Our Lady of Lourdes

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

7th & 8th November 2026 - Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



Parish Events

No Thurs Mass

No Mass 9-13 November

No November Baptism Preparation Meeting

Bundaleer Mass, 11am
Fri 27 November 2026

Parish 9am Mass & Brunch
Sun 29 November 2026

Baptism Preparation Meeting
Wed 9th December 2026, 5.30pm

Whole School Mass, 9.30am
11 December 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.

Parish Priest: Fr Anselm Okeke
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Parish News



All Souls' Day Mass at Wauchope Cemetery - All Souls' Day is a special time in the Catholic Church when we remember and pray for our loved ones who have died, entrusting them to God's loving mercy and care. Celebrating Mass in a cemetery is a beautiful and longstanding tradition, reminding us of our enduring connection with the faithful departed and our hope in the promise of eternal life. On All Souls' Day, Fr Anselm celebrated Mass at Wauchope Cemetery, bringing together local families and members of our parish community in prayer and remembrance. It was a meaningful opportunity to honour those who have gone before us, give thanks for their lives and entrust them to God as we hold onto the hope of the Resurrection.



Clergy Conference
The Annual Diocesan Clergy Conference will be held in Lismore from 9–13 November. Fr Anselm will be away during this period, attending the conference and the Council of Priests meeting.

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 space** please contact the Parish office on 6585 1464, or admin@ololwauchope.com.au.

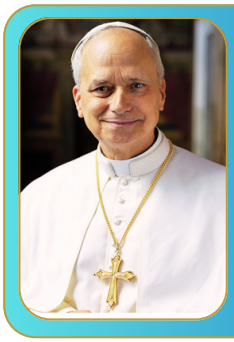


54 International Eucharist Congress:
From 24 September to 1 October 2028, Sydney, Australia will host the 54th International Eucharistic Congress - a global encounter with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Be renewed. Be transformed. Join us on the journey to Eucharist28. Want to volunteer at this once in a lifetime event? www.eucharist28.org/volunteer.

THE 54TH INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028 SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

Join the movement. Believe. Be part of Eucharist28.

Joke of the Week - 😂 Attending a wedding Mass for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?" "Because white is the colour of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life." The child thought about this for a moment, then said, "So why is the groom wearing black?😂



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, Betty Hollis

Other Intentions

Sick members of the Parish Community

Those included in the November Masses

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.**



A Call to the Unified Church: Rhema 99.9

As one body in Christ, Rhema asks churches across Port Macquarie and the Hastings to unite in supporting Rhema 99.9. Please pray, share this appeal, and if you can, offer practical assistance to help secure its future. Visit: www.rhema999.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: Wisdom 6:12-16
A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them. The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.



1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary. to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**
3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**
4. On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 24:42. 44



Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.' The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ.**



Baptism

We pray for Emerald Manna and Archie Walkling 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

Living in hope

A feature of Christian faith is an approach to life that views the future with hope. In our world today many people look to the future with distrust and even fear. As Christians, we look forward with hope. When change occurs, some allow that change to happen to them whilst others engage in the change process and approach it with hope and expectation. Today's gospel reminds us to be ready for what the future holds; to look with hope towards what lies ahead, but to ensure that we've prepared ourselves properly. The future can only be viewed with expectant hope if we've done the proper preparation!

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World Youth Day Seoul 2027

Young Catholics aged 18–35 are invited to join this unforgettable international pilgrimage to deepen their faith, encounter Jesus and celebrate the universal Church. Explore South Korea's significant Catholic pilgrimage sites before gathering in Seoul with young people from around the world for prayer, worship, catechesis and Mass with the Holy Father. | When: 30 July – 11 August 2027 (13 days) | Where: South Korea – Seoul, Suwon, Jeonju and beyond. | Click here or scan the QR code for details.

Liturgy Roster

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

21st & 22nd NOVEMBER 2026 READERS
- Saturday Vigil: Kye Dures
- Sunday: Debbie Fear

CHURCH LINEN:
- Kerrie Monkley (November)

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



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Parish Liturgies

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No Mass 9-13 November 2026
- **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

For further information and our current interest rate, please visit our website www.dif.org.au or contact us on 1800 802 516