Our Lady of Lourdes

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

14th & 15th November 2026 - Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



Parish Events

No Thurs Mass

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

Graduation Mass, 5:30pm
15 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

Anniversary of Priestly Ordination – Fr Anselm



We congratulate Fr Anselm on the anniversary of his priestly ordination. We thank God for the gift of his vocation and for his generous and faithful service to God and His people.

May the Lord continue to strengthen him, guide him and bless his priestly ministry with abundant grace, wisdom and joy. We assure him of our prayers and support as he continues to serve the Church.



Visiting Communion – At Home
If you or someone you know is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, our parish would be pleased to arrange a visit. Please contact the Parish Office on 6585 1464 or email admin@ololwauchope.com.au to make arrangements. All enquiries are warmly welcomed.

Remembering Our Loved Ones - 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 are 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."

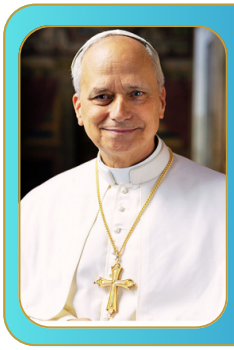
54 International Eucharist Congress:
From 24 September to 1 October 2028, Sydney, Australia will host the 54th International Eucharistic Congress - a global encounter with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Join us on the journey to Eucharist28. www.eucharist28.org

THE 54TH INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028 SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

Join the movement. Believe. Be part of Eucharist28.

Joke of the Week - 😂 The priest and the leaking roof
During heavy rain, a parishioner noticed water leaking through the church roof. He went to the priest and said, "Father, we need to repair the roof." The priest replied, "Don't worry. Let us trust in divine providence." The following Sunday, the parishioner came back and said, "Father, I think divine providence has sent us a message. The rain is now falling directly on the altar!"😂





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

Anniversaries

Joyce Brill, Maureen Roberts

Other Intentions

Sick members of the Parish Community

Those included in the November Masses

Announcements

The Saint Bakhita Song Competition is part of the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking (8 February 2027) and the journey toward **World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul**. Children and young people up to 35, as well as choirs and parish, school, youth and community groups, are invited to compose a short original song for contemplative prayer, carrying a message of hope, peace and human dignity. Five winning songs will be launched on 8 February 2027, and each will receive a prize of $1,000 USD. Please entries to feb8@talithakum.info. **Entries close 15 December 2026** - More info at the back of church.



Free Training! Wesley LifeForce Suicide Prevention Workshops

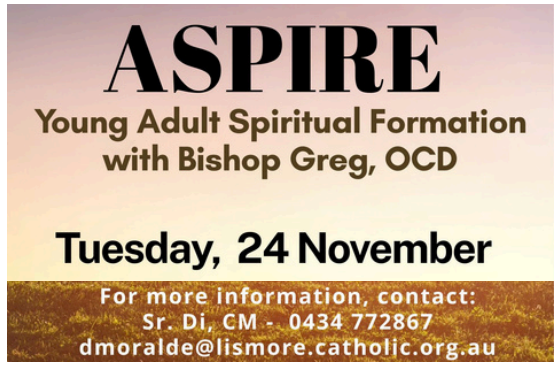
17 Nov 9AM: Supporting Young People Suicide Prevention Workshop
17 Nov 6:30PM: Half Day Suicide Prevention Workshop - Online Event
25 Nov, Port Macquarie Library: (10AM) Suicide Prevention - Disability Support Work, NSW, (1:30PM) Suicide Prevention- Aged Care Staff. See more: **https://www.wesleymission.org.au/get-involved/events/**



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 information or to register, contact the Parish office: 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. 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: Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31
A reading from the book of Proverbs

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates. The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **(R.)**
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. **(R.)**



Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: John 15:4. 5

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!



Gospel: Matthew 25:14-15. 19-21
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."' The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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Catholic Impact Report

The 2025 Catholic Impact Report is available for you to read now. It highlights the collective mission, service and outreach of the Diocese of Lismore for the last calendar year. The report reflects the service and generosity of our clergy, religious, staff and volunteers, whose service brings the Gospel to life in practical and meaningful ways each day.

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Different View

'To everyone who has will be given more.'

The parable of the talents is sometimes misused to validate an overemphasis on material wealth in many Western societies. There can be an attitude that says 'more is better'; that possessions are a sign of success. Such advocates point to the favour bestowed on the servants who doubled their money and the punishment dealt to the lazy servant who simply returned to his master what he was given. Proponents of the increasingly popular 'gospel of prosperity' hold that God wants Christians to be materially and financially rich and that their wealth is proof of God's love. This stands in stark contrast to Jesus' vision of the Kingdom.

Living the gospel

Bring forth the Kingdom.

Like the original audience of Matthew's gospel, we can sometimes rely too much on God to bring about the Kingdom in our world. Like the lazy servant in the gospel, we can fall into the trap of handing the world back to God in exactly the same condition that we received it. We have to make a difference in the world! We are called to change the world and bring it closer to the realisation of the Kingdom. The only way that we can do that it is to live our lives as if the Kingdom is already here.

Liturgy Roster

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

28th & 29th NOVEMBER 2026 READERS
- Saturday Vigil: Monica Watt
- Sunday: Family Mass / St Joeys Primary

CHURCH LINEN:
- Kerrie Monkley (November)

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



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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