



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH FAMILY WEEKLY NEWS



Let Your Light Shine (Matthew 5:16)

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A
26 JULY 2026

TODAY'S READINGS 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52
NEXT WEEK ((18th Sunday Year A) Isaiah 55:1-3, Romans 8:35. 37-39; Ps 144; Matthew 14:13 2

Catholic Youth Lismore Launches Across the Diocese

This week, the Diocese launches Catholic Youth Lismore, a new initiative of the Diocesan Youth Council designed to strengthen, unite, and grow youth ministry across the Diocese. The initiative responds to young people's desire for belonging, connection, and opportunities to encounter Christ and His Church.

Catholic Youth Lismore provides a shared identity for parish and diocesan youth ministry while allowing local groups to continue operating as they do now. The initiative will connect young people through diocesan events, ministry opportunities, and online engagement.

Young people, parishes, and schools can connect with Catholic Youth Lismore on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube by searching @CatholicYouthLismore.

LEVEL 2 BUSHWALK

– Saturday 1 August –

Join us for a Level 2 bushwalk to beautiful
Warringa Pool, Springbrook on Saturday, 1 August 2026.

We will meet at the **Parish Carpark**
at **9.30am** before travelling together to
Springbrook for a bushwalk to the pool
(2 hours easy walking circuit).

PLEASE BRING:

Packed lunch

Hat

Water bottle

Closed walking shoes

Please note:
Teenagers under 18 years of age must be
accompanied by a parent or adult relative.

For more information, contact
Fr Nicolas Maurice | frnmaurice@gmail.com

REFLECTION ON READINGS

A PEARL OF GREAT PRICE: Much like today, different gods and life philosophies were plentiful in the ancient Roman world. They were like different pearls, available for people to pick and choose which they liked and wanted to keep. However, say you had come across a pearl greater in its beauty and purity than all of the others you had seen, one so valuable it required you to discard all the rest to obtain it. There's a sense of urgency in the decision too. A pearl this valuable, like treasure found in a field, will not remain available like this for long. Looking at it, you know you must decide quickly while it is still available.

Would it be worth it to you?

When Jesus talks about the 'kingdom of heaven' or the 'kingdom of God' being like a pearl of great price, he's referring to the value of the new way of living available through him.

As St Paul explains in this week's second reading, the kingdom of heaven is not just about eternal life. It is primarily about being shaped to become like Jesus, including in the here and now. We share Jesus' wisdom, his capacity to love others and his relationship with the Father. We live with Christ's life, we become moulded to his ways, and we take on Christ's whole way of being as our own.

The imagery offered by the parables in the gospels describes the right response to finding the kingdom of heaven, which is to give up everything else that has value in order to pursue it. Whether it costs us success, security, pleasure, or the respect of others, the kingdom of heaven is worth the very highest price.

St Matthew understands how the kingdom of heaven can change a person. Not only has he given up everything, including riches and security, for the kingdom of heaven but, in attaining it, he is like the head of a household who can welcome others into the kingdom and give its treasures away. However, there is no understanding of the kingdom of heaven as Jesus describes it without a life-changing commitment to stay on its course.

As our first reading explains, King Solomon, at the start of his life, found this pearl of great price and placed it at the very centre of his life. Solomon disregarded offers of health, wealth and security and instead prized knowing the heart and mind of God. However, as the books of Kings go on to document, the wealth and life of pleasure drew Solomon's focus away from the wisdom he once prized above everything.

The life on offer from God gives us meaning and joy. It offers us a life where "all things work for good for those who love God." It is worth it to cast everything aside to attain it.

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The Sunday Cuppa

will be held
after **9am Mass**

All are
welcome



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ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

MEN'S
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Next meeting

4 August 10.30am



at **Club Tweed** for
coffee and biscuits.



Enquiries to **Terry 0416017821**



PARISH NEWS

FR MCHAEAL ALCOCK will be on his annual leave for the month of August, leaving the parish in the capable hands of Fr Nicolas and Fr Rego SM. We wish Fr Michael and Zippy and safe and restful time. Please keep them in your prayers.

PASTORAL CORNER: This weekend we are invited to ask ourselves: What do I treasure most?

We live in a world that encourages us to chase many things, but today's readings challenge us to place God first.

As we gather this weekend may we ask for hearts like Solomon's - hearts that listen, discern and recognise the priceless gift of God's presence among us.

Kathy Twohill Pastoral Associate



Last weekend we gave thanks for Diana Allen's many years of service to our parish in music and Catechism teaching. Please keep Diana in your prayers.



LITURGY & LECTOR FORMATION

SAVE THE DATE | SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

In collaboration with Kingscliff and Murwillumbah Parishes,
join us for a morning of **Liturgical Formation** with

Dr Clare Schwantes & Michael Mangan



**THE MORNING
WILL INCLUDE:**

- ✓ Foundational liturgical principles for all liturgical ministers, no matter their role.
- ✓ Formation specific to the role of Lector (Reader).



MICHAEL MANGAN
Chair of the Australian
Pastoral Musicians
Network and liturgist



DR CLARE SCHWANTES
Director of Liturgy
Brisbane and Chair of
the National Liturgical Council



WHERE:
St Anthony's Church
Kingscliff



WHEN:
Saturday
12 September



TIME:
9.00am –
12.30pm



*Morning tea
provided.*



All are welcome!



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

The recently deceased: Cyril Connor, Maria Annecca, Denise Dixon, Juliana Daguplo, Andrew Perry, Erwin Straubinger, Anne Wilson, **Anniversaries:** Frederick Welk, Dorothy Ison, Jourgina Abella, Paz Garcia, 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, Candice Weir

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: Fr Michael Alcock
ASSISTANT PRIESTS: Fr Nicolas Maurice & Fr MX Rego SM
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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 1/2 AUGUST 2026

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

5.30PM FR NICOLAS MAURICE

Sacristan: Karen Watson
Adult Server: Karen Watson
Liturgy Coordinators: Maree Cargnoni
Commentator: Mary Lynch
Readers: Maree Cargnoni & J Dransfield
Communion: Enrico Barone & Mandy Barone

7AM FR NICOLAS MAURICE

Sacristan: Vern Burton
Adult Servers: Sally Engle
Liturgy Coordinator: Rosie Cutmore
Commentator: Jennifer Welk
Readers: Jennifer Welk & Gavin Holmes
Communion: Gavin Holmes & Chris Clurey

9AM FR MX REGO SM

Sacristan: Pat Twohill
Adult Server: Mary Mason
Liturgy Coordinators: Sara Wilkinson
Commentator: Marie Wilkinson
Readers: Colleen Blake & Pat Twohill
Communion: Arun Sankar & Helen Muldoon



The poster features a central image of two hands holding a family silhouette (a man, a woman, a child, and a dog). Above the hands, the text reads "Safeguarding is a Community Approach" in a mix of bold and script fonts. To the left is the Diocese of Lismore logo. To the right is a circular logo with a cross and the text "Safeguarding Diocese of Lismore". Below the hands, there is a list of principles: "A Community, that is alert, transparent & reports". At the bottom left is the "Safeguarding Office:" contact information: "P: 02 6621 9444 (Chancery)" and "E: safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au". At the bottom right is the slogan "Together, we create a safe Church for everyone." with a heart icon.

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