Our Lady of Lourdes

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

31st October & 1st November 2026 - All Saints Day - Year A



Parish Events

ALL SOULS DAY
Monday 2nd November
9am MASS: OLOL Wauchope Church
6pm MASS: Wauchope Cemetery

No Thurs Mass

Baptism Preparation Meeting
Wed 11 November 2026, 5.30pm

Bundaleer Mass, 11am
Fri 27 November 2026

Parish 9am Mass & Brunch
Sun 29 November 2026

Baptism Preparation Meeting
Wed 9th December 2026, 5.30pm

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.

Parish Priest: Fr Anselm Okeke
Deacon: Rev Shane Hyland
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St Joseph's Primary School
Principal: Nigel Toole
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Parish News

All Saints' Day is a special opportunity for our parish community to celebrate all the saints, known and unknown, who have lived lives of faith and holiness. We give thanks for their inspiring example and the ways they have shared God's love with the world. May their lives encourage us to grow in faith, follow Christ more closely, and strive for holiness in our own daily lives.



"May all the saints in heaven inspire us to live lives of faith, love and holiness. May their prayers guide us closer to Christ and lead us one day to share in the joy of eternal life. Amen."



FAMILY MASS







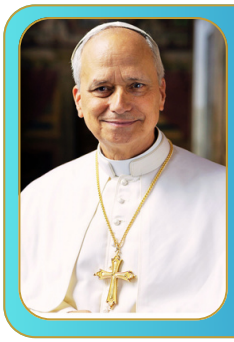
🙏❤️ Our parish was delighted to celebrate Family Mass with St Joseph's Primary School students, families, staff and the wider community. It was a beautiful opportunity to strengthen our faith and parish-school connection, and celebrate our Yr 5 students as they prepare for leadership in 2027. ❤️

Thank you to the 18 men who gathered for our very first Men's Breakfast! It was a fantastic morning of good food, meeting new faces, sharing our stories, and offering mutual support. With so much enthusiasm to keep the momentum going, we look forward to making this a regular event. All men of the parish are warmly invited to join us for the next one—stay tuned for upcoming details!



MEN'S BBQ BREAKFAST & CATCH UP

Joke of the Week - 😂 **The Parish Priest and the Lottery Winner –** A poor old man with a weak heart won $500,000 in the lottery. Worried that the shock might harm him, his children asked his parish priest, a close friend, to break the news gently. The priest visited and asked, "My friend, if you won $500,000, what would you do?" The old man replied, "Father, I would give half of it to you!" The priest dropped dead! 😂



November

For the proper use of wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

Remember in Prayer

Recently Deceased

Mathias Faff

Anniversaries

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Other Intentions

Sick members of the Parish Community

Announcements

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.

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

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.**



Book your 14-day Encounter Tour here: palms.org.au/encounters.

Palms Timor-Leste Encounter 10-23 May 2027!

Volunteers Needed! Catholic Community Connectors needed to assist with the Palms' Simplicity September campaign.

We are doing it again!

Join us for another Parish Market & Yard Sale on **Saturday 14 November 2026!** 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.





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: Revelation 7:2-4. 9-14
A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel. After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.' The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6

(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. **(R.)**

2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. **(R.)**

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. **(R.)**



Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3
A reading from the first letter of St John

We shall see God as he really is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia!



Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ.**



Baptism

We pray for Jack and Laurie Woolnough as they are gifted with the grace of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of baptism.
May the Lord look lovingly on these children and their families.



Living the gospel

Calling on the Saints

Saints play an important role in the devotional life of many Catholic people, but it is a role that causes some confusion for other traditions. Whilst all prayer is directed to God, sometimes that prayer may be directed through one of the Saints or a Saint is called upon to pray on behalf of the petitioner. Images of people kneeling before statues of Saints has led to a misconception that Catholics pray to Saints, rather than to God through the Saint. The Litany of the Saints, with its "Pray for us" response, calls on the Saints to intercede for us.

Have you thought?

Making Saints

Despite media reports that the Church, or the Pope, has "made" a person a Saint, the Church is quite clear that what it does is recognise a person as a Saint, not make them a Saint. This is what happens through the process of canonisation; a person is 'formally recognised' as a Saint by the Church. We might say that it is God who makes Saints, not the Church. The Church formally recognises the saintliness of particular people partly to provide inspiration and example to others. The Church tells the stories of its Saints to keep alive their inspiration.

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Liturgy Roster

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

14th & 15th NOVEMBER 2026 READERS
- Saturday Vigil: Kathy-Ann Henderson
- Sunday: Lyn Murphy

CHURCH LINEN:
- Kerrie Monkley (November)

CHURCH CLEANING:
- Jenny Caller & Kerrie Monkley (8-21 November)



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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

DIF Diocesan Investment Fund
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