



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH FAMILY

Weekly News *Let Your Light Shine*

(Matthew 5:16)

2nd Sunday of Lent Year A

1 March 2026

TODAY'S READINGS Genesis 12:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9

NEXT WEEK (3rd Sunday of Lent, Year A) Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 94; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42



HEALING MASS AND ANOINTING

Saturday, 7 MARCH

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.*



SPECIAL NOTICE FOR WEEKDAY MASS

Please note that due to the installation of the new sound system in our church from **Monday 9 March to Saturday morning 14 March** the **9.10am morning Mass will be held in the Parish Hall.**

It was hoped not to inconvenience parishioners but there will be scaffolding in place so it is in the interest of safety. Saturday Vigil will proceed as per usual in the Church. Thank you for your cooperation during this time.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Please join with members of other churches on the Tweed Coast for a service on Friday 6th March at 10.00am at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Phillip St. Chinderah. This Year the service has been prepared by the churches of Nigeria. Come and "be informed into prayerful action" Further enquiries to Judy Fua 0412 186 819.

WELCOME

Please welcome Bishop Gregory Homeming OCD to our parish. Bishop is with us over the weekend to make sure we are doing all the things we should be doing! Please make him welcome during his stay. Morning tea will be held after the 9am Mass, kindly facilitated by FSG.



PROJECT COMPASSION

SECOND SUNDAY of LENT SISILIA from TANZANIA

Sisilia, aged 13, lives with her mother and siblings in a re-

mote village in northern Tanzania. Life has been difficult since her father passed away when she was a baby.

"My mother does small farming and sometimes sells vegetables to get money. She supports the family on her own. We don't have a regular income because my father passed away many years ago. Life is hard, but we try our best," Sisilia said.



She had to walk up to 30 minutes, three times a day, to fetch water from a dirty canal. The water was unsafe, causing frequent illness, and the long walks left Sisilia exhausted, fearful of wild animals and struggling to focus on her studies.

"I get very tired. Carrying heavy water containers every day after walking long distances is not easy. I was also getting piercing back pains. Sometimes I get home late and tired, and it's hard to focus on my homework or revise for exams." she said.

Lack of clean water is a major issue in Tanzania, where nearly 40% of people don't have access to basic drinking water services and 75% don't have access to basic sanitation services. (World Bank 2022).

With support from the A+ Successor Project, her school and village now have clean water taps. This means it takes Sisilia just two minutes to collect water from her house, reducing the risks she faced and giving her more time for learning. Access to safe water has also improved health, hygiene and nutrition for her school community. Teachers and students can drink clean water, maintain hygiene, and grow food in the school garden.

Sisilia has also joined a SWASH Club, where she learned about hygiene, sanitation, nutrition and child rights. She now confidently shares this knowledge with peers, parents and community members, even performing songs and demonstrations to promote good practices. This leadership has empowered her to advocate for children's education and wellbeing in her community.

Despite many hardships, Sisilia remains determined to succeed. Her favourite subjects are Science, English and Maths, and she dreams of becoming a pilot.

With the support of Caritas Australia, local communities are finding ways to respond to challenges with resilience and courage. Your generosity makes it possible to stand with them on this journey.

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

PARISH NEWS

PASTORAL CORNER

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Shortly we will be preparing our children for Confirmation.

If you know of anyone whose children are in our parish schools and are in Year 3 or above and wish to have them confirmed, please contact me at the parish office.

Kathy Twohill Pastoral Associate

MESSAGE FOR PARISH VOLUNTEERS

Recently we left some packs or volunteers who were needed to complete their information form.

Firstly thank you to everyone who has returned their Volunteering form.

If you are yet to complete yours please attend to it ASAP and return either to the Welcome Table or the parish office.

We have another upcoming visit from our Safeguarding officer and it would be good to have everything in place. Thank you for your assistance. (Donna)

SCRIPTURE GROUPS WITH FR NICOLAS

Bible Morning Tea takes place on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month 9.45am-10.30am.

Additionally, **Family Scripture** runs from 7pm-7.45pm on Thursdays in the Polard Room at the parish centre. For more information contact Fr Nicolas Maurice.



MEN'S GROUP

Men's Group First Get-Together for 2026

Venue: Tweed Heads Bowls Club

Date: Tuesday 3rd March

Time: 12.15pm NSW time
(11.15am QLD time)

Location at Club: Our usual spot around the corner from the main dining room.

We look forward to a strong roll-up for our first get together and any friends you may have that may be interested would be most welcome.

LEGION OF MARY ACIES

ALL PARISHIONERS are warmly welcomed to join

the Legion of Mary for the Annual ACIES Ceremony

9am Mass Sunday 8 March 2026

St Joseph's Church, Tweed Heads.

Rosary commences 8:30am.

Please bring a plate and join Fr. Rego SM and legionaries for a cuppa afterwards.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

will be led by The Legion of Mary each Friday in Lent

following morning Mass

from February 20 - March 27

ALL PARISHIONERS WELCOME

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

The recently deceased: Elizabeth Franklin, Savi Dias, Fr Paul Glynn SM, Carlson Cox, Nita Breen, **Anniversaries:** Esteban Casimsiman, Eulogio Danque, Noreen Rawlings and those occurring at this time **Also:** Alpino & Pastora Tiempo, **AND For those who are sick:** Clarrie Williams, Leon Darmody, Fr Anthony Lemon, Elaine Thill, John Rushbrook, Denis Pommer, Rae Bliss, Jonathon Muro, Derek Chapman, Cathy Morgan, Donovan Searle, Jenny Vickery, Louise Smith, John Deguara

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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 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
tweedadmin@stjosephs.org.au

ROSTERS 7/8 MARCH 2026 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

6PM FR NICOLAS MAURICE

Sacristan: Karen Watson
Adult Server: Karen Watson
Liturgy Coordinators: Mary Lynch
Commentator: Maree Cargnoni
Readers: Mary Lynch & Patricia Cummins
Communion: Enrico Barone & Mandy Barone

7AM FR MICHAEL ALCOCK

Sacristan: Vern Burton
Adult Servers: Sally Engle
Liturgy Coordinator: Maree Laarhoven
Commentator: Tina Lewis
Readers: Patricia Bolster & Paul Bolster
Communion: Margaret Harvey & Iris Nathan

9AM FR MX REGO SM

Sacristan: Len Searle
Adult Server: Mary Mason
Liturgy Coordinators: Pam & Jim Sullivan
Commentator & POF: Volunteer Needed
Readers: Jacinta Thomson & Scott Thomson
Communion: Jan Rolph & Pam Sullivan



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
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