



# ST JOSEPH'S PARISH FAMILY

## Weekly News

*Let Your Light Shine* (Matthew 5:16)

Consecrated to Mary Help of Christians  
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A 26 MARCH 2023

**TODAY'S READINGS** Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

**NEXT WEEK (Passion Sunday, Yr A)** Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 21; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

### EASTER RECONCILIATION TIMES

**A 2nd Rite Reconciliation  
will be held**

On Tuesday 28 March 6pm at  
St Anthony's Kingscliff. All Welcome.

**Service of Forgiveness  
Friday 31 March at 7pm**

**Holy Week Reconciliations**  
Reconciliation will be available  
following Mass until 10.15am on  
Monday 3 April, Tuesday 4 April,  
Wednesday 5 April  
And Thursday 6 April from 4—5pm

### EASTER MASS TIMES

**6 April: HOLY THURSDAY**  
6pm *The Lord's Supper*

**7 April: GOOD FRIDAY**  
9.30am *Stations of the Cross*  
3pm *The Passion of the Lord*

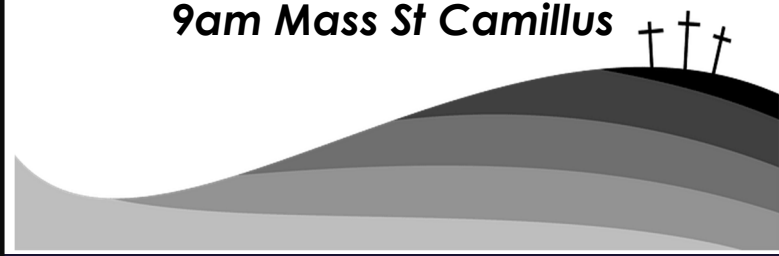
**8 April: EASTER SATURDAY**  
7pm *Easter Vigil*

**9 April: EASTER SUNDAY**  
7am Mass and 9am Mass  
9am Mass St Camillus

### **PROJECT COMPASSION FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Tereesa, Priscilla and Thu. Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.** Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.



# Reflection



It must be difficult for somebody who has never experienced love to understand the Gospels. They are so full of different emotions, many of them tender. Just think of the beautiful reconciliation between Jesus and Peter after the resurrection. Jesus allows Peter to say that he loves him on no less than three occasions. Thankfully, most of us can write down a long list of people we have loved and also of those who have loved us. Many names would ap-

pear on both lists! We keep a special place in our hearts and prayers for the people we know who have died. Even after a long time, their memory will still bring a tear to our eyes. That sorrow comes from a place of deep gratitude. God changes the world one heart at a time.

When we encounter today's Gospel, the story of the raising of Lazarus, we are in a world of emotion. Martha and Mary are grieving for their brother. Jesus loves these two women. Thomas, the twin, is full of bravado and bluster, just as he was later when he wanted proof of the resurrection. Both Martha and Mary are disappointed, even angry, that Jesus has not come sooner. Jesus weeps at the grave of his friend. The mourners who have come to comfort the family must also have been sensitive to the situation. When Jesus says 'I am the resurrection and the life' he is not explaining an idea. He is responding to the deepest longings of our hearts, as he always does.

Today's Psalm reminds us 'My soul is longing for the Lord more than the watcher for daybreak.' Over the last few weeks we have shared some of the stories presented to us by Caritas Australia to make us more aware of the inspirational work we can support through Project Compassion. There have been stories from Zimbabwe, Vietnam, Nepal and First Australians. Through your generosity, Caritas Australia is able to support partners in 18 different countries. These are all people who, not unlike Lazarus, are longing to be unbound and set free. The Gospel calls us to believe in the Life to which Jesus invites us; that Life is built on justice and compassion.

**Ezekiel 37:12-14      Romans 8:8-11      John 11:1-45**

*Written by Michael McGirr*

**TAI CHI GROUP**  
**Meeting every Thursday 3.30pm in the**  
**Parish Centre.**

**Ladies & Gents welcome**  
**New members very welcome.**  
**Gold coin donation.**



# Parish News

## PASTORAL CORNER

**EASTER ROSTERS:** Thank you to those who have volunteered for our Easter Ceremonies.

If you have not already done so, you can add your name to the list on the back table.

**We are also looking for 12 people to nominate to have their feet washed at our Holy Thursday Mass.**



Please place your name on the sheet provided which is also on the back table.

It is hoped to have this completed by the end of next week.

**Kathy Twohill Pastoral Associate**

## PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

**The recently deceased:** Josephine Picarelli, Aroha Charles, Margaret Cairns, Gerry Doyle, John Hughes, Rocchina Ciampa, **Anniversaries:** Ann Collyer and those occurring at this time

**Also for:** all those whom Masses and prayers here been requested.

**For those who are sick:** Fr Anthony Lemon, Liam Baker, Leon Darmody, Aimee Arun, Margaret Griffiths, Bernadette Ferraro, Dawn Bennett, John Borger



## MEN'S GROUP

The next catch up will be on 4<sup>th</sup> April with a lunch at **Twin Towns Bistro** at **11.30 am.**

The big May trip will be discussed.

See you there.

If you are new to the parish you are most welcome to attend.

## LISMORE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

*Presents*

## RENAISSANCE

**SUNDAY 2 APRIL 3PM**

St Carthage's Cathedral Lismore

Lismore Symphony Orchestra presents our Renaissance concert: an afternoon of music which inspires reflection and hopefully revival of culture, spirit, and music. This event will see the LSO collaborate with organist Warren Whitney, the Murwillumbah Philharmonic choir and St Carthage's Cathedral choir.

For tickets go to [lismoresymphony.org](http://lismoresymphony.org)

## FUNERAL SERVICE MARGARET CAIRNS

Funeral prayers for our long term parishioner Margaret Cairns, will be held on Thursday 30 March commencing at 11am.

Margaret passed away 5 March at Tweed Hospital. *Rest In Peace.*

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Will be led by The Legion of Mary, each Friday during Lent following morning Mass. **All welcome**

**LEGION OF MARY:** Weekly meetings Wednesday 10am in the Parish Fatcher Room. **All welcome.**

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL  
@6.00 pm

SUNDAY  
@7AM @9AM

ST CAMILLUS BILAMBIL  
9AM

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES  
Monday to Friday  
9.10AM  
Saturday 9AM

ROSARY

Before Mass Monday to Friday  
Commencing at 8.40am  
Saturday 8.30am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.30 - 5.30PM  
and 1st Friday 9.40 – 10am

BAPTISM

Please contact the parish office  
with any Baptism enquiries.

SACRAMENTS AND  
VISITS TO THE SICK

Please contact the parish office

NEWSLETTERS

If you would like to receive the  
weekly news or any upcoming  
events and information via email  
please contact the parish office  
on 0755367522

Or email  
[tweedadmin@stjosephs.org.au](mailto:tweedadmin@stjosephs.org.au)

ROSTERS 1/2 APRIL 2023  
PALM SUNDAY YR A

**6PM FR WILBER TOBE**

Sacristan: Karen Watson  
Adult Server: Karen Watson  
Liturgy Coordinators: Judith Ranke  
Commentator & POF: Judith Ranke  
Readers: Irene Antu & Maree Cargnoni  
Communion: Mandy Barone & Enrico Barone

**7am FR WILBER TOBE**

Sacristan: Diane Paynter  
Adult Server: Marie Norton  
Liturgy Coordinators: Iris Nathan  
Commentator: Paul Reidy  
Readers: Paul Reidy & Brian Turner  
Communion: Paul & Patricia Bolster

**9am FR MX REGO SM**

Sacristan: Pat Twohill  
Adult Server: Mary Mason  
Liturgy Coordinators: Jan Rolph  
Commentator: Marie Wilkinson  
Readers: Denis Pommer & Helen Gullison  
Communion: Jenny Williams & Frances Garland

**9am St Camillus Bilambil: FR MICHAEL BRADY**



**The Catholic Diocese of Lismore  
Safeguarding Office**

If you or a person close to you  
has been abused by someone  
working or ministering within the  
Diocese of Lismore, we ask you  
to contact us. We will listen to  
you respectfully; offer support and discuss options  
you have available to you. To contact the Safe-  
guarding Office, please phone (02) 6621 9444 or  
email

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