

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH FAMILY

Weekly News

Let Your Light Shine

(Matthew 5:16)

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR A

17 May 2026

TODAY'S READINGS Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20

NEXT WEEK (Pentecost Sunday, Year A) Acts 2:1-11; Ps 103; 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23



Yesterday evening, Bishop Greg Homeming delivered a homily ecumenical worship service at the Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel in Sydney, as part of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference May plenary program. In it, Bishop Greg called for "love and God" in a world of madness:

"We are at a time in the world where we could all say with him 'madness, madness'. You don't have to look very far. It is everywhere. Anyone who can think 'I can make peace by bombing people until they're totally obliterated' – that is absolute madness. We are called to experience the darkness and in that darkness be light. And what does that mean for us? We gather together this evening because we all have one thing in common – we have Jesus Christ and he's the light that has come into the darkness. I think at this time more than ever this is something which we must take to heart because in the midst of a world full



of madness there are only two possibilities given to us. The first is we must look to God, and for us that means look to Jesus Christ to walk with him and stand with him. And the other thing which madness calls forth through us is love. Two things: God and love."

You can read the full article on the [Diocese of Lismore website](#).

ALIGNING OUR VISION WITH CHRIST



I once watched Andrew Manchini, an Australian who appeared on the TEDx Talk at Hobart High School when he discussed the significance of aligning one's corporate vision with one's personal vision.

He explains that effective vision statements will guide our decision-making, strategy, and alignment in business. He connects this concept to storytelling and encourages people to create their own vision statements to live impactful and meaningful lives.

As I reflect on this week's gospel, I was taken to that particular TEDx Talk. Jesus invited his disciples to see if they had a vision in their lives. He invited them not just to participate in Jesus' vision but to create their own vision, and to align it with his vision to make

disciples of all nations.

Having a personal vision is important. A personal vision is crucial because it provides clarity, direction, and motivation to align actions with the long-term goals, meanings, and values. If we align our vision statement with Christ's vision, and together act on our vision statement effectively, everything in our communities and institutions becomes aligned, leading to a more cohesive and purpose-driven environment that reflects our shared values and goals.

Our vision helps inform the decisions we are making every day. We all know that it is not enough for us to take Christ to heart. We are called to action. We have to be another Christ for others. This is why we are called to be clear in our vision of life, align it with Christ, and share it with others. In moments when we say the creed or express our prayers to Christ, we actually accept Christ in our lives, his love, values, hopes, dreams, and expectations.

When Jesus said to the disciples to go and baptise people in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Jesus actually asked his disciples to share with people worldwide. And he wants his disciples to share with the world that he never comes alone, but as one of the Trinity. This perfect communal relationship of the Son with the Father and the Spirit is visionary and empowering for him and for his disciples to spread the good news of the kingdom of God.

As we celebrate the ascension of Jesus, we remember that he remains with us in the Spirit. It is in this spirit of Jesus that we are called to make the world a flourishing community centered in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

We pray that we may always find ways to align our vision and mission in life with the vision and mission of Christ, a vision that is Trinitarian and community-oriented. In whatever we do, may we remember Jesus, and he will show us the right way. Amen. Sam Kono CSsR © Majellan Media 2026



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PARISH NEWS

Please keep our
parish children

in your prayers as they
prepare to make their

*First Holy
Communion*

next Sunday at our
9am Mass



MEN'S GROUP

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH MEN'S GROUP NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be morning tea
at Club Tweed on **9 June**
GOLD COAST CANAL TRIP

Our Gold Coast canal trip with
Toowoomba Men's Group
on 7 July still has some seats availa-
ble. **Cost is \$45**

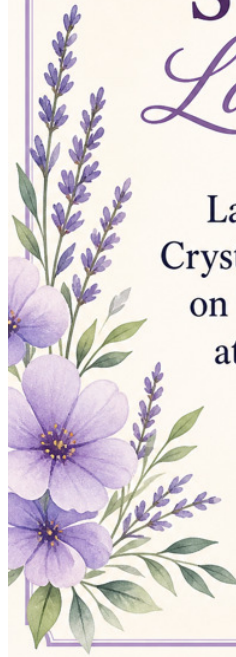
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St Joseph's *Ladies Group*

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 the
PRIESTS
of our Diocese


in your prayers

while they attend the
Annual Clergy Retreat



Fr Michael is
duty priest
for local parishes
and matters of emergency.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: The recently deceased: Ester Magas, Milly Dupreez, Fr Bernard McFadden SM, Daryl Langham, Marie McLean, Peter Collins, **Anniversaries:** Maria & Salvatore Pino, Edward Rushbrook, 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, Michael Allen

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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
tweedadmin@stjosephs.org.au

ROSTERS 23/24 May 2026 PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR A

5.30PM MX REGO SM

Sacristan: Len Searle
Adult Server: Len Searle
Liturgy Coordinators: Carmen Carra
Commentator: Nic McTaggart
Readers: Jeanette Leach & Una Murphy
Communion: John Leach & Mary Lynch

7AM FR NICOLAS MAURICE

Sacristan: Diane Paynter
Adult Servers: Sally Engle
Liturgy Coordinator: Iris Nathan
Commentator: Gavin Holmes
Readers: Jennifer Welk & Gavin Holmes
Communion: Patricia Bolster & Paul Bolster

9AM FR MICHAEL ALCOCK

Sacristan: Kurian Vaghese
Adult Server: Beena Kurian
Liturgy Coordinators: Jan Rolph
Commentator & POF: Sara Wilkinson
Readers: Colleen Blake & Marie Wilkinson
Communion: Volunteer Needed & G Cranney

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