Our Lady of Lourdes

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

21st & 22nd November 2026 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 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

Music: An Expression of Our Faith and Worship

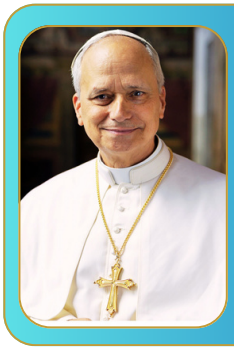


Music is an integral part of our celebration of the Eucharist. Through singing, we express our thanksgiving to God, unite our voices as a community of faith and deepen our reverence for the gift of Holy Communion. Singing has always been part of the worship of God's people. In the Old Testament, Moses and the Israelites sang in thanksgiving for their freedom (Exodus 15), while the Psalms are filled with prayers of praise, gratitude and hope. In the New Testament, Jesus and His disciples sang a hymn after the Last Supper (Matthew 26:30), and St Paul encouraged Christians to sing "psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God" (Colossians 3:16).
The Catholic Church recognises sacred music as an important part of the liturgy. The Second Vatican Council reminds us that music is an integral part of the celebration (Sacrosanctum Concilium, 112). The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM, 39–41) also encourages singing as an expression of the unity and active participation of the whole assembly.
As St Augustine reminds us, "Singing is for one who loves" (GIRM, 39). May our singing always come from hearts filled with faith and love for God.

A heartfelt thank you to our parish choir and music ministers for generously sharing your time, talents and voices in the service of our parish. Your ministry does more than provide music; it helps lead our community in prayer, praise and thanksgiving. Every song offered with faith becomes a prayer, helping us lift our hearts to God.
May you continue to sing with joy and dedication, knowing that your voices are a blessing to our community and an offering of love to the Lord.



YOU ARE INVITED! 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!



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

Sr Anne Hannigan RSM, Mathias Faff, Betty Hollis

Anniversaries

Jason Davis, Ted Biefield, Joyce Brill, Maureen Roberts

Other Intentions

Sick members of the Parish Community

Those included in the November Masses

Announcements

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."



aftermass.

Coming 2027

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**. 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.



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: 6585 1464 or admin@ololwauchope.com.au to make arrangements. Enquiries are warmly welcomed.

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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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.**

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Young Adult Spiritual Formation with Bishop Greg, OCD

Tuesday, 24 November

For more information, contact:
Sr. Di, CM - 0434 772867
dmoralde@lismore.catholic.org.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***

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First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17 A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats. The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 22:1-3, 5-6, R. see v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. **(R.)**
2. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. **(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: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28 A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: Mark 11:9-10

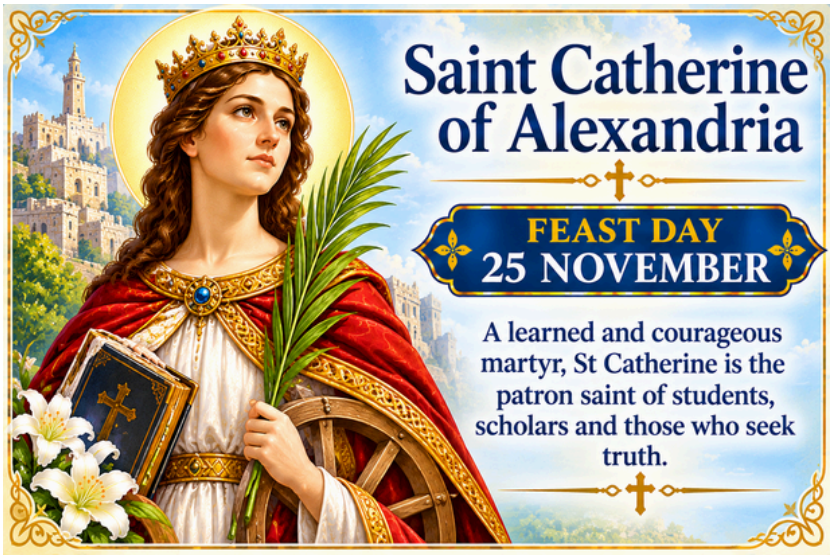
Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

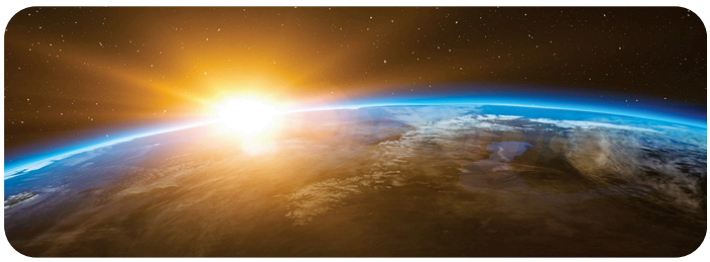


Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.' The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ.**





Joke of the Week - The Sanctuary Lamp 😂 😂

A little boy was growing restless during a very long Sunday homily. Looking up at the red sanctuary candle near the altar, he tugged on his father's sleeve and whispered, "Dad, when the lights turn green, can we go?"



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Have you thought?
Christ the King

This week's liturgy marks the end of the liturgical cycle. Next week begins the new year with the season of Advent. The liturgy is celebrated as the Feast of Christ the King – reminding us of a very imperial model of church and theology that reflected the structure of the Roman Empire and later, Feudal Europe. To have this reading on the feast of Christ the King is a powerful reminder of how Jesus envisaged the Kingdom of God. For Jesus, the Kingdom was not a rule of power and status but a rule of justice and peace for even the lowliest. It is an apt conclusion to the liturgical year.

gospel focus
The Final Judgment

Often referred to as 'The Final Judgment', this gospel presents an understanding of judgment and punishment that reflects the theology and culture of the first century. It is an image that has continued to dominate Christian art and theology for most of its history: the idea of God sitting in judgment on the final day and weighing up each individual's actions. It is often applied very literally and it is a dominant image of God represented in the media – TV sit-coms and movies often draw on the image. It is a literalist image of God that needs to be challenged. We must remember that the focus of the gospel passage is on the call to action for justice.

Liturgy Roster

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

5th & 6th DECEMBER 2026 READERS
- Saturday Vigil: Peta Rourke
- Sunday: Peter Murphy

CHURCH LINEN:
- Kerrie Monkley (November)

CHURCH CLEANING:
- Ken Ogilvie & Ian Adams (22 Nov-5 Dec 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

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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