



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH FAMILY

Weekly News

Let Your Light Shine (Matthew 5:16)

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TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 1 OCTOBER 2023

TODAY'S READINGS Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

NEXT WEEK (27th Sunday of Year A) Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 79; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43

PRAY THAT GOD WALKS WITH US Many parents today could empathise with the father asking each of his two sons to work in their vineyard. It is not an unreasonable request. Presumably their livelihood relies on the income from the vineyard, and the father speaks not harshly but with affection, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." Jesus does not explain the motivation of the two sons, but the defiance of the first son in initially refusing to work in the vineyard would have hurt his father. Jesus does not say why the son then 'thought better of it' and went to work. Perhaps it was seeing the pain on his father's face. The point for Jesus is that he changed his mind. The second son instantly agreed to his father's request but then reneged.

As St Matthew recounts, Jesus is telling this story in a contest with the chief priests and elders of the people who have challenged his authority to be teaching and acting as he does. So, he tells this story and asks them to decide who did the father's will. Of course, they answered: the one who went to work in the vineyard.

In words that must have shocked and outraged his opponents, Jesus declares: 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you'. At that time, tax collectors collaborated with the oppressive Roman authorities and made money for themselves as well. They were socially despised and outside the Jewish law, like the prostitutes.

Yet these despised people were among those who heard and believed the message of John the Baptist, 'a pattern of true righteousness', while the chief priests and elders, the very ones who should have been most alert to the message of John, refused to accept him. They were like the second son who said he would go to the vineyard, but then refused. Jesus is declaring that God's loving embrace is available to everyone, especially those who feel most excluded, or who are 'seekers' drawn by some deep inner longing. This incident of Jesus arguing with these religious leaders also carries a warning for us today. We too can be deaf to the unexpected call of God. Moreover, Jesus insists that responding to the father's will is not just a matter of words, but of action. Actions speak louder than words.

So, we pray that God will truly walk with us, and help us live with insightful concern for others, especially in this traumatic year that has included extensive bushfires, COVID-19 and economic distress for many.

Let us also embrace the call of Pope Francis in his encyclical *Laudato Si'* to play our part in protecting our planet and environment, while striving for a more just world with social and economic systems that serve everyone well.

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YEAR 12 - ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE: last week a group of the Year 12 students joined parishioners for Mass, then provided morning tea afterwards. This was part of the annual Year 12 Outreach Day prior to their graduation.

The Graduation Mass was held in our church on Wednesday evening, celebrated by Fr Wilber To-be who is chaplain to the three schools.

We wish the current Year 12 all the very best as they begin preparations for their HSC commencing in October. Parishioner Prayer cards to pray for a student, will be made available prior to commencement of exams.

Aid to the Church in Need invites all parishes, schools and families to take part in our annual "One million children praying the Rosary," on 18 October 2023. Last year 40,000 Australian children participated. Free resources can be found online including reflections for children and a prayer of consecration for children to the Mother of God. To learn more and to register visit www.aidtochurch.org/onemillionchildren.

MARIAN VALLEY: Please come and join us at the Marian Valley for the feast of Our Lady of Fatima on the 13 October. The bus will be picking up at 8.15 am (9.15am NSW) at Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters. The Cost for the bus fare \$25.00 return. To book contact Xavier Solomon 0404 843 260, Madeleine on 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573, All are welcome.



CARITAS AUSTRALIA Emergency Appeals Morocco / Libya

Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water and medical assistance. Please support **Caritas Australia's emergency appeals**.

Donate at

www.caritas.org.au



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Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/timor

World Mission Month Appeal. Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 October

In three weeks' time, Catholic Mission will share an opportunity for you to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Timor-Leste as they continue to provide an essential community project that addresses the gaps in care and well-being in rural communities like Venilale.

This work simply will not be possible without your support. We hope you will accept this invitation to make a real and lasting impact for those in need.

Appeal Envelopes will be available

PASTORAL CORNER: a big **THANK YOU** to our Tai Chi Group, through their kind donation of monies collected from their group meeting each week, we have been able to give our beautiful Prayer Garden a good tidy up. The path has been repaired and mulch added, further work will continue.
Kathy Twohill—Pastoral Associate

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

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

SACRED HEART PARISH MURWILLUMBAH presents **Fr Ray Sanchez** speaking on **Grief and Loss.**

Fr Ray will explore the process of the grief we go through and how to make sense of it through our faith, as well as what can help us work our way through it to a place of greater peace. **Two sessions available**

Friday 13 October at 6:30 pm - followed by wine and cheese **Saturday 14 October at 10:30 am** - followed by refreshments in **Parish Hall | College Library Everyone Is Most Welcome**

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: **The recently deceased:** Liugia Pavan, Helen Cooke, Amber Brosnan, Robert Ylagan, Paul Brady, Patrick Campion, Josie Campion, Peter Hyde **Anniversaries:** Peter Bolster, Lillian Kearney, Bernard Moylan, Alvin Lai, Arleene Hilder 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, Aimee Arun, Margaret Griffiths, Dawn Bennett, John Borger, Desmond Everson, Dorothy Guest, Trish Baldwin, Tony Mason, Shirley MacGregor, Pat Trappell, Colleen Carstairs, Greg Toon.

LEGION OF MARY

Weekly meetings Wednesday 10am in the Parish Futchter 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 - 4.45pm

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

OFFICE HOURS

Mon –Thurs 8.30am to 4pm

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

ROSTERS 7/8 OCT 2023

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR A

6PM FR WILBER TOBE

Sacristan: Karen Watson

Adult Server: Karen Watson

Liturgy Coordinators: Mary Lynch

Commentator: Nic McTaggart

Readers: Jenny Williams & Denis Pommer

Communion: Patricia Cummins & Una Murphy

7AM FR WILBER TOBE

Sacristan: Diane Paynter

Adult Server: Sally Engle

Liturgy Coordinators: Iris Nathan

Commentator: Tina Lewis

Readers: Tina Lewis & Gavin Holmes

Communion: Chris Clurey & Gavin Holmes

9AM FR MX REGO SM

Sacristan: Kurian Vaghese

Adult Server: Beena Kurian

Liturgy Coordinators: Frances Garland

Commentator: Marie Wilkinson

Readers: Marie Morrin & Jayahna Dransfield

Communion: Sheeja Raj & Helen Muldoon

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: safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au*