ST JOSEPH'S PARISH FAMILY
Weekly News

Let Your Light Shine

(Matthew 5:16)

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
15 February 2026

TODAY'S READINGS Sir 15:15-20; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37
NEXT WEEK (1st Sunday Lent, Year A): Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

18 February 7am and 9.10am

Let Ash Wednesday be the day you give up who you've been for who can become.

On Ash Wednesday the Day of Ashes, the foreheads of Christians are marked with ash in the sign of the cross. The ashes used on Ash Wednesday are the burned remains of the palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday. This mark, in the sign of the cross, can be a powerful reminder of our sinful nature and dependence on God for forgiveness and salvation. Abstinence from meat, and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUPS

we have 2 options available

Friday 20 February at 2pm facilitated by Fr MX Rego SM in the Parish Centre

and

Monday 23 February at 4.30pm facilitated by Frances Garland in the Meeting Room in the Parish Hall

This Lent, enter into the heart of *compassio*—to "suffer with"—a grace-filled invitation to stand with Christ and with one another.

Let this beautifully designed, 76-page, full-colour companion guide you through daily reflections, Sunday Gospel readings and reflections, spiritual direction, prayers, and group discussion questions, all crafted to deepen your encounter with God's mercy.

Please contact the Parish Office to Register: 0755367522

PARISH NEWS

Project Compassion Sunday
14–15 of February 2026

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Your generosity this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.

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
Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

Lenten Prayer

God of all love,
We remember that
on the night before he died
Your son, Jesus, prayed
that his friends 'may all be one.'
Yet we see so much division
in the world.
War, conflict, violence and hatred
must all distress you.
Millions of people suffer
when they don't have peace and respect.
They lack the necessities of life:
food, water,
health, education and security.
We pray that we may all
Unite Against Poverty this Lent.
May our support for
Project Compassion
be a sign to ourselves and others,
of our hope for a better world.
This Lent, we pray that our dedication
to prayer, fasting and almsgiving
will help restore your vision
of justice and peace.
Guided by the Holy Spirit,
we pray in Jesus' name,
Amen.

PARISH NEWS

PASTORAL CORNER

We recently had a visit from a representative of the Safeguarding Team for the Diocese. It is necessary for all volunteers to fill out a form and hand into the parish. These are available at the Welcome Table. Only Sacristans, leaders of our Sacramental Program and Senior Servers need to complete the Working with children check. **ALL VOLUNTEERS** are required to fill out the volunteer application form which is towards the back of the handout. This is so our Parish can keep a record of all parishioners involved in our Community.

Thank you for you cooperation with this.

Kathy Twohill Pastoral Associate

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH LADIES GROUP

Our first meeting for 2026
will be held
on **Tuesday 17 February**
at **Club Tweed**
Cnr Wharf & Florence Street
commencing at **10.30am**
(NSW Time)
All ladies are most welcome

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 Pollard Room at the parish centre. For more information contact Fr Nicolas Maurice.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CAN YOU HELP? We have a parishioner seeking a lift to the Saturday Vigil Mass each week, if you live in the Banora Point area and can assist please contact Patricia on 0426216015.

UPRIGHT PIANO AVAILABLE: there is no cost but you would need to pick it up please see Fr MX Rego SM is you are interested.

MULTI-CULTURAL DAY
"Save the date"

Once again we are intending to have our **Multi-cultural day**. It will be held on **Sunday 9am Mass 22 March** which is celebrated as harmony day.

TAI CHI CLASSES

Thursday at 3.30pm in the Parish Centre.
Donation appreciated.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

The recently deceased: Fr Paul Glynn SM, Carlson Cox, Nita Breen, Margaret Gunton, Arline Reading, **Anniversaries:** Eulogio Danque, Noreen Rawlings and those occurring at this time **Also:** Lexey Quinn **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

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: Fr Michael Alcock
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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 21/22 FEBRUARY 2026
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

6PM FR MX REGO SM
Sacristan: Len Searle
Adult Server: Len Searle
Liturgy Coordinators: Maree Cargnoni
Commentator & POF: Mary Lynch
Readers: Maree Cargnoni & J Dransfield
Communion: Carmel Mavor & Norm Mavor

7AM FR NICOLAS MAURICE
Sacristan: A & M Laarhoven
Adult Servers: Marie Norton
Liturgy Coordinator: Rosie Cutmore
Commentator: Paul Bolster
Readers: Chris Burton & Tina Lewis
Communion: Chris Clurey & Gavin Holmes

9AM FR MICHAEL ALCOCK
Sacristan: Kurian Vaghese
Adult Server: Beena Kurian
Liturgy Coordinators: Jan Rolph
Commentator & POF: Marie Wilkinson
Readers: Pat Twohill & Mick O'Donohue
Communion: M Mangelsdorf & F Garland

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 Safeguarding Office, please phone (02) 6621 9444 or email

safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au