

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH FAMILY

Weekly News

Let Your Light Shine

(Matthew 5:16)

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

10 May 2026

TODAY'S READINGS Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

NEXT WEEK (Ascension of the Lord, Year A) Acts 1:1-11; Ps 46; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

2026

DIOCESAN ART PRIZE

Call for Entries



Following the success of the 2025 Jubilee Art Prize, the Diocese of Lismore is pleased to announce the 2026 Diocesan Art Prize.

Bishop Greg Homeming OCD has announced this year's theme as *"The face of compassion."*

The Art Prize is open to parishioners of all ages and backgrounds within the Diocese of Lismore.

CATEGORIES



0-7 years



18+ years



8-12 years



Group Prize



13-17 years



People's Choice Awards
(awarded at local and final exhibitions)

This year's theme:

"The face of compassion."

Compassion is seen in Christ's encounters with the vulnerable, outcast, and broken, and it continues to be lived out in the Church today. This theme provides artists with the opportunity to recognise the heart of the Church.



HOW TO ENTER

Entries must be submitted via the Diocesan Art Prize webpage on the Diocesan website.

Please read the terms and conditions before submitting.

Let your art reflect the face of compassion.



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THE SPIRIT, AN ADVOCATE FOR OUR FAITH

This week's readings prepare us for Ascension Sunday next week, as they instruct Christians on how to live in the world while we wait for Christ's return. Although Jesus' defeat of death has forever transformed what it means to be human, we live in this waiting period where salvation has already been won for us but is not yet fulfilled.

Jesus comforts all Christians by promising us that, although we cannot see him face to face, we will know that "I am in my Father, and you are in me and I in you." And in today's readings, we see that Jesus will fulfil this promise by sending the Holy Spirit. The coming of the Holy Spirit inaugurates a new way of living for Christians that Paul elsewhere describes as the 'new life in the Spirit'.

The first reading reveals the joy that this new way of living can bring. Reading from Acts, we see the power of the Holy Spirit setting the people of Samaria free from suffering and disease and coming

to dwell with them permanently.

And as Peter tells us in the second reading, the new life in the Spirit continues even through trials when we need to persevere in our faith. When proclaiming Christ is received with rejection rather than joy, the Holy Spirit is still just as present as ever. Indeed, the Holy Spirit will help us respond to the world with "gentleness and reverence."

The coming of the Holy Spirit is Jesus' promise to all of us who have faith in him. The word that Jesus uses here for the Holy Spirit, *paraclete* (in Greek), means advocate, defender or consoler and is often used to describe a helper or witness in a court of law. Just as Peter tells his readers to be ready for whenever they are called to make a defence for themselves, Jesus promises a defender who will always be with them.

The Holy Spirit is an advocate and witness for our faith. The Holy Spirit also testifies to Christ's saving work in our lives, including times of doubts, trials and shortcomings. In a world that sometimes seems devoid of God's presence and action, the Holy Spirit dwells within us to help us "sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts." The Holy Spirit also provides the grace to help us trust and persevere when it is difficult to keep his commandments. And, when we listen, we are reminded that our new life with God is better than anything the world can offer us.

When the world rejects Christ and his good news, we have the Holy Spirit to help us follow Christ, loving as he loved, suffering as he suffered, and living in unity with the Father as he has made possible. And when we do this, God himself, in the fully divine person of the Holy Spirit, advocates for us, defends us and comforts us.

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YOUNG ADULTS BUSHWALK

16 MAY



A bushwalk at Twin Falls, Springbrook, is planned for 16 May 2026.



We are meeting on that morning at 9.30am at the parish carpark to travel to Twin Falls for a bushwalk to the base of the falls (1.5 hours easy walking circuit).



Please bring a packed lunch, a hat, a water bottle and closed shoes for the bushwalk.



Teenagers under 18 years must be accompanied by a parent or adult relative.



For more information contact Fr Nicolas Maurice
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THE 54TH INTERNATIONAL
**EUCCHARISTIC
CONGRESS 2028**
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

Keep up to date on all the news for the 54th International Eucharistic Congress 2028 through the following link

<https://eucharist28.org/news>

All welcome
to join parishioners

after Mass on
Wednesday 13 May
to pray the

Rosary

in honour of

Our Lady's
FIRST
apparition at

FATIMA



St Joseph's Ladies Group

Ladies attending the trip to Crystal Creek and Murwillumbah on Tuesday 19 May please be at Banora Point by 8.45am.
Bus leaves 9am sharp.

For any further information
please contact

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or Jenice 0413060290

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS



The recently deceased:

Daryl Langham, Marie McLean, Peter Collins, Anna Borra, Patrick Koch, Kevin Devine,

Stjepan Gavranovic, Sylvie May, Maurice Laarhoven,

Anniversaries: Antonio Dadario and those occurring at this time

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, Louise Smith

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

*All parish Mass times are
NSW time.*

**SATURDAY VIGIL
@5.30PM**

**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 - 5.00PM
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 16/17 May 2026

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR A

5.30PM FR MX REGO SM

Sacristan: Karen Watson

Adult Server: Karen Watson

Liturgy Coordinators: Maree Cargnoni

Commentator: Mary Lynch

Readers: Patricia Cummins & Maree Cargnoni

Communion: Karen Sanderson & Kylie Cane

7AM FR NICOLAS MAURICE

Sacristan: Diane Paynter

Adult Servers: Mary Mason

Liturgy Coordinator: Rosie Cutmore

Commentator: Paul Bolster

Readers: Jennifer Welk & Tina Lewis

Communion: Chris Clurey & Gavin Holmes

9AM FR MICHAEL ALCOCK

Sacristan: Denise Dunn

Adult Server: Kathy Twohill

Liturgy Coordinators: Pam & Jim Sullivan

Commentator & POF: Marie Wilkiinson

Readers: Mary Mason & Pam Sullivan

Communion: Pat Twohill & Sue Dransfield



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Community Approach

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A Community,
• that is alert,
• transparent &
• reports