



# ST JOSEPH'S PARISH FAMILY WEEKLY NEWS

*Let Your Light Shine* (Matthew 5:16)

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A  
05 JULY 2026

TODAY'S READINGS Zechariah 9:9-10; Romans 8:9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30  
NEXT WEEK (15th Sunday of Year A) Is 55:10-11; Ps 64; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

## Walking together in Christ – 40 years on Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander Sunday



As we gather in faith we do so as a people shaped by story by the Gospel, by culture and by the journeys that have brought us to this moment. We gather in the presence of God, who walks with us always and who calls us into unity as one people.

This year invites us into reflection. We mark 40 years since Pope John Paul the second spoke to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in Alice Springs and we celebrate 50 years of NAIDOC week. These milestones are more than anniversaries – they are reminders of enduring faith, resilience, and our shared call to walk together.

At times, it is important to look back. Not to dwell in the past, but to recognise the path that has been travelled – to see the strength, the challenges and the grace that have carried us forward. In this, we trust in God's providence, present in every step of our journey.

As John Paul the second reminded us, the Church is enriched by the many cultures it embraces. This is not something we simply acknowledge – it is something we are called to live.

## PARISH NEWS

# Welcome to our PARISH FAMILY

We joyfully welcome those  
being baptised today into our  
Catholic community.  
May God bless you always  
and guide you on your  
faith journey.

*Congratulations*  
ON YOUR BAPTISM

**Lakey, Juni &  
Buddy Dillon**



**A new Parishioner, who is going to become a 'welcomer' has shared this touching story with me and I felt inspired to share with you all, as we are talking about hospitality in our Parish.**

**- Kathy Twohill**

After experiencing a family tragedy here in Australia in August 2023 while I was attending Mass in Vatican City, I returned home feeling angry, confused, and spiritually lost. I struggled to understand how our Heavenly Father could let this happen.

One beautiful morning in early December 2025, after a peaceful walk along the beach, we happened to pass St Joseph's Catholic Church just as Father Rego was closing the gates after Mass. He looked at us, smiled, and simply said, "Welcome, I've been waiting for you."

Those words changed everything.

The weather was perfect, and the beach walk had been beautiful, but nothing compared to hearing those words. In that moment, I felt as though our Heavenly Father had gently reached out to remind me that He had never left me. It was His invitation to come home.

The next Sunday, I returned to Weekly Mass, I feel every time I walk through the doors of St Joseph's. I am home. Here, I have found peace, belonging, and the opportunity to rebuild my relationship with our Heavenly Father. Whether it is sharing the quiet presence of fellow parishioners at Mass, looking forward to seeing Father Michael and Zippy on my morning walks, or now being so warmly embraced by Kathy and her wonderful team, I have experienced the love of a parish community that truly lives through the Holy Spirit.

The welcome I received that morning is a gift I will never forget. It reminded me that sometimes God speaks to us through the kindness of others. I am grateful that I now have the privilege of extending that same welcome to those who walk through our parish doors, in the hope that they, too, will be reminded that they are truly welcome.

Whether they already know Him or are still searching, my prayer is that they will discover what I have found: a place to call home, and the reassurance that our Heavenly Father is always there, waiting with open arms for us to come home to Him.

# PARISH NEWS

## PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS



**The recently deceased:** Erwin Straubinger, Anne Wilson, Esteban Casimsiman, Kyra Quin, Frank Hannigan, Leon Darmody, Susan Saunders, Temotio Daguplo, Terry Mahoney, Dennis Noble, Johnny Suyo, Arnel Abueg, Olivia Burney, Marie McLean, Johnson Suyo **Anniversaries:** Fr Michael Brady, John Bolster, Raymond White, Anthony White, Apolinario, Ben, Chona, Macandita Danque and those occurring at this time **AND For those who are sick:** Clarrie Williams, Fr Anthony Lemon, Elaine Thill, John Rushbrook, Denis Pommer, Rae Bliss, Jonathan Muro, Derek Chapman, Cathy Morgan, Donovan Searle, Louise Smith, Michael Allen, Kay Young



**New financial year's giving envelopes are available from the back of the church**

*Thank you for your support*



## Thank You to Our VOLUNTEERS

Your kindness, generosity and faithful service help make St Joseph's Parish a place of welcome, hope and love.

*May God bless you for all that you do.*



## PARISH GIVING CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for supporting the mission and ministries of St Joseph's Parish.

### Ways to Give

#### **Weekend Collections**

- First Collection – Supports our clergy
- Second Collection – Supports parish operations, ministries, staff, & maintenance

#### **Electronic Transfer (EFT)**

BSB: 062 682

Account: 10 111 283

Name: Catholic Parish of St Joseph's Tweed Heads

Operating Account

*Please include your surname or Planned Giving Number as the reference.*

#### **Tap & Go**

Available in the church foyer.

Contributions made by credit or debit card are automatically shared between the Parish and Clergy Accounts.

**Thank you for your generosity & support.**

## Fr Nicolas' 18 YEAR ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

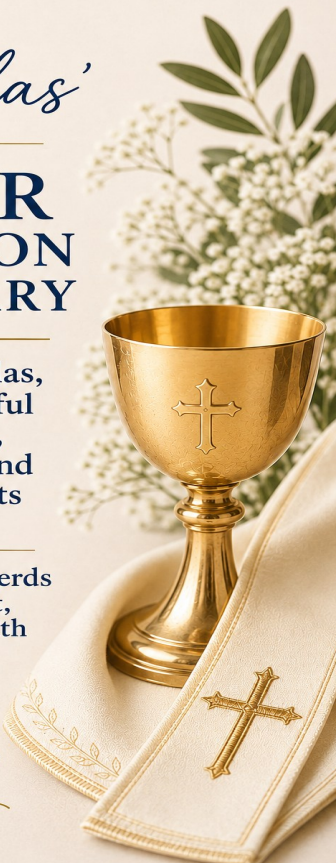
Thank you, Fr Nicolas, for 18 years of faithful priestly ministry, dedicated service and a heart that reflects Christ's love.

*"I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding."*

JEREMIAH 3:15



May God continue to bless you abundantly in your priestly ministry.



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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 11/12 JULY 2026

### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 5.30PM FR MICHAEL ALCOCK

Sacristan: Pat Twohill  
Adult Server: Cathy Cripps  
Liturgy Coordinators: Carmen Carra  
Commentator: Nic McTaggart  
Readers: Mandy Barone & Kyle Cane  
Communion: Pat Twohill & Carmen Carra

### 7AM FR MICHAEL ALCOCK

Sacristan: A & M Laarhoven  
Adult Servers: Sally Engle  
Liturgy Coordinator: Maree Laarhoven  
Commentator: Paul Bolster  
Readers: Jennifer Welk & Tina Lewis  
Communion: Helen Carlile & Philip Mulherin

### 9AM FR MX REGO SM

Sacristan: Len Searle  
Adult Server: Len Searle  
Liturgy Coordinators: Joy & George Cranney  
Commentator & POF: Pam Sullivan  
Readers: Marie Morrin & Jan Rolph  
Communion: Mick O'Donohue & Marion Godfrey

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