



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH FAMILY

Weekly News *Let Your Light Shine*

(Matthew 5:16)

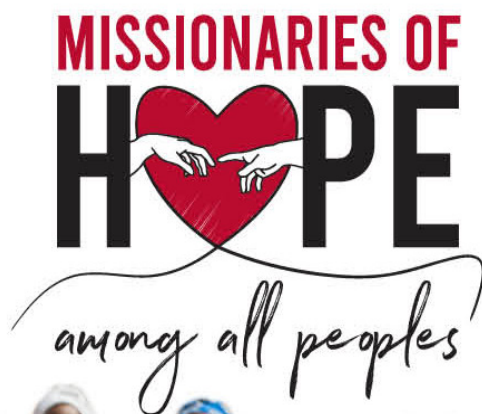
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

26 OCTOBER 2025



TODAY'S READINGS Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14
NEXT WEEK (All Soul's Day Year C) Wisdom 4:7-15; Psalm 22; Romans 5:5-11; John 6: 37-40

WORLD MISSION MONTH



For women like Sharon, who must choose between feeding their children or selling their crops to survive, and Grace, who risked her life travelling 160km for safe childbirth, hope comes through Sr Jane and Kayula. Through sustainable farming, Sr Jane helps women provide for their families. At the Chilonga Mission Hospital, Kayula ensures mothers and babies receive the dignity and care they deserve.

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope to the people of Zambia.

Our Appeal will be held next weekend on Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd November

Loana Wallace Catholic Missions Diocesan Director - Diocese of Lismore will be speaking on the Missions work at each Mass. Appeal envelopes will be available on the seats. Thank you for your support of this valuable mission.



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THE GOOD AND THE BAD

As church-people, we may think we know what it means to worship God. After all, we go to church, say some prayers, pay our dues, and try to live a decent life. Indeed, all this is well and good. But God asks something more of us. Do we think the good things we do in life arise from our own virtue? Do we find ourselves somewhat judgmental and intolerant of those who don't quite live up to our standards?

We are confronted with these kinds of questions by Jesus' story of the publican (or tax collector) and the Pharisee. A modern-day version might contrast a good church-going Catholic lawyer with a less than scrupulous property developer. One day the Catholic lawyer decides to make an extra visit to the church to praise and thank God for all the good things he does in life (including the *pro bono* work he does for the church). But his prayer drifts especially when, to his surprise, he sees the low-life property developer standing at the back of the church. He especially thanks God he is not like that!

What we note about our property developer is that he hardly dares enter the church and, when he does, keeps his eyes downcast. Being neither fancy with words nor knowing how to pray, all he says is (repeatedly): "God forgive me". Jesus praises the property developer while suggesting our lawyer was not really worshipping – or "at rights with" – God.

In the original parable, Jesus finishes with the saying: 'those who exalt themselves will be humbled; but those who humble themselves will be exalted'. Humility in prayer, linked to God's 'option for the poor', is also a central feature in today's other readings: the Lord hears the cry of the poor, is close to the broken-hearted, answers the prayer of orphans, widows and victims of injustice, and rescues those in distress. Indeed, it is 'the humble person's prayer that pierces the clouds'; and 'the humble shall hear and be glad'.

What is interesting in the life of Jesus is that he not only told stories that confronted people's attitudes and beliefs. He acted those stories out by befriending the poor, healing the disabled, 'eating with tax collectors and sinners'. However, unlike our 'self-referential' lawyer friend, Jesus' ministry does not focus on himself, the good he does or the choices he makes, but on the love and mercy of an all-forgiving God. The property developer in our story reaches a similar point in his own life whereby his entire focus becomes God-centred. Popes Francis and Leo have been saying something similar about the kind of church they understand God is calling us to be, namely, a church of the poor, a church that reaches out to touch all people, especially those on the margins of life, with the message of God's mercy and compassion. For this to occur, the church needs to become less like our lawyer in the story, and more like our property developer.

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FILIPINO SUPPORT GROUP (FSG)
SUNDAY CUPPA
Please join us for morning tea
following the 9am Sunday Mass
all welcome



PARISH NEWS

SVDP TWEED HEADS Honours 10 Years of Service for Colleen Blake

We joyfully acknowledge and celebrate Colleen Blake for her remarkable 10 years of service with the St Vincent de Paul Society. Colleen's dedication, compassion, and quiet strength have touched the lives of many in our community. Whether through conference work or behind-the-scenes support, she has consistently lived out the Vincentian mission of love in action.

Thank you, Colleen, for your unwavering commitment and the grace with which you serve. Your presence is a blessing to all of us.

PASTORAL CORNER: Before I went on holidays I had the privilege to attend the National Liturgical Council's conference "Pilgrims of Hope transformed through Sacrament and song" which was held in Adelaide. It was wonderful to share this experience with representatives from both Murwillumbah and Kingscliff Parishes. There were many powerful presentations on Music in our church and it was strongly pointed out that music is not **at** Liturgy but **is** liturgy. When music becomes prayer it is not added on but part of Liturgy. It is good to sing together in prayer.

I gained very useful information on RCIA and how best this works in our parishes. Discussion was also held on forming the sacramental life of the Church. Formation is not a quick fix! Lots to ponder on.....

Kathy Twohill Pastoral Associate

FR REGO'S ANNUAL LEAVE

Fr Rego SM will be absent from the parish for the month of November while he takes a well earned break.

We wish him a peaceful and relaxing time away.

RCIA and RRFC Network. We are planning to establish a network in the Diocese of Lismore for those who work in the ministry of RCIA for unbaptised people and RRFC for Christians entering into full communion with the Catholic Church.

This **is not** for catechumens or candidates. The network will meet four times per year via Zoom for a two-hour session. Meetings will include formation for leaders and opportunities for participants to share ideas and practices.

We want to build up the capacity of our parishes for this important ministry of mission and evangelisation. If you are someone in the parish leading these processes or working with those who do, this network is for you. This initiative is supported by Bishop Greg Homeming.

The first meeting is **Tuesday October 7, 7-8 pm**. Please register, with your name and parish, to receive a zoom link via email to Deacon Anthony Gooley agooley@lismore.catholic.org.au

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: The recently deceased: Annie Kerr, Kay Bisaro, Sue Stanger, Babette Kelleher, John Willemse, Patricia Strotton, James Lovegrove, John McNally, **Anniversaries:** Anthony Corpus, Darcy Small **AND For those who are sick:** Leon Darmody, Fr Anthony Lemon, Elaine Thill, Donna Anderson, John Rushbrook, Denis Pommer, Rae Bliss, Jonathon Muro, Maree Kennedy, Jan Wood, Derek Chapman, Cathy Morgan, Val Titmarsh, Donovan Searle

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

*All parish Mass times are
NSW time.*

SATURDAY VIGIL
@6.00PM
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 500 - 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 NOVEMBER 2025 THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS DAY)

6PM FR NICOLAS MAURICE

Sacristan: Karen Watson
Adult Servers: Karen Watson
Liturgy Coordinator: Maree Cargnoni
Commentator: Mary Lynch
Readers: Irene Antu & Kylie Cane
Communion: Enrico & Mandy Barone

7AM FR NICOLAS MAURICE

Sacristan: Vern Burton
Adult Servers: Sally Engle
Liturgy Coordinator: Maree Laarhoven
Commentator: Paul Bolster
Readers: Chris Burton & Tina Lewis
Communion: Helen Carlile & Patricia Bolster

9AM FR MICHAEL ALCOCK

Sacristan: Pat Twohill
Adult Server: Judith Ranke
Liturgy Coordinators: Jan Rolph
Commentator: Colleen Blake
Readers: Sheeja Raj & Pam Sullivan
Communion: Kurian Vaghese & Beena Kurian



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