



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH FAMILY

Weekly News *Let Your Light Shine*

(Matthew 5:16)



THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

16 NOVEMBER 2025

TODAY'S READINGS *Malachi 3:19-20; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19*

NEXT WEEK (Christ the King) *Daniel 7:13-14; Psalm 92; Rv 1:5-8; John 18:33-37*

TODAY IS THE WORLD DAY OF THE POOR It offers us an opportunity to renew our solidarity with those who are poor in our own community and across the world. In his message for the World Day of the Poor, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that "the poor are not a distraction for the Church, but our beloved brothers and sisters, for by their lives, their words and their wisdom, they put us in contact with the truth of the Gospel."

PARISH PANTRY UPDATE: We have a very exciting update on our pantry this week. This wonderful ministry is expanding to have an exterior weekend pantry available. This will be in case of emergency situations while the office is closed. It will be situated outside the parish office main doors and will hold some packs of food that will provide a basic days food. The packs will also include contacts for organisations in the community who may be able to assist further.

The bag will include: a single serve pack of cereal, milk popper, disposable cup and spoon. Up & Go Popper, fruit cup and muesli bar. Cup of Noodles or Tuna & Rice Bowl & Fork, Juice Popper. Snack bar of some type depending on availability. This should be up and running by next weekend.

Items we are low on at the moment are: long life milk, large and small, pasta sauce, any pop the top and eat meals or the dehydrated ones that you add hot water, fruit cups and fruit juice poppers, any snack type items.

Coming into Christmas, any little items we can add will be a blessing.

Our fruit bowl continues to be a great success. Thank you so much for your wonderful support.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: The recently deceased: Agnes Subrawal, Beverley Steinhour, Mario Florian, Chris Grant, Joan Hamilton, William Boyd, Christine Niederle, Annie Kerr, Kay Bisaro, Sue Stanger, **Anniversaries:** Johnny Rushbrook, Cecile Pommer, Gerard Willis, Paul Chircop, Andrew O'Keefe, Stan Stelma, **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, Jenny Vickery, Louise Smith

NOVEMBER PRAYER LIST

is being displayed on the notice board next to the Piety Store.

COMETH THE DAY

This week's readings are referred to as *apocalyptic*. While 'Hollywood' and video games portray *apocalyptic* through images of widespread destruction, catastrophic events or zombie attacks, the original meaning refers to uncovering or unveiling in order to impart wisdom, meaning, and hope to people.

Like all biblical references to the future, such *apocalyptic* descriptions are symbolic in nature. They are meant to inspire believers to find whatever good they can from life's inevitable suffering. Contrary to what some people think, they don't point to specific historical occurrences, nor are they predictions of events taking place in our own time. Rather, they are meant to urge us on with perseverance and fidelity.

The prophet Malachi predicts: "the day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble". Yet, for the righteous, it will be a day of healing. Luke presents Jesus announcing: nations at war, family divisions, and various natural disasters. For individuals, there's also an expectation of persecution, hatred and even death. Yet, in the midst of the turmoil, promises for those who remain steadfast: "your endurance will win you your lives" and "not a hair of your head will be lost".

Jesus warns his disciples there will be challenging times ahead – for himself, his followers and the nation. Yet, in the midst of all this, he offers hope that "the end is not so soon." He urges his followers, and us, not to be fooled by so-called 'saviours and messiahs' spouting empty promises and false predictions. He implores us to remain resolute and forever focused on the gospel.

The gospel shines an insightful light upon the great efforts we put into building up visions, plans or structures only to have them torn down by circumstances; whether by natural disasters, accidents or the negligence and malice of others. We're encouraged to reflect on such realities, with Jesus cautioning us to invest our time, talent and resources in God's Kingdom and its values, which cannot be destroyed.

There's a verse in Marty Haugen's hymn "*Gather us in*," that says: "Not in the dark of buildings confining; not in some heaven light years away. But here, in this place, new light is streaming, *now is the kingdom, now is the day.*" This is precisely what Jesus is saying. We must live God's Kingdom *now*, not just as something that will happen at some future date. While God's Kingdom is not fully established, it does have a solid foothold in our world.

Jesus is offering us the vision of an ending and a new beginning; a vision of God's Kingdom and a different kind of temple where Jesus is the cornerstone. Jesus understands that every temple is temporary, every system we create will collapse, every cause, every framework that we construct will disappear and disappoint, except His!

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PARISH NEWS

PASTORAL CORNER

This week our readings show that God is loving and forgiving, always ready to show mercy to those who turn to Him. Even when we make mistakes, His love never fails. But just as He is faithful to us, we must also remain faithful to Him. Let us pray for wisdom when we find things hard to understand or when difficult things happen. I found this prayer which I intend adding to my prayer list. I thought I could share it with you all.

*Dear Lord,
I am praying for some light today.
I know that You are the Source of Light.
You are the very Light Giver.
Please lighten my path so that I can
tread rightly.
I don't want to get lost
and I don't want to get side tracked.
Keep me on track by illuminating
my every step.
Shine your light over my thoughts
as You help me navigate my life
and decisions in the right direction.
Amen.*

Kathy Twohill - Pastoral Associate

*Save
the date!*

**OUR ANNUAL
PARISH THANK YOU
AND CHRISTMAS
GET TOGETHER**
will be held on

Thursday 11 December from
3.30 to 5.30pm. More info next week!
*Entertainment will be provided by the
multi talented Fr Michael!*



On Tuesday 18 November
the Ladies Group will be meeting for
lunch at 11.30am at the
Coolangatta Tweed Golf Club,
62 Soorely Street, Tweed Heads South
all ladies are welcome to attend.

OUR CHRISTMAS LUNCH

is on
Friday 5 December
at Club Tweed
Cnr Warf & Florence Street

For any information please contact
Jan 04056448719
Jenice 04713060290

INTO THE DEEP 4 DAYS OF CAMPING.
WORSHIP & PEACE

4 DAYS OF CAMPING WORSHIP & PEACE

We're in the beautiful Selah Valley Estate for the weekend, camping in pristine bushland with your mates, hearing inspiring preaching and worship and maybe a cheeky paint and sip class or two. It's the perfect way to cap off your year.

**Where... Selah Valley Estate. 110
Youngs Road, Limpinwood NSW**
When... 12-15 December 2025

This is an 18+ event
Register at...
<https://igniteyouth.com/yafestival>



TAI CHI CLASSES
**Thursday at 3.30pm IN THE PARISH
HALL. All Welcome**



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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
tweedadmin@stjosephs.org.au

ROSTERS 22/23 NOVEMBER 2025 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

6PM FR NICOLAS MAURICE

Sacristan: Karen Watson
Adult Servers: Karen Watson
Liturgy Coordinator: Jenny Williams
Commentator: Patricia Cummins
Readers: Jeannette Leach & Una Murphy
Communion: John Leach & J Dransfield

7AM FR NICOLAS MAURICE

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

9AM FR MICHAEL ALCOCK

Sacristan: Kurian Vaghese
Adult Server: Beena Kurian
Liturgy Coordinators: Pam & Jim Sullivan
Commentator: George Cranney
Readers: Marie Morrin & Marissa O'Connor
Communion: Marie Wilkinson & Arun Sankar



**Our Parish supports and commits to
embedding the;**

NSW
Child Safe Standards



Office of the
Children's Guardian

& the
National Catholic Safeguarding
Standards

