



# ST JOSEPH'S PARISH FAMILY

## Weekly News *Let Your Light Shine*

(Matthew 5:16)

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR C

1 JUNE 2025



**TODAY'S READINGS** Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23 (or Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:19-23); Luke 24:46-53 **NEXT WEEK (Pentecost Sunday, Year C):** Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 103; Romans 8:8-17; John 14:15-16, 23-26

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE** FOR CHANGE OF MASS TIME

Please note that from next weekend Saturday 7 June up to and including 30 August the Vigil Mass will commence at 5pm  
Reconciliation will be available from 4 to 4.30pm

### **Fr Paul McDonald Appointed Our Administrator**

Following the retirement of Fr. Michael Brady as Parish Priest of St. Joseph's Tweed Heads, the Bishop has appointed Fr. Paul McDonald as Administrator. This arrangement is seen as temporary until the Bishop is in a position to make a permanent appointment.

Fr Paul's role will be to meet regularly with the priests, parish staff and other groups to provide support and assist with organisation and administration. Most of the sacramental, pastoral and chaplaincy roles will continue to be undertaken by the priests and parish staff currently in Tweed Heads.

During this interim period this team approach is consistent with the journey of collaboration the parishes of the Tweed Valley (Murwillumbah, Tweed Heads and Kingscliff) have been travelling for almost the past twelve months.

Fr. Paul will continue as Parish Priest of Kingscliff and Vicar General, together with several other Diocesan commitments.

**FR KEVIN EHLEFELDT MSC:** many of our long term parishioners will remember Fr Kevin not just from his time supplying to our church, but growing up in our area. Fr Kevin passed away in Sydney on 24 May at the age of 95. His Funeral was at the Sacred Heart Monastery, Kensington on Thursday 29 May. Fr. Kevin was born in Murwillumbah and grew up in Banora Point and Terranora before leaving at the age of 16 to join the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.

He spent the last 20 years of his active ministry supplying throughout the Lismore Diocese, including the parishes of Tweed Heads, Murwillumbah and Kingscliff.

Our parish office has many fond memories of time spent with Fr Kevin, please keep him in your prayers.

## A SHARED RESPONSIBIITY FOR GOD'S MISSION

The Italian composer Giacomo Puccini wrote famous operas such as *La Boheme*, *Madama Butterfly* and *Tosca*. It was during his battle with terminal cancer in 1922 that he began to write *Turandot*, which many consider his best work. He worked on the score day and night, despite his friends' advice to rest, and to save his energy. When his sickness worsened, Puccini said to his disciples, "If I don't finish *Turandot*, I want you to finish it." He died of a heart attack in 1924, leaving the work unfinished.

His disciples gathered all that was written for *Turandot*, studied it in detail, and then proceeded to write the remainder of the opera. The world premier was in La Scala Opera House in Milan in 1926, and Maestro Arturo Toscanini, Puccini's favourite student, conducted it. The opera went beautifully, until Toscanini came to the end of the part written by Puccini. He stopped the music, put down the baton, turned to the audience, and announced, "*Thus far the master wrote, but he died.*" There was a long pause; no one moved. Toscanini then picked up the baton, turned to the audience and, with tears in his eyes, announced, "*But his disciples finished his work.*" The opera closed to thunderous applause and has found a permanent place in the annals of great operas.

The Easter season concludes the public life of Jesus, but before he returns to the Father, he gathers his disciples. He asks them to be his witnesses to the world and continue his ministry by proclaiming the good news and under the influence of the Holy Spirit calling people to newness of life.

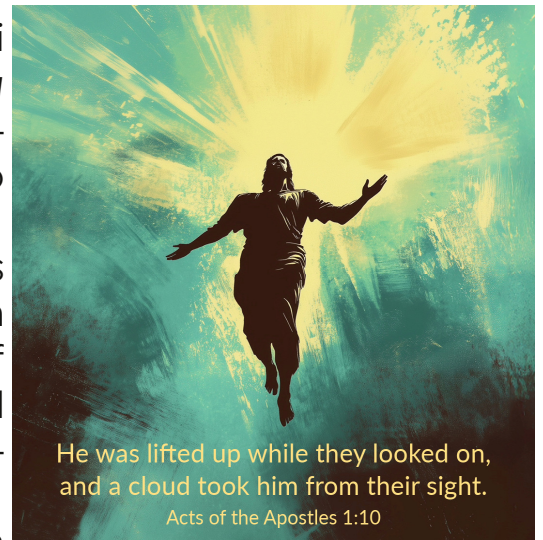
The feast of the ascension reminds us of our collective responsibility for mission. We are baptised into the community of believers and share an identity, but life as Catholic Christians is a call to share the mission of Jesus.

We may think that mission and evangelisation are the responsibility of clergy and religious, but they are the responsibility of all the baptised. Pope Francis consistently emphasises that the Church does not engage in proselytising but grows through "attraction" and the witness of lived faith, is how we best share the gospel message and invite others to follow Christ.

Jesus is no longer physically among us, but he reminds us that he journeys with us and that the Holy Spirit accompanies us in our journey through life.

Bearing witness does not necessarily mean speaking about our beliefs, although this is what happened with the first disciples. It means integrity of life where our actions match our words. It may also mean on occasion being willing to engage in dialogue with others who do not share our belief, but who have questions. Dialogue is an essential part of witness to our belief. Like the first disciples of Jesus and Puccini's disciples, it is our task to bring their work to completion.

Michael A Kelly CSsR © Majellan Media 2025



## PARISH NEWS

**PASTORAL CORNER:** As you are no doubt aware this year we are celebrating a **Jubilee Year**. It commenced on Christmas eve 2024 and concludes on 6th January 2026.

The Jubilee is also known as the Holy Year and is an extraordinary and solemn event of the Catholic Church that occurs every 25 years.

This special year is dedicated to reconciliation, conversion, and spiritual renewal and is titled "**Pilgrims of Hope**"

A pilgrim is a person who goes on a special journey to a holy place. People become pilgrims when they travel to a place that is important for their faith or belief. **The Jubilee Logo (on the front of our parish news) is a symbol of Hope.**

**Kathy Twohill - Pastoral Associate**

### ENTHRONEMENT OF THE SACRED HEART IN HOMES



As June the month of the Sacred Heart arrives, Fr. Rego SM and the Legion of Mary offer interested parishioners the opportunity to have a visit to homes to Enthronement the Sacred Heart. There is a sign on folder at the Welcome table.

### MID NORTH COAST FLOOD APPEAL

Severe flooding has once again devastated parts of our Diocese; this time across the Mid North Coast. In response, Bishop Greg has launched an appeal to support those affected by the flooding. Like the 2022 flood appeal, every cent raised will be distributed to those in need.

#### HOW TO DONATE

Individuals can make donations online through the Diocesan website by selecting 'Mid North Coast Flood Appeal'

under 'Fund to support': [lismorediocese.org/donations](http://lismorediocese.org/donations).

**All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible.**

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

The annual winter appeal will be held next weekend 7 & 8 June.

Conference members will be available at each mass if you would like further information.

### HEALING MASS AND ANOINTING



**Saturday, 7 JUNE**

**Commencing at**

**10.00 am**

**PLEASE NOTE**

**for that Saturday only there will not be a 9am Mass.**

**If you know someone who may like to attend, please let them know this is coming up.**

### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

**The recently deceased:** Fr. Kevin Ehlefeldt MSC, Michael Flay, Luigi Santa Maria, Fred Bateman, Patricia Hope, Br Ted Magee, Anna Crisante, Paul Levings, **Anniversaries:** occurring at this time

**Also:** for all those whom Masses and prayers have been requested **AND For those who are sick:** Leon Darmody, Fr Michael Brady, Pat Strotton, Fr Anthony Lemon





**PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: Fr Paul McDonald**  
**ASSISTANT PRIESTS: Fr Michael Alcock, Fr Nicholas Maurice & Fr MX Rego SM**  
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## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

### SATURDAY VIGIL

@5.00 pm

### SUNDAY

@7AM @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 4.00 - 4.30PM

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 7/8 JUNE 2025

### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR C

#### 5PM FR PAUL MCDONALD

Sacristan: Karen Watson

Adult Servers: Karen Watson

Liturgy Coordinator: Carmen Carra

Commentator: Mic McTaggart

Readers: Una Murphy & Maree Cargnoni

Communion: Enrico Barone & Mandy Barone

#### 7AM FR PAUL MCDONALD

Sacristan: Diane Paynter

Adult Servers: Mary Mason & Simon Dolosa

Liturgy Coordinator: Iris Nathan

Commentator: Tina Lewis

Readers: Tina Lewis & Brian Turner

Communion: Margaret Harvey & Iris Nathan

#### 9AM FR PAUL MCDONALD

Sacristan: Len Searle

Adult Server: Len Searle

Liturgy Coordinators: Mary Mason

Commentator: Colleen Blake

Readers: Mick O'Donohue & Jan Rolph

Communion: Sheeja Raj & Marcel Mangelsdorf



### **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](mailto:safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au)