Our Lady of Lourdes

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

24th & 25th October 2026 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



Parish Events

No Weekday Mass
26-30 Nov 2026

Baptism Preparation Meeting
Wed 11th November 2026

Bundaleer Mass 11am
Fri 27th November 2026

Parish 9am Mass & Brunch
Sun 29th November 2026

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

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.

All Souls Day Parish Mass Announcement

Let us come together in prayer as we remember and pray for our dearly departed loved ones on All Soul's Day.

Mass Schedule:

- **9AM MASS - Our Lady of Lourdes Wauchope Church**
- **6PM MASS - Wauchope Cemetery**

Let us unite in faith and prayer, entrusting the souls of our departed loved ones to God's eternal love and mercy.

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

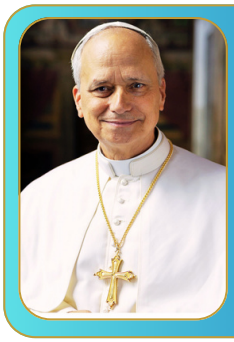
May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen**

You're Invited! Join Our Parish Family for Brunch - 29th Nov 2026

Join us for our **Parish Get-Together Brunch** as we celebrate and give thanks to God for His abundant blessings throughout the year. The celebration begins with **Holy Mass at 9am at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Church**, followed by a delicious brunch and a range of **fun activities** at St Joseph's Primary School Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as one parish family, share fellowship and celebrate God's goodness. With **activities for children**, it promises to be a joyful occasion for the whole family. All parishioners, families and children are warmly invited to join us for a day of faith, gratitude, friendship and fun. We look forward to celebrating together!



Joke of the Week - One day a mother was in a panic. Her little boy swallowed a coin. "Quick!" she called on her husband. "Call the doctor!" But the husband calmly replied , " We do not need a doctor. Let us call a priest instead." "Why? Is our boy going to die?" she asked. "No", he replied, "But our parish priest has a way of getting money out of anybody."



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

Anniversaries

Leo & Ruby Carney

Other Intentions

Sick members of the Parish Community

Announcements

World Mission Day 2026: One in Christ, United in Mission - 100 Yrs

World Mission Day 2026 was last Sunday but there is still time to open your heart and wallet and support the cause. Pope Leo XIV reminds us that every baptised person is called to share in the Church's mission. Under the theme "One in Christ, United in Mission," he encourages Catholics to deepen their relationship with Jesus and to be united with one another in faith and service. May this year's World Mission Day inspire our parish community to grow in faith, strengthen our unity, and joyfully share Christ's love with all people.

ONE IN CHRIST UNITED IN Mission 100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

To donate please use the envelopes at the back of the church, or via catholicmission.org.au

Save the Date for Eucharist28!

From 24 September to 1 October 2028, Australia will come together to celebrate the 54th International Eucharistic Congress, a moment of renewal for all. Eucharist28 will be a truly transformative moment of renewal centred on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian lives, culminating in a Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV. A Theological Symposium will precede the Congress from 20 to 22 September 2028. This is a once-in-a-generation moment for the Church in Australia. Will you be there in two years' time? Mark your calendar, share the news, and join the journey. To begin planning your journey with the Official Group Travel Operator, Harvest Journeys, head to eucharist28.org.



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.

Interested in becoming a Catholic? Join RCIA!

Are you unbaptised, or are you a baptised Christian from another faith who wishes to become a Catholic? Are you seeking to learn more about the Catholic faith? You are warmly invited to join the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**, a journey of faith, prayer, learning and spiritual growth that helps individuals prepare to enter the Catholic Church. Whether you are exploring the Catholic faith for the first time or feel called to take the next step in your spiritual journey, you are welcome! **For more information or to register, please contact the Parish office on admin@ololwauchope.com.au or call 6585 1464.**

We are doing it again!

Join us for another Parish Market & Yard Sale on the 14 November!

Bring your goods, set up your stall or simply join us for a fun community morning looking for new treasures! To find out more or book your stall please contact the Parish office on 6585 1464, or admin@ololwauchope.com.au.





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First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26
A reading from the book of Exodus

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.
"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. "If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."' The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R.)**
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed. **(R.)**



Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.
All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!



Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'
The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

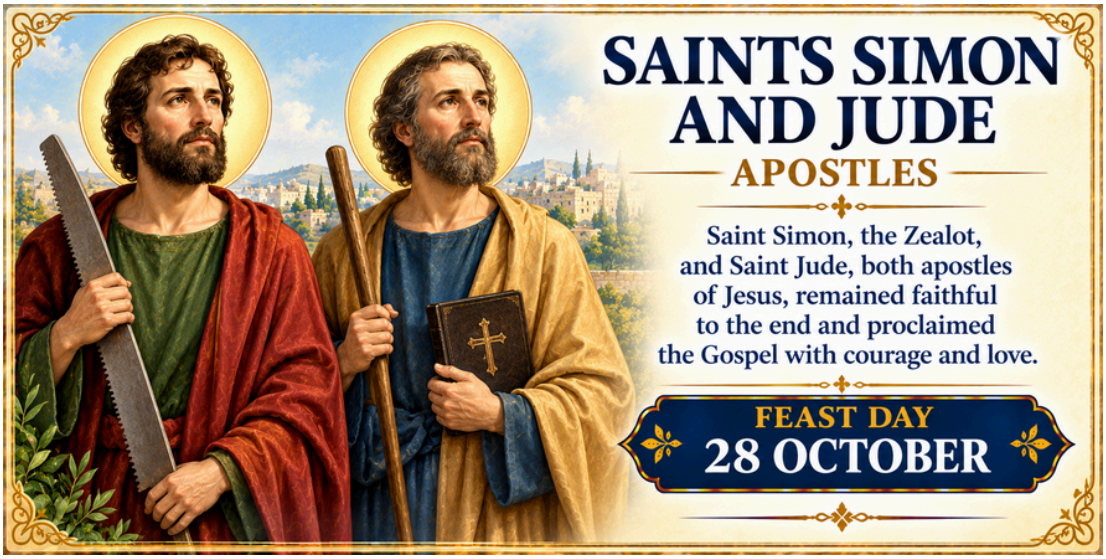
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scriptural context

Quoting scripture

The question and response that we see in this gospel passage was a common form of scholarly debate in the Jewish tradition. The Pharisees ask Jesus which of the commandments is the greatest. Jesus responds by directly quoting the commandment from the ancient scriptures. His reply, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind,' comes directly from Deuteronomy 6:4. Further, Jesus' follow up, 'you must love your neighbour as yourself,' comes from Leviticus 19:18. Deuteronomy and Leviticus are two of the first five books of the Bible that make up the Jewish Torah, or Law.

Living the gospel

Compassion

Jesus' words call us to love our neighbour as ourselves. We are called to treat others as we would like to be treated ourselves. To be able to do this, we need to picture ourselves in their place – experiencing all that they are experiencing; not imposing our own values and circumstances. To see ourselves in the place of another is the key to responding with compassion. The origin of the word, compassion, means experiencing with. If we are able to truly 'experience with' another person perhaps then we can genuinely recognise and respond to their needs.

gospel focus

Love your neighbour as yourself

There is an implicit, or understood, commandment within the command to love your neighbour as yourself. That is, we must first love ourselves. Whilst to say someone 'loves themself' is used as a criticism of a person who is a bit too vain, that is not what is intended here. If we are to love others as we love ourselves we must first be content and happy with who we are. It is only when we are comfortable with who we are that we are able to reach out to those around us with compassion.

Liturgy Roster

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

31th OCTOBER & 1st NOVEMBER 2026 READERS
- Saturday Vigil: Robyn Mackay
- Sunday: Peter Murphy

7th & 8th NOVEMBER 2026 READERS
- Saturday Vigil: Peta Rourke
- Sunday: Kerrie Monkley

CHURCH LINEN:
- Angela Johnston (October)
- Kerrie Monkley (November)

CHURCH CLEANING:
- Lisa & Lyn (25 October -8 November 2026)



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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
- **NO WEEKDAY MASSES 26-30 NOV**

Tuesday -
- Mass 10.30AM
- Rosary (weekly): 11AM

Wednesday - Mass 8.00AM

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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