



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH FAMILY

Weekly News

Let Your Light Shine (Matthew 5:16)

Consecrated to Mary Help of Christians

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

3 NOVEMBER 2024

TODAY'S READINGS Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28-34

NEXT WEEK (32nd Sunday of Year B) 1 Kings 17:10-16; Psalm 145; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44



God's love is written on our hearts From the moment in Chapter 12 of the Book of Genesis when God promises salvation to Abraham, the story of the Old Testament people is one of them repeatedly being called to faithfulness. In the Book of Deuteronomy, we listen to Moses, who having just received the Ten Commandments, now tells the people not to regard these Commandments as a list of instructions to be obeyed, but words to be written on their hearts.

When Jesus is questioned by the scribe about which is the first of the commandments, without hesitation, Jesus sums it all up by reminding him that everything begins and ends with the love of God and our neighbour. Happily, and for once with one of the scribes, the conversation ends in agreement and Jesus is able to assure him that he is "not far from the Kingdom of God." Notably the scribe has recognised that love is more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.

I suggest that here we have a fruitful focus for our meditation. The Law of God is not there to make life difficult for us or to catch us out, but when it is written on our hearts, it enables us to live a life of love: to live life to the full. When Jesus came into our world he presented us with a wholly new vision of God. He reveals that God is a Father who has created us for love and in sending his Son has shown us the ultimate meaning of sacrifice, for we now know that we have a God who *literally* loves us to death.

Accordingly, in the letter to the Hebrews the nature of priesthood and sacrifice is explored. Christ has made the ultimate sacrifice "once and for all." Now it is up to us to imitate his sacrificial form of loving by recognising that love is the emptying of ourselves so that we can give ourselves completely to God and our neighbour. That is precisely why we gather each Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist: the memorial of Christ's sacrifice and the means whereby he fulfils his promise to be with us always; the means whereby he unites us with himself and one another by feeding us with himself.

Jesus assured us the Holy Spirit would lead us to all truth: the truth about God, about ourselves and about the world around us. At each Eucharist we invoke the Holy Spirit to make Christ present so that we can indeed be transformed into his Body and be able to proclaim a message of love, hope, compassion and reconciliation to a world which so desperately needs more people to have God's word written on their hearts.

When we are sent forth from the Eucharist this weekend, may it be with renewed confidence that God's word is written large on our hearts.

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Lismore Diocesan Renewal Journey

OCTOBER 2024 - Renewal Journey Update

Inter-parish collaboration exciting progress

After months of planning and discussions the Diocesan Renewal team exploring inter-parish collaboration has set up a pilot group of three parishes, Kingscliff, Murwillumbah and Tweed. The team is led by the Chair of the Pastoral Council in Sawtell, Trevor Cooper, and includes both priests and lay people from parishes including Wauchope, Kingscliff, Port Macquarie, Macleay Valley and Murwillumbah. On Saturday 12 October, the team met with stakeholders from the pilot parishes for the second round of collaboration meetings. The meeting commenced with a special welcome from Bishop Greg to the delegates.

One of the team members, Geoff Melville from the Macleay Valley Parish, said there was wonderful evidence of the Holy Spirit being present during the meeting as the parish priests and representatives worked with the collaboration team brain storming ideas that could support each parish. The representatives of each parish provided a thorough review of their parish life vitality, financial sustainability and organisation capability, which led to a general brain storming of ideas from all participants. A representative of each parish then worked with the project team facilitators to reduce the range of ideas that can now be finalised at our next meeting together. Geoff said that the parish collaboration meetings have been generous, respectful and supportive of each parish and the willingness of each parish to support each other through common goals has been inspiring.

The team is starting preliminary meetings with a new group of parishes to encourage collaboration.



Appointment of Renewal Journey Coordinator

Bishop Greg has announced the appointment of Dr Madeline Beveridge to the new position of Pastoral Projects Leader for the Diocesan Renewal Journey. Madeline is an experienced educator and leader, holding a PhD in education with a focus on mathematics and a Master of Religious Education. Madeline was previously Leader of Catechesis at Xavier Catholic College Ballina. Madeline was educated in Lismore at Our Lady of Lourdes, St Carthages, and Trinity Catholic College.



Dr Madeline Beveridge

Want to know more?

Please email us at renewal@lismore.catholic.org.au or visit the Renewal section on our Diocesan website via the QR code below or at: lismorediocese.org/renewal.



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PASTORAL CORNER: Firstly, I had a wonderful holiday and now I hit the ground running with Christmas around the corner and many jobs to attend to.

I have placed small velvet black holders in the Sacristy which are for our Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to place their pyx in. If you take communion to the sick then please feel free to take one.

Just a heads up that on Saturday 7th December there will be a free community fun day held in Jack Evans boat harbour. This is run by local churches in our Shire. Our parish is joining with St Anthony's Parish, Kingscliff in making religious Christmas Craft. If anyone wishes to help out on the day for say an hour or so then please contact me at the parish office. More information on this to follow in the next couple of weeks.

Kathy Twohill—Pastoral Associate

MARIAN VALLEY: please come and join us at the Marian Valley Church 13 November—Our Lady of Fatima's Feast. The bus will be picking up Sharp at 8.15 am at the Sacred Heart Church Clear Island Waters.

The Cost for the bus fare \$25.00 return. To book contact Xavier 0404 843 260, Madeleine on 0405 252 367 or Chris 0451 302 674, all are welcome.

PARISH NEWS



MEN'S GROUP ST JOSEPH'S PARISH MEN'S GROUP

**Trip to the Police Museum Roma
Street Brisbane
Tuesday 12 November**

This is our last trip for 2024 and it will be a little different. We will travel by public transport and train to Roma Street. Due to the 50 cent fares in Queensland the total travel cost of the trip will be \$3.00. The Museum is free and includes a guided tour and commentary. Lunch will be at Irish Murphy's 175 George Street City. If you don't have a "Go Card" no problem let us know at the contact address below and we will organize paper tickets.

If you would like to come along please contact us. If you have any friends you would like to bring along they are most welcome.

**Contact details Vern – 0459 343 656
or vernchris@bigpond.com**



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

The recently deceased: Richard Humby, Tarcela Maric, Anna Patriarca, Ghislaine Postic, Denise Robinson, Michael Rudd, **Anniversaries:** Anthony Corpus, Darcey Small, Kerin Kenny, **Also:** Tita Hinayon, Kevin Young & Holy Souls and for all those whom Masses and prayers have been requested. **For those who are sick:** Fr Anthony Lemon, Pat Trappell, Carmel Williams, Violeta O'Brien, Fran McDonald, Henry Vujica, Bruce Wall, Donovan Searle, Diane Paynter, Narelle Martin, Joanne Kirk, Rae Bliss, Leon Darmody, Fay McRae, Moira Nobbs, Charmaine Denaro, Mila Calonia Fr John Begg SM

LEGION OF MARY

Meeting Wednesday 10am in the Parish Fatcher Room new members welcome

PARISH PRIEST: Fr Michael Brady - pp@stjosephs.org.au
ASSISTANT PRIEST: Fr Nicolas Maurice & Fr MX Rego SM
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE: Kathy Twohill - ktwohill@stjosephs.org.au

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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 5.00 - 5.45pm
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

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

9/10 NOVEMBER 2024

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR B

6PM FR NICOLAS MAURICE

Sacristan: Pat Twohill

Adult Server: Cathy Cripps

Liturgy Coordinators: Carmen Carra

Commentator: Nic McTaggart

Readers: J Dransfield & Denis Pommer

Communion: Pat Twohill & Carmen Carra

7AM FR MICHAEL BRADY

Sacristan: Vern Burton

Adult Server: Marie Norton

Liturgy Coordinators: Iris Nathan

Commentator: Tina Lewis

Readers: Gavin Holmes & Jennifer Welk

Communion: Iris Nathan & Gavin Holmes

9AM FR MX REGO SM

Sacristan: Kurian Vaghese

Adult Server: Beena Kurian

Liturgy Coordinators: Jan Rolph

Commentator: Marie Wilkinson

Readers: Scott Thomson & Pam Sullivan

Communion: Arun Sankar & Helen Muldoon

9AM ST CAMILLUS, BILAMBIL: FR MICHAEL ALCOCK

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Office can be contacted if you have
any Safeguarding concerns. We
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support, and discuss all options
available. Contact the Safeguarding Office
- Phone: (02) 6621 9444 or
Email: safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au

