



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH FAMILY

Weekly News

Let Your Light Shine

(Matthew 5:16)

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

26th January 2025

TODAY'S READINGS Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 **NEXT WEEK** (4th Sunday of Year C) Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; Psalm 70; 1 Corinthians 12:31 – 13:13; Luke 4:21-30

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

Luke 4:14

PLEASE NOTE - PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE NOTICE

Due to staffing issues, the parish office will be closed on Monday 3 February and Thursday 6 February 2025 (2 days). If there are any issues on either of these days, please email our Parish Business Manager on pbm@stjosepsh.org.au
We apologise for any inconvenience.

IT IS ALL ABOUT TODAY



MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will hold a smoko meeting on **Tuesday 4th February at 10.30am** (NSW Time) at the **Tweed Heads Bowls Club**. *Our numbers are declining and we encourage as many men and their friends as possible to attend and discuss our program for 2025.*

Returning home after more than eleven years 'on mission' overseas has been a challenging and confronting experience. So much has changed. I've changed. Society has changed. The Church has changed. So much is unfamiliar to me and I'm 'unknown'. I feel like a foreigner in the country I call home.

Luke portrays something similar in the gospel. After being away, Jesus has returned home for a visit. Some people will remember him growing up in Nazareth. Others will know his parents. Others may have benefitted from his carpentry skills. Others may be curious or uncertain about why he's returned. Others may treat him with suspicion if he's unknown to them.

He's not some 'local lad' who's come home after travelling or working away. He has a reputation and it's gone ahead of him. He's somewhat of a 'celebrity'. Will he live up to his reputation? Will he be as wise as they've heard? Will he say or do something special in his home town? Will he challenge them to live differently and change their way of life?

As expected, Jesus goes to the synagogue on the Sabbath, where he would have spent time as a boy and young man. He's handed the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and he reads: *"The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour."*

Jesus then says something that disturbs and challenges those who are gathered: *"This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen."* Surely he's not suggesting that he is the fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy? The people were expecting the Messiah sometime in the future. They can't believe that the time is now. The Messiah is there in their midst! Naturally, they can't comprehend what's just unfolded in their presence. In time, they will want him to prove his prophetic words through special deeds and miraculous signs.

"Today" has really disturbed them. Jesus says nothing about the future. Rather, he claims that he has the power to transform the present. Good times are not some future dream. They are here now, and the Kingdom of God is among them. Today is what counts. Today grace abounds. Today the kingdom is realised. Today God is revealed.

"Today" is the very reason that this gospel challenged the people of Jesus' home town, and it challenges us to be open to the life of Christ here and now, and to live our lives to the full. The fulfilment of God's promise *today* is important for us to understand and embrace, so that we'll not miss the grace of God's saving action in the simple, ordinary and everyday experiences and encounters of our lives.

PARISH NEWS

PASTORAL CORNER: Firstly, many thanks to

THANK YOU



those who volunteered to help out "Our Lady of the Rosary Lunch with

Friends". This will make a huge difference to the organisation of this ministry.

A new roster is out for our Parish Pantry. For those involved please take your copy which I have left in the Sacristy.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Kathy Twohill Pastoral Associate

FUNDRAISING

Our fundraising group will be holding a bookstall to raise funds to have some cloths made for the Sanctuary Table.

They are seeking donations of books that are in good condition. If you can assist, please drop them to the parish office or leave at the back of the church. More info on dates to come.

MURWILLUMBAH LEGION OF MARY MARIAN VALLEY BUS TRIP

Saturday 15 February 2025

This bus trip invites parishioners from Kingscliff and Tweed Heads to join, with pick-up from St Anthony's Kingscliff and St Joseph's Tweed Heads for those wanting to attend. This is a great opportunity to visit Marian Valley.

The cost is \$30 per couple (bring a friend / plus one) or \$25 per person.

Book tickets now with Legion Of Mary President

Philomena Zambelli 0414 201 940

A light sandwich lunch will be included - you are also welcome to bring your own food/drinks/snacks. Wheelchair Access: NO

FINAL MASS AT ST CAMILLUS BILAMBIL



After a lengthy discernment process, the Bishop has given approval for St Camillus' Church at Bilambil to be alienated and the property sold. As we prepare to close the church, we will have a final celebration Mass at St Camillus. The date chosen by Fr Michael for this Mass is Sunday 9 March. Bishop Greg Homeming will be celebrating this Mass. More information will be shared in the coming weeks.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: The recently deceased: Lydia Sabando, Hazel Wright, Jason Talarico, Wilma Baudin Igonia, Ma Tita, Sr Ursula O'Dwyer **Anniversaries:** Brad Bolster, Jessie Chircop, Mary Carra, Kevin Young & Deceased family members, Marcello Pavan, Victor Harvey, Carolina Bantista, Leody Bantista, Mary Luka, Mary McDonald, Paul Evers, Rosemary Cooley, **Also:** for all those whom Masses and prayers have been requested **AND For those who are sick** Leon Darmody

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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
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ROSTERS 1/2 February 2025

The Presentation of the Lord YEAR C

6PM Fr Michael Brady

Sacristan: Karen Watson
Adult Server: Karen Watson
Liturgy Coordinators: Maree Cargnoni
Commentator & POF: Mary Lynch
Readers: Maree Cargnoni & Una Murphy
Communion: Enrico Barone & Mandy Barone

7am Fr Nicolas Maurice

Sacristan: Vern Burton
Adult Servers: Mary Mason & Simon Dolosa
Liturgy Coordinator: Maree Laarhoven
Commentator: Gavin Holmes
Readers: Gavin Holmes & Jennifer Welk
Communion: Iris Nathan & Gavin Holmes

9am Fr MX Rego SM

Sacristan: Pat Twohill
Adult Server: Judith Ranke
Liturgy Coordinators: Jan Rolph
Commentator: Marie Wilkinson
Readers: Marissa O'Connor & Janita Thomson
Communion: Helen Muldoon & George Cranney

9am St Camillus Bilambil: Fr Michael Alcock



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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-
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