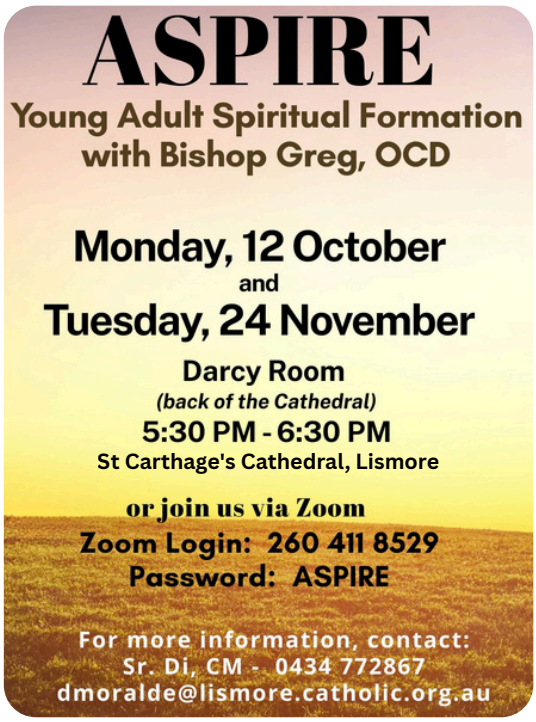


International Eucharistic Congress
Eucharistic Congresses began in the 1880s to promote reverence for Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, uniting Catholics in prayer and worship. They serve as vibrant, revitalising, faith-filled expressions of love for Jesus in the Eucharist, and the congress will 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 17th 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 or Maxine (Secretary): 0429 669 029, mscole945@gmail .com

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.





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 25:6-10
A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

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

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 22. R. v.6

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.



1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**

2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**

3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen

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Gospel Acclamation: See Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.
Alleluia!



Gospel: Matthew 22:1-10
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.' The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

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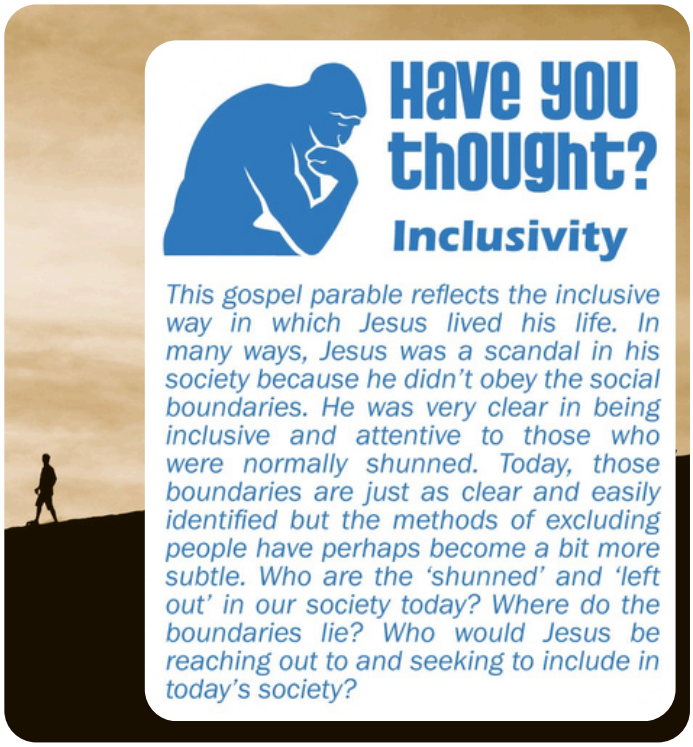
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Liturgy Roster

10th & 11th OCTOBER 2026 READERS
- Saturday Vigil: Kye Dures
- Sunday: Kerrie Monkley

17th & 18th OCTOBER 2026 READERS

Saturday Vigil: Ken Ogilvie

Sunday: Lyn Murphy

24th & 25th OCTOBER 2026 READERS
- Saturday Vigil: Family Mass
- Sunday: Debbie Fear

CHURCH LINEN:
- Angela Johnston (October)

CHURCH CLEANING:
- 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 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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