



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH FAMILY

Weekly News *Let Your Light Shine*

(Matthew 5:16)

4th Sunday of Lent Year A

15 March 2026

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41
NEXT WEEK (5th Sunday of Lent, Yr A) Ezekiel 37:12-14; Ps 129; Romans 8:8-11;
John 11:1-45

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL WORKSHOP IDENTITY, GIFTS AND DISCERNMENT

Workshop 3: Discernment – Listening for the Spirit Together

You are warmly invited to our **third parish workshop**, focused on **discernment** – learning how we can listen for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as a parish community.

Through prayer, reflection, and conversation, we will explore how we make decisions together in ways that are thoughtful, faith-filled, and open to God's leading. This session will include a simple introduction to spiritual discernment and a chance to reflect on how it can shape the life and leadership of our parish.

You are **very welcome to attend even if you have not been to the earlier workshops**. Each session stands on its own, and every voice is valued.

Come along, share in the conversation, and help us continue discerning the future of our parish together.

Thursday, March 19, 5:30pm

please RSVP to the Parish Office 0755367522 for catering.



NOTICE OF MEETING MULTICULTURAL MASS COMMITTEE

***Please note, there will be a meeting on
Wednesday 18 March at 11.30am***

CHRISM MASS

11am Monday 23 March St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore

All are welcome to attend this symbolic Mass as the Bishop consecrates the Sacred Chrism and blesses the Oils of Catechumens and the Sick. Priests from across the Diocese will gather to renew their commitment to the priesthood.



PROJECT COMPASSION



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Life in rural Fiji has always been a struggle for 44-year-old Manaini, a mother of six and grandmother of two. The family lived from what they grew, but meals were plain and often lacked nutrition. Store food was too expensive. At night, the village was in darkness, leaving children and the elderly unsafe. Holding back tears, Manaini shared: "The things I worry about the most is my kids' education. The requirements that need to be met are hard for me to achieve with my daily income."



Almost one quarter of Fiji's population live in poverty, and rates are higher in rural villages. Any extra income can mean the difference between children completing school, being able to buy medicine, or simply managing daily costs. This is what poverty looks like in rural Fiji – every dollar counts.

The nation also faces one of the worst health crises in the Pacific. Diabetes and heart disease are widespread. On average, every eight hours, three people lose a limb to diabetes. Viloki, who works with Caritas Australia's partner FRIEND (Foundation for Rural Integrated Enterprises and Development), explained: "Fiji has one of the highest rates in the Pacific in terms of non-communicable diseases. That's like 80% of the people here have one or the other form of non-communicable diseases, including diabetes... Every eight hours, there are three amputations."

Thanks to your generosity, Manaini joined training with local partner, FRIEND. She learnt food processing skills to transform leftovers from crops like cassava and taro into flour and increase her weekly income. Her family eats healthier meals, and she saves money. With the women's group she bakes cakes and pies to sell for extra income.

Seeds from the program gave her a thriving garden, and she makes her own organic fertiliser and pesticides. Solar lights now brighten the village, helping children to study and walk safely.

Manaini is proud of what she has achieved. She said, "The project totally changed the life of my family and even the community."

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

PARISH NEWS

PASTORAL CORNER Next Sunday **22nd March** we will be **celebrating multiculturalism** in our parish.

For those representing their country of origin, placards will be at the door of the church for you to take and process in during the entrance hymn.

Following the Mass there will be a feast of foods from different countries in hall. All most welcome! The food may be left in the parish hall prior to the commencement of the Mass. This is a wonderful way to join as a parish community celebrating the diversity of nations in our church.

Many thanks to all those who have helped in getting this celebration up and running again.

Kathy Twohill Pastoral Associate

PIETY STORE VOLUNTEER NEEDED

A volunteer is needed to open the Piety Store (in the back corner of the church) for the Vigil Mass on Saturday evening. If you can assist, please contact Colleen on 0408452998

NOTICE REGARDING TAI CHI

Please note due to unavoidable circumstances our weekly Tai Chi group is cancelled until further notice.

Thank you for your understanding.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

will be led by The Legion of Mary
each Friday in Lent
following morning Mass
until - March 27

ALL PARISHIONERS WELCOME

A graphic for the Parish Ladies Group announcement. It features a church scene with a steeple, a cross, and flowers. The text is overlaid on the image.

Parish Ladies Group
**Our first outing for 2026
is to Ballina and
Evans Heads**

Tuesday 17 March
**For ladies booked on this trip please
meet at Banora Point at 8.15am.**
The bus departs at 8.30am
**for any enquiries please contact
Jan on 0405448719**



SPECIAL NOTICE TO PARISH CHURCH KEY HOLDERS

Due to a 'technical issue' I have somehow managed to delete my list of carefully collected parish key holders.

Therefore, I have to ask all parishioners

who have keys to church or hall, to please contact me with the code that is on their respective key.

My apologies for this inconvenience, and I appreciate your assistance.

(Donna—Parish Office)

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

The recently deceased: Patricia Wild, Sr Berenice Kerr, Geoffrey Dawney, Elizabeth Franklin, Savi Dias, **Anniversaries:** Dorothy Guest, John Feely 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

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 MARCH 2026 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

6PM FR NICOLAS MAURICE

Sacristan: Len Searle
Adult Server: Len Searle
Liturgy Coordinators: Maree Cargnoni
Commentator: Mary Lynch
Readers: Irene Antu & Kylie Crane
Communion: Carmel Mavor & Norm Mavor

7AM FR MX REGO SM

Sacristan: Diane Paynter
Adult Servers: Sally Engle
Liturgy Coordinator: Iris Nathan
Commentator: Jennifer Welk
Readers: Chris Burton & Tina Lewis
Communion: Patricia & Paul Bolster

9AM FR MICHAEL ALCOCK

Sacristan: Kurian Vaghese
Adult Server: Been Kurian
Liturgy Coordinators: Pam & Jim Sullivan
Commentator & POF: George Cranney
Readers: Helen Gullison & Mary Mason
Communion: Pat Twohill & Sue Dransfield

Our Parish say's

**THANK
YOU**



**to our parish community
for supporting and
promoting safeguarding.**